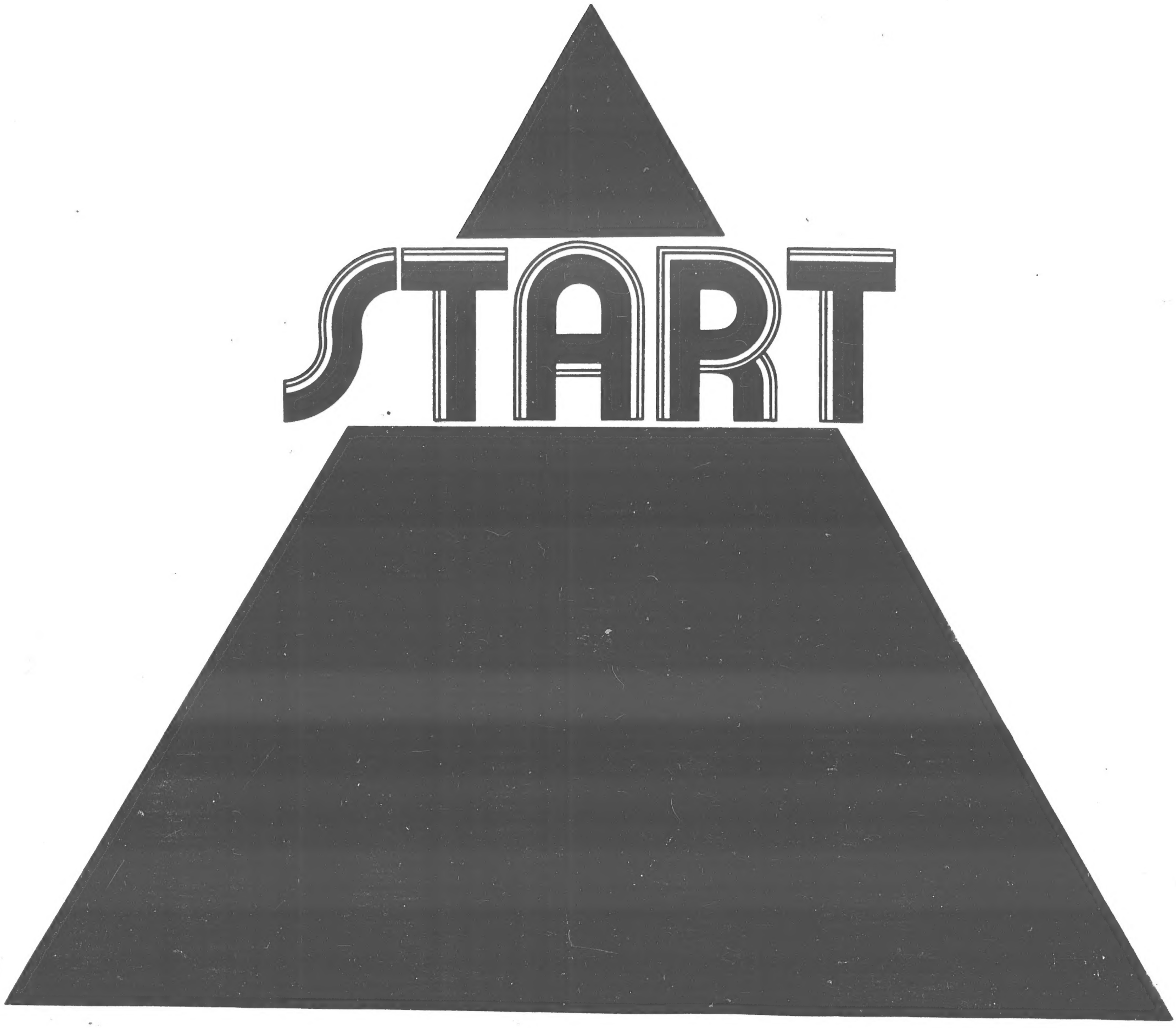
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'Refugee' claim refuted by court

OTTAWA — A decision released last week by the Federal Court of Canada rejecting a Russian couple's claims of persecution in Israel could help cool a long-simmering dispute between Canada and Israel.

The court upheld a decision by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) to reject the refugee claim of Mickael and Tatyana Frid and their daughter Alice, who had argued that as technical "non-Jews" in Israel, they faced persecution.

The Frids immigrated to Israel from Kazakhstan in February 1992 under the Law of Return, which guarantees Israeli citizenship to anyone who can prove they had at least one Jewish grandparent.

But because Mickael Frid's mother was not Jewish, he fell into the category of "half-Jews" (those with a Jewish father and non-Jewish mother), while his daughter Alice was a "non-Jew" (someone whose parents are not Jewish but has at least one Jewish grandparent).

Frid told the IRB, and later the Federal Court, that his family faced persecution and harassment because of their mixed status. He said he could not get work and his wife was attacked by Israeli police officers.

But Justice Marshall Rothstein, in a ruling made Dec. 13 in Calgary but released last week, said he could find no evidence of state complicity in denying Frid a chance to work.

Rothstein noted that the IRB took into account the Frids' claims, but correctly concluded that discrimination – if there was any – did not amount to persecution.

The court agreed with the IRB's findings that "there is no evidence that [the Israeli government is] persecuting those persons who they have invited to come to their country."

Frid had also argued that as a conscientious objector, he faced a prison term for refusing compulsory military service.

But Rothstein said that the punishment in Israel for refusing military service, which ranges from one week to one year, does not constitute persecution.

"There is nothing in the material pointed out to me that suggests [the IRB's findings] should be interfered with by this court," Rothstein wrote.

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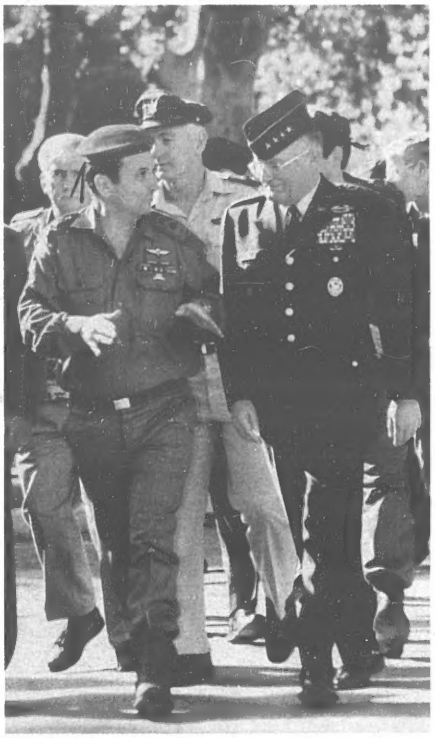

CHIEFS OF STAFF MEET

In one of his last official acts as Chief of General Staff of the IDF, Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak recently received and hosted General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. Barak's duties were assumed by Major-General Amnon Lipkin-Shahak on Jan. 1. ***For a brief profile of Lipkin-Shahak please see page 30.*** **[IPPA photo]**

Editorial — The Dreyfus Affair

One hundred years ago today, the conviction of Captain Alfred Dreyfus on false charges of treason culminated in his public humiliation in an official military ceremony of degradation.

It was Saturday morning, the Sabbath, on a day described by one correspondent as "glacial, beneath a wintry sky, and an acrid and lashing wind". From his perch on horseback at the centre of the courtyard, General Paul Darras, the presiding officer, glowered contemptuously at the prisoner who stood at attention a few metres away. After the clerk of the court-martial read the verdict which had been reached a fortnight earlier, the general rose in his stirrups and with sword held high proclaimed: "Alfred Dreyfus, you are no longer worthy of bearing arms. In the name of the people of France, we dishonor you."

With that verbal expectoration, the ritual began. It lasted only a few minutes. But like a heavy stone cast into an ice clear pool, it sent ripples of shock and dismay into the Jewish community around the world.

It is an anniversary we believe to be noteworthy. We have therefore assembled three pieces on the "Affair".

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Arnold Ages provides a brief history of the event and Sheldon Kirshner writes about its fallout. We have also reproduced the story of the degradation filed by Theodore Herzl on that date for the *Neue Freie Presse* in Vienna.

The treatment of Dreyfus and the response of the French public are widely held to have been instrumental in thrusting him to the forefront of the Zionist cause.

Indeed, the publicity generated by the journalists, such as Herzl and later Emile Zola, played a prominent role in determining Dreyfus' destiny. This is a key aspect of the "Affair": the emerging power of the press.

But of course, the central feature of the "Affair" was the paradoxical and illogical grip of popular anti-Semitism. At the turn of the century, France was a modern, mostly secular, parliamentary democracy. It had been the first country to grant emancipation to its Jewish community. It stood for values of universal fraternity and equality. And yet even there, so many people actually shouted "Death to the Jews".

The importance of the "Affair" surpassed its circumstances. Dreyfus did not consider the injustices he suffered to be related to the religion which he refused to practise. History though, proved the captain to be wrong.

Next Week

For Ida Skok and Patricia Bregman, their disabilities did not mean the end of the line, but the beginning of a new life. The two women were recently awarded the Courage to Come Back Award. Carolyn Blackman reports in next week's issue.

Chechnyan Jews arrive in Israel — please see page 29

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CANADA

CJF Canadian Reps

NEW YORK — Sheila Engel and George Wasserstein, both of Toronto, have been re-elected to the 1995 Council of Jewish Federations' executive committee as Canadian representatives.

The council, established in 1932, is the continental association of 189 Jewish federations serving nearly 800 cities and towns and over six million Jews in Canada and the United States.

Canadians Chosen

WYNCOTE, PA — Two Canadians were elected to the board of directors of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot at the federation's recent annual convention held in Dana Point, Calif.

Edna Edelberg, a member of Congregation Dorshei Emet in Montreal, was elected regional vice-president for Canada. Phyllis Angel Greenberg of Congregation Darchei Noam in Toronto was chosen as a member-at-large. Both women will serve two-year terms.

Chisvin Elected

TORONTO — Jack Chisvin, a former president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Technion Society (CTS), was recently elected national president of the organization.

He replaces Sydney Cooper of Toronto, who becomes chairman of the board. Morley Blankstein of Winnipeg, former chairman of the board, becomes honorary vice-chairman. Arnold Recht of Toronto is the new senior vice-chairman. His successor as chair of the Toronto chapter is Richard Cooper.

Chisvin, a 68-year-old engineer, is also a former president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Aronovitch to Continue

WINNIPEG — Donald Aronovitch was elected to a second term as president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council at the organization's recent annual meeting.

Jonathan Kroft was elected to another term as senior vice president.

Letter to Chretien

OTTAWA — The Canadian Council of Churches and Canadian Jewish Congress have united in expressing concern to Prime Minister Jean Chretien over what the groups call the "deterioriating public mood" with respect to immigration and refugees.

The joint letter was endorsed by 14 other church and Jewish leaders.

The letter to Chretien claims that "it is almost impossible for refugees to get a visa from a Canadian immigration officer overseas, even when their lives are in danger."

ISRAEL

PLO Banned

JERUSALEM — The Knesset has overwhelmingly adopted a law officially banning PLO activities in Jerusalem.

The legislation prohibits official PLO activities in all of Israel, but in practical terms pertains primarily to Orient House, where the PLO maintains its eastern Jerusalem headquarters.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said the law will make it possible for Israel to act against illegal Palestinian activity in eastern Jerusalem.

Israel in Arab League?

JERUSALEM — A proposal by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres that Israel be accepted into the Arab League has received a less than enthusiastic response from the organization.

Last month, Peres said that changing the nature of the association to include all countries of the Middle East would be appropriate in an era of peace.

In Cairo, an Arab League spokesman said Israel is welcome to submit a formal request for membership if it feels it meets the requirements — "the first of which is being an Arab state."

Rabin in Oman

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last month visited Oman, becoming the first Israeli leader to visit the Arab Gulf nation.

Upon his return, Rabin said the two countries hope to establish formal diplomatic ties in the near future.

Rabin met with Omani leader Sultan Qaboos Bin Said to discuss the Mideast peace process.

At the request of the Omani hosts, Rabin's one-day visit was not made public until its conclusion.

Artifacts Handed Over

JERUSALEM — Some 800 cartons of pottery, flints, textiles, jewelry, and coins uncovered by Israeli archeologists in Sinai were handed over to Egyptian representatives last week, marking the first such return of artifacts by one country to another.

"We in Egypt appreciate and will continue to appreciate what you did," Prof. Abd Halim Nour Din, director of Egypt's Supreme Archeological Council, told Amir Drori, director of the Antiquities Authority, at a ceremony at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem.

The Antiquities Authority has applied to the Egyptian government to receive on loan 24 Sinai objects containing Hebrew inscriptions. Din said Egypt is ready to consider requests for loans, but has never given any objects for a long period of time.

Drori said it took so long to return the artifacts, which were uncovered between 1968 and 1980, because they had to be sorted, catalogued, and, in many cases, restored.

Burg to Run

JERUSALEM — Labor MK Avraham Burg last week announced his candidacy for the chairmanship of the Jewish Agency.

Acting Chairman Yehiel Leket is also in the running.

The term of suspended chairman Simcha Dinitz, who is on trial in Jerusalem District Court on fraud charges, ended Dec. 31.

Leket is generally viewed as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's candidate, while Burg is perceived as having the support of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Children in Poverty

JERUSALEM — One out of every five Israeli children, or about 470,000 youngsters, lived below the poverty line last year, according to a report released recently by the National Council for the Welfare of the Child.

The council said the highest rates of poverty among children were found in Jerusalem and Bnei Brak, near Tel Aviv. Both areas are home to large concentrations of Orthodox families.

The report conflicted with numbers in another report released in November by the National Insurance Institute.

According to that report, an estimated 279,000 Israeli children were living in poverty. Overall, 12 per cent of Israel's population, or some 648,000 Israelis, lived below the poverty line in 1993, according to the institute's figures.

WORLD

Neo-Nazi Arrested

ROME — Italy's leading neo-Nazi has been arrested in connection with a violent melee involving right-wing militants at a soccer game in the northern city of Brescia.

Rival fans clashed at a Nov. 20 soccer match between Rome and Brescia. A policeman was stabbed during one of the incidents.

Maurizio Boccacci, 37, was arrested along with nine other right-wing extremists.

Boccacci, a self-proclaimed racist and anti-Semite, was the leader of a neo-Nazi style group called Political Movement, which was banned last year.

Anti-Semitism Down Under

SYDNEY — Anti-Semitic incidents have increased throughout Australia during the past year, as have the activities of Australian racist groups, according to reports presented recently to the Executive Council of Australian Jewry.

The ECAJ, which maintains a central database of reported anti-Semitic incidents in Australia, recorded a seven per cent increase over the previous year in all types of such incidents from Nov. 1, 1993, to Oct. 31, 1994.

The council noted, however, that there was an 18 per cent decrease in reports of violent anti-Semitic incidents.

The ECAJ reported a nearly 60 per cent increase in reports of intimidation and hate mail during the past year, with Holocaust-denial materials being mailed to Holocaust survivors a prominent development.

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Quebec MP Berger resigns seat

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — David Berger has announced his resignation as member of Parliament for the Montreal-area riding of St. Henri-Westmount, effective immediately.

Berger, among just a handful of Jewish MPs, admitted it was difficult to give up his seat to enable former Quebec cabinet minister Lucienne Robillard to run.

"I loved it," Berger said of his over 15 years in the House of Commons. He was first elected at age 28 in now-defunct Laurier and has represented St. Henri-Westmount, since 1988.

"I believe I faithfully and honestly served my constituency ... But the prime minister suggested there were other ways I could make a contribution," he said.

Berger will begin a new job in the Prime Minister's Office this month as an adviser on small business financing. "I always had plans for a second or even third career," he said. "Jean Chretien has simply advanced that."

David Berger

Andre Ouellet, minister responsible for Quebec, said the Liberal Party appreciates Berger's contribution, but as a francophone and former senior Liberal Quebec cabinet minister, Robillard should be a major asset in the coming Quebec referendum campaign.

Robillard, who was health minister in the government of former Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson, is expected to be nominated by acclamation at the Jan. 11 riding convention. The byelection will be held on Feb. 13.

Ouellet said Robillard would be an effective spokeswoman for the No forces in rural and other regions outside Montreal where most seats are held by the Bloc Quebecois. Her jump to federal politics should also help cement relations between the provincial and federal Liberals as they prepare a common front against the sovereigntists, he said.

Berger vowed to take an active role in the referendum. "I'm not going to disappear into the woodwork."

Being an anglophone did not prevent him from representing francophone Quebecers in the past, he said, noting that the old riding of Laurier was about two-thirds French and St. Henri-Westmount about half.

Plans to write about Canada, federalism

He'd like to do some writing about Canada and federalism to answer the separatists, he said.

Berger, who has a young family, will live in Ottawa, and keep an address in Quebec — his country home in the Eastern Townships.

He was working for the old Alouettes football club, which was owned by his late father Sam Berger, when he entered politics.

In the 1992 referendum on the Constitution, Berger appeared inconsistent. He first said he was opposed to the Charlottetown agreement and the next day announced that he was actually in favor of it and thus, in agreement with his party's position.

Before the 1993 election, members of the St. Henri-Westmount riding association openly called for Berger to step aside to enable former federal cabinet minister Donald Johnston to run. Berger's candidacy was assured only after Chretien intervened.

Current riding association president Simon Potter emphasized that the executive and board of directors were unanimous in their support of the party's decision to ask Berger to resign in favor of Robillard, but at the same time expressed gratitude for Berger's service.

Robillard, a social worker, worked as a youth leader on a kibbutz in Israel from 1969-72 and still delights Jewish audiences with her fluent Hebrew.

Berger said he looks forward to working in the Prime Minister's Office, where he expects to be involved with shaping economic policy.

Ouellet praised Berger for his "vision and understanding.

"It shows the value of the individual when he does not allow selfish reasons to prevail over the common objective," Ouellet said.

Berger's departure leaves three Jewish MPs in the House of Commons, all Liberals: Herb Gray, Sheila Finestone and Barry Campbell.

CJC, police develop new protocol to deal with dangerous situations

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Metro Toronto police and officials of Canadian Jewish Congress have worked out a new protocol for situations in which Canadian Jews may be in danger from anti-Semitic extremists.

The consensus was reached in the wake of a report by the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) that described a plan by an "unstable" member of the Heritage Front to march into the Lipa Green Building that houses Jewish community offices and "take out" those present.

The SIRC report also disclosed that Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Congress, was considered public enemy number 1 by members of the Heritage Front and that the white supremacist organization considered assasinating Jewish leaders to take the heat off the organization.

Farber said he and Congress officials Louis Lenkinski and Manuel Prutschi met with Det. Sgt. Wayne Cotgreave of the Metro Police hate crimes unit to voice their concern that potential victims weren't informed of the plot.

Cotgreave repeated an earlier explanation that the proponent of the plot was under arrest for two weeks and even after his release, police did not feel he posed a serious threat.

"That's not good enough," Farber said. Congress believes it should have been told of the threat so it could take security measures.

"We now have agreed upon a protocol on dealing with these issues in the future. I can't deal with the specifics for security reasons," Farber said.

"I am satisfied with how the matter ended and look forward to a good relationship with the Metro police," he added.

Cotgreave was unavailable for comment.

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From coast to coast

Winnipeg gay/lesbian group getting community exposure

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — After nearly four years since its formation, Chutzpah, Winnipeg's first group for gay and lesbian Jews, is becoming known in the wider Jewish community.

In late September, Chutzpah was invited to lead a workshop on sexual orientation at a community program held by Jewish women's groups.

And this fall some members were interviewed for the first time on the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's monthly *SundayScope* cable TV program.

"We have had a lot of positive response," said Karen Luks, a Chutzpah member originally from the Montreal area. "We have also been invited to an Oneg Shabbat at Temple Shalom [the city's Reform synagogue]. The community has surprised us by its support. It has shown us that we were wrong to think we had to choose between being Jewish and being gay or lesbian."

Marc Waterman, a founding member of Chutzpah, said there has been no acknowlegment of gay and lesbian Jews in the community until now.

Waterman said Chutzpah grew from a meeting he had with a Jewish friend when they were both just beginning to come out.

"We realized we needed a group like Chutzpah and put up some posters," he said. "We had 20 people at that first meeting. I was shocked at how many gay and lesbian Jews there were in Winnipeg. I had never heard of any while I was growing up. That is why it is so important for us to come out and be more visible in the wider Jewish community. We want to let other gay and lesbian Jews know they are not alone."

Luks observed that there are very few older gay Jews in Winnipeg because the majority felt they had to leave to find a community.

Human rights issue

Waterman said he initially felt he had to distance himself from the Jewish community partially to protect his family, but also to find his own space to explore.

"Winnipeg is still a small town in a lot of ways and the Jewish community is a small town within a small town," he said.

Dovid Waldman, another Chutzpah member, said the door is opening to gay and lesbian Jewish members of the Winnipeg Jewish community — despite continued religious opposition to homosexuality.

"We see this as a human rights issue," he said. "I have always believed in the progressive nature of most Jewish Canadians."

Luks however is mildly critical of the wider Jewish community. "The community has not been in the forefront in dealing with this issue," she said. "Many still hold narrow views."

Both Luks and Waterman talked about the central role of the family in Judaism, saying they feel the definition of the family is too narrow.

Chutzpah now has about 30 members who span a wide age range. The group's structure is still informal; they get together for Chanukah and Purim parties and Pesach seders (they have written their own hagadah), and for social evenings and educational programs.

"Not all Chutzpah members share the same goals," Luks said. "Some are more interested in the social aspects, while to others it is more important to make contact with the wider Jewish community."

Like all Jews, Chutzpah members are fighting the tendency towards assimilation, and they face anti-Semitism at times from other gays and lesbians.

"We have never turned down an invitation from the wider Jewish community to speak to them," said Luks. "A true dialogue however has to involve two sides coming together on equal terms. We are a small group with limited resources. We will be happy to have community groups invite us though."

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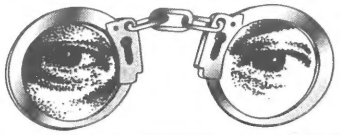

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From coast to coast

Hadassah conference planned

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The ninth annual congress of Hadassah International, which operates in 36 countries on four continents, will be held in Montreal April 30 to May 3.

The announcement of the congress was made by Judy Mandleman, national president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

Organized 10 years ago, Hadassah International is directly affiliated with Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem and, Mandelman said, "fosters special relationships between Hadassah Hospital ... and scientific institutions wherever Hadassah International has a presence."

Hadassah Hospital, with two sites in Jerusalem, has 934 beds plus outreach services.

In many of the countries where Hadassah International has been established, it competes with other Hadassah groups. However, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO affiliated with Hadassah International in 1990 to help fund cancer research through the Moshe Sharrett Oncology Department.

The Canadian group's connection to Hadassah Hospital is in addition to its existing commitment to medical work in Asaf Harofe Hospital in Israel.

The New York-based Hadassah International was begun in Israel by a group of Americans who had made aliyah. Membership includes Jews and non-Jews, men and women.

Congresses are held every two years in Jerusalem and in the alternate years in a major city in one of its affiliates. The Montreal congress will be the first in North America.

BJC to host fundraiser for Feinberg on Jan. 8

TORONTO — A new fundraiser for Jay Feinberg is taking place on Jan. 8 at the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC), as time closes in on the young leukemia patient.

The Friends of Jay organization and the BJC are sponsoring an all-day three-on-three basketball tournament, starting at 9 a.m., to raise money for additional clinics that will hopefully produce a bone marrow watch. Without a marrow transplant, Jay, 26, has no chance of survival.

Jay Feinberg was diagnosed three years ago with Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML). There is no record of a CML patient living more than 42 months, without a transplant. Even with a perfect marrow match, Jay's life is still at risk because transplants work best within one year after diagnosis.

Hundreds of clinics and fundraising events around the world, including in Israel, Japan and South Africa, have failed to find the marrow that will save Jay's life, because he has a rare combination of antigens.

Jay Feinberg

"There have been numerous walks, dance-a-thons, comedy club nights, even spaghetti dinners," says Jay's mother Arlene. "We generally don't even know about them in advance."

Over 50,000 names have been placed in a marrow registry because of clinics on Jay's behalf. Although the clinics have made transplants possible for other leukemia sufferers, a marrow match still eludes Jay Feinberg.

Feinberg is on daily doses of chemotherapy, but, "eventually all forms of treatment fail," his mother says.

Registration to play in the basketball tournament at 4588 Bathurst Street costs $100 for a team of four. Spectator admission is $5 and tickets for prize draws which will take place throughout the day are $5 as well. Prizes include baseball bats and basketballs signed by sports celebrities. The tournament will also feature a shoot-out with radio and TV personalities.

For registration or additional information about Play for Jay call (416) 636-1880 or register in person on Jan. 4, 7-9 p.m.

Lenkinski to be named vice-chair of OHRC

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Longtime community activist Louis Lenkinski is a rubber-stamp away from being appointed vice-chair of the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC).

Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba announced she intends to appoint Lenkinski to the post. The appointment must be approved by an all-party standing committee on government agencies, a mere formality.

Lenkinski has served as commissioner of the OHRC for the past seven years and his anti-racism activities predate that by decades.

In the early 1950s, he was secretary of the Jewish Labor Committee, promoting the rights of labor. He has worked with the Ontario Federation of Labor since 1975 and before that with the Labor Council of Metropolitan Toronto.

Lenkinski sits on the national and regional executive of Canadian Jewish Congress and he serves as the Ontario chair of its joint community relations committee.

Lenkinksi said the number two position in the OHRC is primarily an adminstrative post. The vice-chair takes over if chair Rosemary Brown is absent. The vice-chair also participates in discussions on how best to advance human rights issues.

Louis Lenkinski

Lenkinski said as commissioner he took part in creating guidelines to deal with cases involving alleged discrimination on the basis of physical handicap, on procedures for same-sex couples claiming spousal benefits and on proposed drug tests for employees.

"I feel very elated by the appointment," Lenkinski said. "I'm probably the only Holocaust survivor in the whole world who is in the kind of active position to be determining what should be appropriate behavior in areas of racism, gender discrimination and physical handicap."

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr. Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE OF NAME

After the Revolution in Russia, there was a rash of name changes. Of particular interest are the changes of some of the revolutionary leaders who were of Jewish origin:

Bronstein became Trotzky; Rosenfeld became Kamenev; Applebaum became Zinoviev; Tzederbaum became Martov; Wallach became Litvinov.

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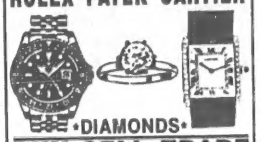
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From coast to coast

Toronto student becomes Swiss youth leader

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Grayson Levy

TORONTO — When Grayson Levy went to study in Germany after three years at York University, he planned to return in a year.

But last summer, while the 23-year-old was winding up his year in Heidelberg as an Ontario-Baden-Wurttemburg exchange student, an opportunity arose which he couldn't turn down.

Now, half a year later, Levy is employed as youth leader for the Jewish community in Basel, Switzerland.

In a Toronto interview, Levy spoke about his experience in Germany and the position in Switzerland.

He became observant in Heidelberg. "I was interested in trying out how religious people live," he said, admitting he was attracted to their strong Jewish identity.

Without a local rabbi to turn to, Levy got an observant friend to answer his questions. He also kept in touch with Rabbi Benjy Jacobi in Toronto. In February, Levy spent a month at Ohr Somayach Yeshiva in Israel.

"I discovered quite quickly that you learn by doing. Somehow just through osmosis I learned how to keep kosher, to pray."

While in Germany, he took courses at the University of Heidelberg's Department of Jewish Studies, established in the early 1980s. The town of 120,000 has a Jewish population of 280, Levy reports.

Last year's Jewish studies program had 120 students, of which "maybe 15" were Jewish. Among the students were several student priests, said Levy. "Yiddishkeit is very big in Germany — things like klezmer music, books on Judaism."

While in Heidelberg, Levy served as part-time gabbai at the local shul. An alumnus of Bialik Hebrew Day School, which he attended until Grade 6, he hadn't been to a Shabbat service in years, he said.

Levy says he was part of a "revolution" at the non-affiliated Heidelberg synagogue. A dozen people (five of them Orthodox, the rest "traditionalists") broke away to run their own prayer services at the college, said Levy. Eventually a compromise was reached, a mechitzah was built and they went back to the synagogue.

Levy found it strange that non-Jews came to synagogue services to daven and speak Hebrew. "A lot came because they studied it at college. Sometimes there were Jews who did not know how to bench and sing zemirot and non-Jews who did know how."

Levy says he encountered anti-Semitism in Heidelberg, but nothing that he wouldn't have encountered in Toronto.

During the summer a group of Jewish students from Basel visited the Heidelberg campus with their religion teacher to check out the Jewish studies program. Levy was interviewed as a replacement for their youth leader, who planned to make aliyah.

Since November, Levy has been working in Basel's Miklat (Jewish youth centre) running social activities and escorting students on day trips. For Chanukah he helped local youth groups Bnei Akiva and Emunah organize holiday events. Future plans include leadership training and visits to local public schools to talk about Judaism, Levy said.

"He is bringing a kind of 'new wind' and a new way of doing things," said Dr. Pierre Loeb, head of the local Jewish community's youth commission, in a telephone interview. "He has a lot of energy and good ideas."

Like their North American counterparts, the Jews of Basel are concerned about continuity, said Loeb, who explained they want to emphasize Jewish education.

"Grayson's part is what we call the 'not formal' education. In this way we can get more people and bring them Jewish life, Jewish friends and Jewish consciousness."

Basel has a Jewish population of over 2,000, with a myriad of Jewish organizations and institutions, including a Jewish day school and supplementary school. Its oldest synagogue, known simply as "the large synagogue," dates back 150 years and was renovated five years ago. "It's really beautiful," says Levy.

Intermarriage rate climbs among Montreal Jews

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Montreal Jews are intermarrying at a signficantly higher rate than they did a decade ago, according to a study by Federation CJA based on the 1991 Canadian census.

The study found that 9.3 per cent of married Jews had non-Jewish spouses, versus 5.5 per cent in 1981. That's an increase of 58 per cent, from 4,555 to 7,195.

More than one in 10 Jewish children under 19 living with both parents are in intermarried families.

The December study, entitled *Issues of Jewish Identity*, defines a Jew as someone who identifies himself as Jewish by religion or ethnicity. It does not include Jews who convert.

Jewish men are more likely to marry a non-Jew than vice versa, according to the survey.

Contrary to the data on American Jews, the study says that the greater a Montreal Jew's education and income, the more likely he or she is to intermarry. Among those with post-graduate degrees, the rate was 12.2 per cent, compared to 4.1 per cent for those with only a high school diploma.

In income terms, those who earned between $75,000 and $100,000 a year had an intermarriage rate of 10.6 per cent, while those making under $25,000 stood at 8.1 per cent.

Intermarriage has dramatically decreased among North African-born Jews. Twenty per cent of those who arrived here between 1940 and 1959 married non-Jews. Today only 6.8 per cent overall intermarry, and only 3.2 per cent among those who have been here since 1980.

Overall, anglophone Jews were slightly more likely to be intermarried than francophones.

Close to 20 per cent of intermarried couples reside on the West Island, while 24 per cent live outside the major Montreal Jewish areas.

The study suggests the community could do more to influence children of intermarried couples to identify as Jews.

The study also contains new information on Jewish education.

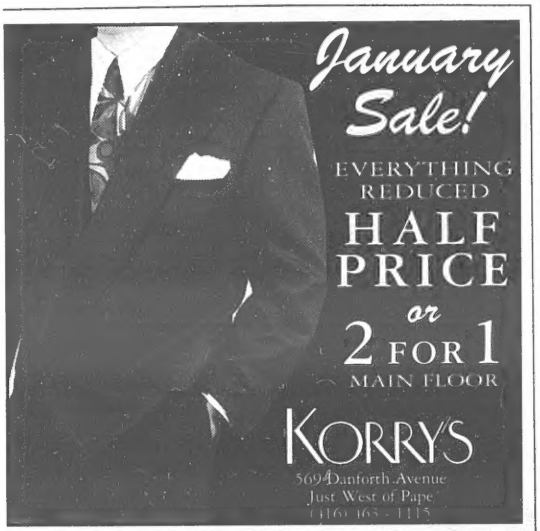
A total of 48 per cent or 7,551 Jewish children were in day schools in 1991: 53.9 per cent in elementary and 39.7 per cent in high schools.

That's a 12.6 per cent increase over 1981 when there were 6,704 day school students, this despite a decline in Jewish population from 103,425 to 101,210. Most of the growth has been among French and ultra-Orthodox schools, with English "mainstream" schools declining.

If ultra-Orthodox school enrolment is subtracted, the study shows only 39.1 per cent of Jewish children go to day schools.

When supplementary school programs are factored in, 55.2 per cent of Jewish children were receiving some formal Jewish education.

The study suggests the community should make a "more systematic effort" to increase Jewish day and supplementary school enrolment, but is not specific.



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From coast to coast

Manitoba teen apologizes for defacing shul

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — One of two rural Manitoba teens charged with spraying anti-Semitic graffiti on a small synagogue on Hallowe'en night has written an open letter to apology to the Jewish community.

In his letter, published in the Dec. 12 issue of the *Interlake Spectator*, the unnamed teen apologized for defacing the synagogue at Winnipeg Beach. "I realized what I did was very wrong and hurtful," he wrote. "I realize what you and your forefathers went through in past decades.

"It was a foolish prank made by two very foolish people. I have nothing against the Jewish community nor any other ethnic group. It was a very stupid thing to do and I'm extremely sorry. I hope in the years to come that nothing of this nature ever happens again. I hope you can find it in you to forgive me."

The 40-year-old Winnipeg Beach Synagogue is used only in the summers when Jewish families from Winnipeg head for their cottages at the popular lakeside resort 50 miles north of the city.

Good first step

Jim Mosher, a reporter for the *Interlake Spectator*, said he knows the letter writer well and believes he is sincere in his apology. He said the anti-Semitic attitudes he has noticed among some Winnipeg Beach tradespeople may reflect resentment by year-round residents towards cottagers that swell the town's population in the summer months.

"I was surprised to find those attitudes when I first moved here in 1981," the former *Winnipeg Free Press* reporter said. "There is a long history of this but I'm not sure why."

Evelyn Hecht, community relations director for the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, describes the letter of apology as a good first step.

"The WJCC has received permission to prepare a victim impact statement in the probation officer's report on the incident," Hecht said. "He may be sorry but these teens have to understand quite clearly the kind of impact something like this has on our community."

As to the undercurrent of anti-Semitism Mosher has identified, Hecht would like to hold community workshops on racism and prejudice to educate the permanent residents.

The teens are to be sentenced in late January.

CELEBRATING BAYCREST'S PAST

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care recently unveiled a giant exterior mural depicting its history. The 15 by seven and a half food mural, composed of thousands of small, colorful ceramic tiles, was made in tribute of Baycrest's 75th anniversary. Over the past two years, more than 1,000 members of the Baycrest community worked on the mural entitled Honor Thy Elders. The 15-panel mural portrays scenes from the centre's past, present and future. it was designed by clients and staff with input from the community members. The mural is permanently mounted on the exterior of Baycrest's Jewish Home for the Aged, The Abe and Elsie Posluns Building. Baycrest Centre supporter Al Green and Jewish Home for the Aged resident Ida Ashrow were among the guests at the recent dedication.

Malcolm Ross book out in B.C.

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Malcolm Ross, the New Brunswick school teacher whose writings deny the Holocaust, has done it again.

His book, *The Real Holocaust: The Attack on Unborn Children and Life Itself*, is now available in some Vancouver book stores. The book suggests that Jewish doctors are threatening "Christian civilization" by performing abortions.

The book was released two weeks after the near-fatal shooting of Jewish gynecologist Gary Romalis, who worked at an abortion clinic.

The book cover carries an obvious caricature of Dr. Henry Morgentaler, who has struggled for years to get abortion legalized in Canada.

Dr. Michael Elterman, community relations chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region, called the book "nut case fringe literature."

Ottawa journalist Warren Kinsella, who wrote *Web of Hate*, an expose of Canada's hate groups, told the *Vancouver Sun* his research uncovered connections between the anti-abortionist movement and the hate organizations. Kinsella has written about Ross and said "it's common to see abortion as a point of entry into the hate movement."

Allan Dutton, of the Canadian Anti-Racism Education and Research Society, claimed there is an "extreme element" within the anti-abortion movement linked to the far right and the racist right. He said the Ross publication indicates the need for the attorney general's department to take action against hate literature.

The $4 book can be purchased at the British Israel World Federation Bookstore, along with other anti-abortion and anti-Semitic literature.

Meanwhile the police are still hunting for the two men who allegedly shot Romalis Nov. 2 in the leg while he was having breakfast at home. As of Nov. 25 Romalis was still in hospital under police guard.

Police said they received information about the Ross book and other material linking fringes of the anti-abortion right to the racist right.

The Ross book is supposed to claim that Jewish doctors "have opened the floodgates of immigration, diluting our blood while slaughtering those of our Race by the millions . . . In fact the White proportion of the world's population is steadily declining."

The book claims there is a conspiracy "whose goal is the destruction of our Christian society."

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Keeping a watchful eye

Before the end of last year, the Canadian public received an up-close look into the warped and sordid schemes of the Heritage Front, a group described by officials as the most prominent white supremacists in Canada. On Dec. 9 in the House of Commons, Solicitor General Herb Gray tabled a report of the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) which chronicled the activities and the findings of a paid CSIS informant who had infiltrated the racist group.

Our attention was immediately focused on the alarming disclosure that many Canadians, including some of the leadership of the Jewish community, had been targets of harassment, intimidation and even of possible assassination. The disclosure was accentuated by the fact that the government's own operative had actively taken part in the intimidation of Jewish leaders.

Complicating matters even more was the unsatisfactory response from the Metro Toronto police who decided not to alert Canadian Jewish Congress leaders to the threat hanging over them. Metro police however, have recently given assurances to Congress that similar dangers from anti-Semitic extremists will be handled differently in the future.

Despite the committee's conclusion that CSIS's efforts enhanced the protection of Canadian society including, in particular, the Jewish community, against potentially violent acts by racists, the report still warrants comprehensive analysis by appropriate security and race relations experts.

But the issues raised by the report are not restricted merely to matters of policing. They speak to the very heart of the values which all decent, law-abiding Canadians want our society to stand for: tolerance, mutual respect, fundamental freedoms, and the right to observe the traditions of one's ancestors without fear.

These values are precious. They form the exquisite centre of Canadian life.

However, the report makes chillingly clear that there is among us a group of individuals in whom hatred and resentment fester like a rotting sore. They are becoming increasingly sophisticated in their methods and increasingly brazen in their objectives. If given the opportunity, they would destroy what we hold to be precious. Thus, we must not ignore them or become complacent about the marginality of their numbers. The SIRC report makes the point very forcefully. And this, perhaps, is its chief merit. It speaks in plain language about a threat that is in our midst.

"[We] would like to put on the record our unshakeable conviction that the Government of Canada, through all means at its disposal, should continue to ensure that it is always aware of what is going on within extreme right wing racist and neo-Nazi groups. Canadians should never again repeat the mistakes of the past by underestimating the potential for harm embodied in hate-driven organizations."

The report reminds us that we must keep a watchful eye.

Fundamentally, craven

Fundamentally, terrorism is the calling card of the craven and the cowardly. It cuts down the defenceless and attacks the unarmed. Its sole purpose is to terrify and sow despair.

Last week, four Catholic priests were murdered in Algeria by members of a group called the Armed Islamic Group, the same group which hijacked the Air France airbus earlier in the week but failed to execute its plan of wanton killing and fiery death for passengers and Parisians alike.

Seasoned observers of terrorist groups were appalled but not surprised by the events; the violent acts were all of a piece.

For some time now, experts have exposed the operational and funding links among the radical, anti-western, Islamic organizations such as the Armed Islamic Group, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad and Hamas, and warned of their potential for causing large-scale destruction and political upheaval. These organizations openly express their murderous objectives. They pose serious national and regional threats to virtually all the countries of North Africa and the Persian Gulf.

The only meaningful response to these terrorists and to the states that sponsor them is a comprehensive campaign of international cooperation. It is essential that western governments, including the government of Canada, act jointly and share intelligence to uncover the terrorists' plans, foil their attacks, bring them to justice and isolate the states who encourage, fund and train them. No locale is beyond the terrorists' deadly reach. The World Trade Centre, Argentina, Panama, England and now, France prove the case.

Letters to the editor

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INTERVIEW WITH CHRISTIE

When I read Vancouver solicitor Douglas Christie was interviewed by *The CJN* I did not know whether to laugh or cry, especially when Mr. Christie, the defender of neo-Nazis, expressed concern about Jews being harassed.

For anyone who followed the trial of Imre Finta, Mr. Christie certainly knows whereof he speaks about harassing Jews: I refer to his manner of cross-examining Jewish witnesses. The Ontario Court of Appeal saw fit to condemn his brand of advocacy and I was more than pleased that my complaint to the Law Society of Upper Canada was acted upon.

If by some remarkable transformation Douglas Christie really wants to do something worthwhile for the Canadian Jewish community, he might wish to use whatever skills he posseses as a lawyer and his powers of persuasion to inform his clients Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra that the Holocaust actually did occur and that six million Jews perished. I for one do not need the likes of Douglas Christie telling *The CJN* that in effect some of his best friends are Jewish.

Bert Raphael
President
Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada

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YES I'M AN IMMIGRANT

You hear a great deal said these days about immigrants and the problems with some immigrants. Being a naturalized Canadian, and a former immigrant myself, sometimes it hurts me to hear how this problem is addressed by some people.

I suppose not everyone is knowledgeable when it comes to this topic. The people criticizing were possibly not even born when our immigrants were experiencing untold hardships in their native countries.

We must remember that not only our country, but the entire North American continent, would not exist as we know it today were it not for immigrants who toiled under difficult conditions, performed tasks no one else would and received very little in return, other than the privilege of living in a free and democratic country where they could practice their religion and culture without danger to them or their families.

Yes, we are experiencing difficult times, but must we place the blame on hard-working and honest people in order to fill the newspapers with all sorts of scandals? Yes, some of the immigrants who are allowed into our country do take advantage of the situation and abuse the system, but must we expect complete perfection?

Alexander Jakab
Montreal

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MEN IN WIDE HATS

The "Friendly face greeted immigrants" travel section article (*CJN* Nov. 24) by Leila Speisman told of immigrants arriving at Halifax's Pier 21. What memories and images it evoked within me.

My father, Louis Webber, was president of Jewish Immigrant Aid Society for countless years. He met the boats and brought many immigrants to our home. My mother cooked their meals, and prepared brown paper bags filled with kosher food which they carried on the train to St. John, N.B., or Montreal.

In my earliest Halifax childhood years, I thought European Jewish people were bearded men with wide-brimmed hats who spoke a foreign language. There were so many at our kitchen table, so often, that it seemed very natural to me.

Thank you for the memories. It is important the story of that era be sustained. Future generations will be grateful knowing how their ancestors were received so warmly by caring people.

Harvey Webber
Sydney, N.S.

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REUNION IN RUSSIA

The International Union of Former Junior Prisoners of Facism (IUFJPF) is a Moscow-based association of the people who were, as children, prisoners of Nazism.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. It is special for Russia, the war-time allies of the Soviet Union, veterans and their families, and for those whose family members did not survive the war or still bear its scars.

The IUFJPF plans an April 1995 international get-together of its members. The embassy will highly appreciate information about any associations or groups of former junior prisoners of fascism in Canada, or any other groups interested in establishing contacts with the Union.

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Perspectives

The Dreyfus affair — 100th anniversary

By ARNOLD AGES

One hundred years ago Alfred Dreyfus was tried by a French kangaroo court, found guilty of high treason on a trumped-up charge of having transmitted military secrets to Germany, forced to run the gauntlet between rows of fellow officers, stripped of his command epaulettes and sentenced to life imprisonment on Devil's Island.

The shock of the French Jewish community was shared by decent citizens around the world. Yet a close scrutiny of anti-Semitism in France since the time of the Revolution affords a new perspective on the affair.

In 1793, 43 per cent of the delegates in France's Legislative Assembly voted against Jewish emancipation. The next century saw the rise of organized anti-Jewish movements and the appearance of a vulgar literature in which a Jewish conspiracy was highlighted.

During the same period, pockets within the Catholic Church disseminated religiously-oriented propaganda against Jews and linked the secretive Illuminati with an alleged Jewish plot. In the latter part of the century, a daily newspaper, *La Libre Parole*, parroted anti-Semitic detritus and invented some its own.

All this adds up to the Dreyfus Affair. What was not anticipated, however, was the polarization in France afterwards, which pitted the army, church and upper classes against French liberals and a lot of people with simple human integrity.

Emile Zola authored *J'accuse*, the well-known article which led to Dreyfus' exoneration. Zola was not alone in pushing for a reopening of Dreyfus' case. At least a dozen other people worked indefatigably for his release. The key man, however was Col. Georges Picquart, who as the head of French intelligence reasoned that since secrets were still being pilfered, someone other than Dreyfus must be guilty. It turned out to be Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy.

For his honesty Picquart was exiled to a military post in North Africa, dragged into court by Esterhazy and sentenced to 60 days in jail. Meanwhile Zola's seismic article appeared in *L'Aurore* on Jan. 13, 1898: the 200,000 copies and the wheels of justice turned over quickly.

The first person to be run over was Colonel Henry, a forger of documents used in Dreyfus' conviction, who committed suicide in jail. The authorities ordered a new trial at Rennes in 1899. The army tribunal, anxious to protect the "honor" of the French military, found Dreyfus guilty again but gave him a sentence of only 10 years because of "extenuating circumstances."

In 1906, 12 years after his ordeal began, Dreyfus was fully pardoned by the High Court of Appeals. His military rank was returned and he fought with the French army during World War I. He was awarded the Chevalier de la légion d'honneur and died in 1935 as a good soldier and Frenchman.

Some suggest the story did not end there, but continued when the anti-Dreyfusards took their revenge under the Vichy regime.

Alfred Dreyfus as he is publicly disgraced in a degrading ceremony during which he proclaimed, "I am innocent."

Herzl's dispatch

The following is Theodore Herzl's description of the public humiliation of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus. In appeared in the Jan. 5, 1895, evening edition of the Neue Freie Presse.

"On this dismal winter's day the degradation of Captain Dreyfus, which was carried out in the grounds of the Military Academy, drew large numbers of the curious to the vicinity.

"Many officers were present, not a few of them accompanied by ladies. Entry into the grounds of the Ecole Militaire was permitted only to army officers and some journalists. Outside the grounds swarmed the morbid crowds which are always attracted by executions. A considerable number of police were on duty.

"At 9 a.m. the great open court was filled with a detachment of troops in square formation — 5,000 men in all. In the centre a general sat on horseback. A few minutes after 9 a.m., Dreyfus was led forth. He was dressed in his captain's uniform. Four men conducted him before the general. The latter said: 'Alfred Dreyfus, you are unworthy to bear arms. In the name of the French Republic I degrade you from your rank. Let the sentence be carried out.' Here Dreyfus lifted his right arm and called out: 'I declare and solemnly swear that you are degrading an innocent man. Vive la France!'

"At that instant the drums were beaten. The officer in charge began to tear from the condemned man's uniform the buttons and cords, which had already been loosened. Dreyfus retained his calm bearing. Within a few minutes this part of the ceremony was over.

"Then began the parade of the condemned before the troops. Dreyfus marched along the sides of the square like a man who knows himself to be innocent. He passed by a group of officers, who cried: 'Judas! Traitor!' Dreyfus cried back: 'I forbid you to insult me!'

"At 9:20 a.m. the parade was over. Dreyfus was then handcuffed and given into the custody of the gendarmes. From that point on he was to be considered a civilian prisoner and treated as such. When he had been led away the troops [filed] off the grounds. But the crowd surged toward the gates to watch the condemned man being led away. There were passionate shouts. 'Bring him out here, and we'll tear him to pieces!' But the crowd waited in vain. There was a curious excitement amongst those who had been able to witness the ceremony of the degradation. The strange, firm bearing of the prisoner had made a profound impression on some of them."

Later in the day Herzl sent off a supplementary report which appeared in the Sunday edition of his paper:

"To complete the picture of the ceremony it should be added that as Dreyfus was being paraded before the troops, among whom there were numbers of recruits, he kept calling out: 'I am innocent!' When he passed near a group of journalists he stopped for a moment and said: 'Tell all France that I am innocent!' Some of the journalists retorted with insults. Part of the crowd outside, which was able to catch a glimpse of the ceremony, shouted again and again: 'Death to the traitor!' "

Excerpted from Alex Bein's Theodore Herzl: A Biography *(Jewish Publication Society of America, 1942).*

Episode had far-reaching consequences

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

"Once [it] was over and the fever subsided, society . . . groups and individuals found themselves much as they had been before, as though nothing had happened."

Few observers would agree with this smug and all too glib assessment of the Dreyfus Affair by Leon Blum, the French-Jewish statesman.

This seminal episode, which unfolded over a 12-year period beginning in 1894, exposed the deep cleavages in French society and the persistence of anti-Semitism in Western Christian civilization.

But more to the point, Dreyfus' acquital and reinstatement as an artillery captain had far-reaching consequences, not only in France but in the Middle East.

The triumph of the Dreyfusards, as historian Jean-Denis Bredin suggests, strengthened parliamentary democracy by consolidating the Republic, dashed hopes for a restoration of the old reactionary order, and reduced the power of the army and the Roman Catholic Church, the forces which spearheaded the anti-Dreyfusard campaign.

The affair was, as a current exhibition at the Museum of the Diaspora in Tel Aviv states, the first media event in the modern world.

The mass media, Bredin writes, played a crucial role — helping send Dreyfus to prison despite his innocence, helping facilitate his release from Devil's Island in French Guiana, and helping convince the appellate court to proclaim his innocence.

The humiliation and degradation of Dreyfus had a profound effect on a Hungarian-born, Viennese journalist named Theodor Herzl.

Herzl's abiding faith in assimilation as a solution to anti-Semitism was broken by these events. Conventional wisdom holds that the affair led Herzl down the path of political Zionism.

But Jacques Kornberg, a University of Toronto historian, claims in a recently-published book that the affair had no real impact on Herzl's embrace of Zionism and his authorship of *The Jewish State*.

According to Kornberg, Herzl's preoccupation with anti-Semitism, which spawned his romance with Zionism, had its origins in the anti-Semitic rebuffs he experienced in Austria. This was what shattered his faith in assimilation.

Whatever interpretation one accepts, the fact of the matter is that Herzl became enmeshed in the Zionist movement *after* the first of two Dreyfus trials, and that the emergence of the state of Israel in 1948 was a function, ideologically at least, of Zionism.

Herzl's beliefs notwithstanding, the affair did not dilute the French Jewish community's propensity for assimilation.

As historian Paula Hyman suggests, the accusations levelled against Dreyfus — himself an assimilated Alsatian Jew — shook French Jewry's faith in the readiness of French institutions to uphold the ideals of the 1789 revolution.

Yet the positive outcome of the affair, and the condemnation of anti-Semitism by French governments during its course, was taken as a vindication by Jewish leaders of their neutrality.

As the affair unfolded, spokesmen for French Jews refrained from public activity on behalf of Dreyfus, claiming, rightly or wrongly, that the political process would do its work.

When the dust finally settled, Hyman writes, French Jewry enjoyed the reputation of being the most successfully assimilated and most stable Jewish community in Western Europe.

Frenchmen of Jewish background like Emile Durkheim and Henri Bergson achieved acclaim in their respective fields without denying their Jewishness or converting to Christianity.

Be that as it may, the affair ultimately intensified anti-Semitism, reinforcing certain stereotypes about Jewish separateness.

The anti-Semitic diatribes were orchestrated by a pantheon of polished anti-Semitic ideologues-cum-rabble-rousers like Edouard Drumont, Maurice Barres and Charles Maurras, the founder of Action Francaise.

The deep-seated resentments harbored by these unreconstructed anti-Dreyfusards bubbled to the surface during the shameful Vichy interregnum. The period was characterized by primitive nationalism of the kind that had branded Dreyfus as a German spy and traitor, anti-Semitic legislation patterned after Nazi Germany, and French police roundups which resulted in the deaths of 75,000 Jews.

And the affair still resonates. In 1993, the official historian of the French army cast aspersions on Dreyfus' innocence. Shortly afterward, he was sacked.

As historian Michael Marrus has suggested, the affair only reinforced Dreyfus' desire for assimilation. Throughout it, Dreyfus felt no solidarity with the Jews of France, nor did he really believe what was being condemned in him was his Jewishness, Bredin writes. His letters from prison to his beloved wife, Lucie, are evidence of his attitude.

In the final analysis, Dreyfus was a conformist who was out of his depth during his trials and tribulations, a true patriot who loved France to the point that the very idea of treason horrified him. Before he died, on July 12, 1935, he plaintively declared: "I was only an artillery officer whom a tragic error prevented from following his course."

Opinions

A bit of nostalgia

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

I had my first sabbatical in 1956. At the time we lived in Minnesota where I was rabbi of Mount Zion Temple in St. Paul. (By coincidence, it was founded exactly 100 years before, the same year as Toronto's first synagogue, Holy Blossom.) I had a replacement rabbi take care of the congregation, and with my wife and two children, I set out for Europe and Israel. It was my family's first visit; I had been there in 1935.

Recently I came across the letters I sent to the congregation and which were printed in the *Temple Bulletin*. They intrigued me because they reflected the enthusiasm with which we all greeted the presence of the relatively new state.

It was shortly before the outbreak of the Suez Canal war, and the country was empty of tourists. In the new Caesarea Hotel there was only one other couple, and it was no different in Haifa, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Here then, a little nostalgia.

Tel Aviv, April 17, 1956

Shalom!

It's 7 a.m. now, and the house is quiet. Our balcony looks right out on the Mediterranean, whose breaking waves form a constant background of sound, which even the early automobiles can't drown out. Need I tell you — it's lovely. To be sure, we are four flights up, and no elevators — a small hotel right next to the big luxurious Dan.

The flags are still flying from yesterday's big Independence Day celebration. We were in Haifa then where the parade was. Good friends had made it possible for us to go to an office suite in town, from whose windows we could see it well. It was a wonderful day; half of Israel's population was there, in all its colorful mixture — Moroccans with earlocks and beards; Orientals of all sorts; kibbutzniks and city dwellers; Arabs and Tcherkessians; tourists and officials — and tens of thousands of youngsters — many of whom had danced in the streets the night before.

The parade was quite unlike parades I've seen (and I have seen a few). "This is what stands between us and annihilation" they seemed to say — and these were their boys, smartly marching; manning the tanks, flying the jets overhead. I am not a militarist, but I could not help but be moved by this elemental outpouring of a simple desire: to know one's own strength. The parade was really quite short but the spirit of a folk festival lasted for 1½ days. Schools let out early the day before, street dancing when night fell, then the pilgrimage to town on the day itself and the attempt to get home to the top of Mt. Carmel, with 100,000 people clamoring for the same buses and cabs. It took us two hours, but we made it, none the worse for wear; and we all had shared in the spirit of the fun and good will which prevailed overall.

I probably should attempt to tell you — with the Arab-Israel situation so precarious — how the people feel about it, about their future, and about America, but this will have to wait for another time, when I can write with more leisure than I have had so far, and when I can reflect on it at greater length. For I will need a little time to digest the myriad of impressions for which kind friends have helped to set the stage. We picnicked at Lake Kinneret; we played archeologist in the sands at Caesarea and dug up some most interesting relics which we hope to ship home without too much breakage [note: the area had not yet been excavated]; visited cousins we had not seen in 25 years; discussed everything from politics to philosophy and religion with Israelis, and have just had one marvelously enriching time.

The sea has changed from light blue to streaked green with azure-blue in fore- and background, and it's time for beakfast (Israeli style). The children have found friends to play with and we have taken hundreds of pictures, some of which, by law of average, might even come out. And so, for today, with all the best from all of us!

The Plauts

Does the above make you remember your first trip to Israel?

A new year's survival strategy

By Erica Meyer Ruzsin

Usually new year's resolutions are pretty grandiose, based on pledges to change lifelong habits, clean up long-standing faults or institute dramatic self improvements of one kind or another.

You know, that's the school of thought wherein I'd promise to lose 20 pounds, stop biting my nails, file all my papers and repaint the house, and to get it all done before Pesach.

If you belong to that school of thought (and I was a pupil there myself until this year), you are doomed to a very hard first week of January, a deeply disappointing second week of January, and pretty much of a routine of yo-yo dieting, stubby fingernails, missing correspondence, and peeling paint for the rest of the year.

No more. I have decided to break these tasks down into smaller resolutions: I will not eat chocolate, today. I will paint my nails, this week. I will buy a box of file folders. I will paint the guest room book shelves. And that will serve, thank you; it will serve quite well.

This is a survival, stress reduction decision. I am going to resolve to do teeny, weenie things, so that I have some faint chance of success. Instead of yearning for major new initiatives, I plan to launch a few small beginnings that may even turn out to have middles and ends.

As part of this novel approach, I am also going to look forward instead of backward. I will promise to revisit every box of stored clothing and sort it all out. I will resolve to sort out the clothes in the mending box. I might even mend them.

I will not swear to organize the last decade's worth of family photos. I will resolve to organize 1995's new family pictures as they come in.

This is a companion to another resolution: I will admit (and even discard) bad purchase decisions and move on. I made a bad purchase decision right around the first of January two years ago: scrapbooks went on sale and I stocked up on them. I purchased about eight scrapbooks, based on making a resolution to catalogue and preserve all these candids from all these trips and birthday parties. I never did it.

The scrapbooks not only haunted me, they stymied me, looming there, discouraging any less exhaustive photo-organization project. With scrapbooks, every picture had to be slotted chronologically, labeled accurately and positioned perfectly. The result was that nothing got done at all.

I am giving the scrapbooks away. They were a mistake. I admit it. As a substitute, I have purchased photo boxes, just like index card boxes, only bigger. If I can sort my pictures into, say, specific years, specific vacations, or even specific children, that will do. At least, for the foreseeable future. Maybe when the kids grow up ...

This approach is not for everyone. If you can set lofty goals and achieve them, more power to you. Go climb Everest. Go learn to speak and read Japanese. Go make your own dust ruffles. Your mother and I will be very proud of you, just don't expect me to come along.

I will climb the stairs at the office instead of riding the elevator — at least, sometimes. I will brush up on my rusty Hebrew. I will even attach an occasional button, but mediocrity is my friend in this one regard. I shall not promise what I cannot produce. It is one thing to be a can-do person, and another thing all together to set up a series of tasks no one could do, at least, no one who is also raising children, sleeping six hours a night and fixing three square meals a day.

In my case, making miniature resolutions may mean making meaningful strides, one cowardly, contained step at a time. So, instead of announcing all the major, tricky, astounding things I pledge to do, I will instead wish you a Happy New Year with this one resolution: succeed. Accept yourself. Aim small, one good goal at a time.

Comparative law: The Talmud on drunkeness

By RABBI MARK DRATCH

"I was drunk." And with this defense the Supreme Court of Canada on Sept. 30 acquitted a rapist from any responsibility for his crime. In at least three subsequent cases, judges have found defendants either too drunk or too stoned on drugs to be aware that they had committed assault.

Needless to say the community has reacted strongly and legislators are scrambling to find ways to right this apparently senseless and grossly inequitable wrong. Perhaps a lesson in Jewish law could be helpful. Let us consider a Talmudic discussion in Tractate Eruvin 65a.

A person must be legally competent in order to be convicted of a crime. And, yes, even in Halachah (Jewish law) drunkenness may be a defense. Thus the Talmud records a statement of Rabbi Elazar ben Azaryah that he could justifiably exempt the entire world from judgment since the day of the destruction of the Temple until present times, using as a basis the words of Isaiah 51:21, "Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted and drunken . . ." Apparently being drunk relieves a person of his culpability for illegal actions. Score one for the Supreme Court!

This position is contradicted, however, by the ruling that validates all business transactions entered into by an intoxicated person and legislates the infliction of any punishment he deserves for the crimes he committed, "the general rule being that he is regarded as a sober man in all respects except that he is exempt from prayer." Apparently even an intoxicated person is considered legally competent. Score one for the victim!

The Talmud resolves this contradiction by distinguishing between two levels of intoxication. A person remains legally competent if, despite his inebriation, he is still aware of what he is doing. If, however, he is as drunk as the biblical Lot (Genesis 19:30), being totally unconscious of his behavior, he is free from blame. Maimonides in his Code (Hilchot Mechirah 29:18; see also Choshen Mishpat 235) equates such a person with a shoteh, one who is mentally and legally incompetent.

The Mishnah recognized the inherent unfairness of the situation, acknowledging in Baba Kamma 8:4, "There is an inequity in dealing with deaf-mutes, mentally incompetent individuals, and minors. One who harms them is liable to compensate them for the damages he causes, whereas if they would harm another they are not liable." The law rightly protects them from all harm, but because they are legally incompetent, it also relieves them from any liability. This is the position of the Canadian court as well. The issue in both legal systems is one of competence.

However, Jewish law does not stop here. According to Halachah, the drunk defense is effective only in those cases delineated in the Talmud, i.e., to relieve parties of liability for business agreements they may have entered and to exempt them from receiving punishment for crimes they may have committed. However, if one harms another person or his property, even if he is in as drunken a stupor as Lot, he is still responsible. R. Joel Sirkis (1561-1640), known as Bach, explains that a person "should have been careful from the start not to become as inebriated as Lot and cause harm. Who forced him to get so drunk that he became unaware of what he was doing? Since he brought this on himself he is liable for the damage he caused." (Teshuvot haBach, Yeshanot, no. 62) There is no crime in getting drunk per se (except perhaps for the harm you cause to your liver and brain), but if a person is going to drink he has the legal burden to make sure that he does not drive a car or in any way injure or assault another. Bach maintains that the perpetrator is guilty because of his original negligence in getting so exceedingly intoxicated without having first made certain that he would not cause harm. It is because the original recklessness occurred at a time when he was legally competent, even though he subsequently became incompetent, that he is held responsible.

If the House of Commons is looking for a way to amend the Criminal Code, perhaps they could take a lesson from the Talmud. If they did, the courts and the community would all come out as winners. Lechaim!

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Features

The legacy of the Rothschilds

Reporting from Frankfurt, Germany, Sheldon Kirshner takes a close look at a major museum exhibit.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Rothschilds are not just a European Jewish family. They are a legendary institution — a fixture in international banking and entrepreneurship and a bright star in the firmament of civil rights and practical Zionism.

Whether we admit it or not, we are mystified by the Rothschilds, by their glittering wealth, by their chameleon-like cunning, by their social cachet and by their fabulous connections down through the centuries.

As befits their status, the Rothschilds have been profiled in books, newspaper and magazine articles and movies. And now, for the first time ever, they are the subject of a major exhibition at the Jewish Museum in Frankfurt, which runs until Feb. 27.

The exhibition coincides with the 250th anniversary of the birth of the patriarch of this illustrious clan, Meyer Amschel, who was born in Frankfurt's Judengasse, a ghetto separated from the rest of the town. It also coincides with the 1,200th anniversary of Frankfurt, an Americanized banking, publishing and communications centre with a revived Jewish community numbering some 5,000.

Appropriately enough, the exhibit, simply entitled The Rothschilds, is being held in a building closely linked with the famous family. The Jewish Museum was once the Rothschild Palace, an elegant edifice that housed the family's private art collection.

More than a year in the making, The Rothschilds is sweeping in conception and execution, tracing the family's development from unemancipated confinement in the ghetto to unparalleled influence in the seats of government and royal houses.

But not surprisingly, the exhibit, consisting of a panorama of paintings, drawings, woodcuts, lithographs, photographs, maps, artifacts, documents and letters, is more than just a chronicle of the accumulation of a fortune and the attainment of power.

Transcending the Rothschilds' rise to prominence, it offers a tantalizing glimpse of their sumptuous lifestyle, their yearning for acceptance and yichus, their pastimes and personal causes and, of course, their position as petitioners in the struggle for Jewish emancipation.

Nevertheless, the focus is on the Rothschild's role as bankers, financiers and capitalists par excellence.

The family doyen, Meyer Amschel, was expected to be a rabbi and, indeed, he studied for the rabbinate in Furth. But the untimely death of his parents forced him to choose a different course. He became a coin dealer and a banker, at a time when the old political order in Europe was collapsing and the walls of the suffocating ghettos were falling.

With an eye on the main chance, Meyer Amschel cultivated a calculated relationship with a member of minor royalty, William of Hanau. It enabled him to become a court Jew. Soon enough, he was a supplier to the Austrian imperial army.

Meyer Amschel's sons set off for London, Paris, Vienna and Naples. Yet they never broke ranks. A partnership agreement, signed in 1825, empowered the brothers to act jointly and harmoniously, thereby concentrating the firm's assets.

By all appearances, Nathan, who set up the British operation, was the shrewdest of them. Due to his activities, the hub of the budding Rothschild conglomerate shifted from Frankfurt to London.

Nathan, who died in 1836, was nothing if not a realist. "It requires a great deal of boldness and a great deal of caution to make a great fortune," he noted.

Nathan was a workaholic. As he put it: "My only pleasure is my business." But one would be hard-pressed to know that, judging by William Hobaday's idealized 1821 oil portrait of Nathan with his wife and children.

The brothers turned their greatest profits after 1815, speculating in bonds, exploiting differences in quotations on the various exchanges and conducting money transactions swiftly. They were superbly informed of current events. Fast, clear information brought them untold affluence.

In the first decades of the 19th century, they grew immensely rich by building up a monopoly on loans to European powers and by plunging into railway construction. They were close to Prince Metternich, the clever foreign minister of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

The growth of nationalism led to a loosening of ties between the various branches of the Rothschild family. But this development hardly dimmed their appetite for wheeling and dealing.

Working in tandem with Benjamin Disraeli, the British prime minister, the Rothschilds were instrumental in Britain's successful bid to gain control of the shares in the Suez Canal company.

Looking further afield, they expanded their reach by speculating in Russian oil, South African diamonds and Latin American minerals.

The Rothschilds resisted assimilation and shunned conversion, remaining nominally Orthodox. And in the 19th century, they preferred intrafamily marriages, a phenomenon that enabled them to keep their wealth within the family.

Despite their standing, the Rothschilds felt the sting of anti-Semitism, not only in the 19th century but under Nazi hegemony. A lithograph, dated 1848, depicts Baron Amschel von Rothschild as a shabbily-dressed parvenu. Such animus did not deter them. In fact, they mingled with the creme de la creme of society, and sought out titles and honors.

To the Nazis, the Rothschilds epitomized the myth of "international Jewish finance." They were defamed in a 1940 film, *Die Rothschilds*, which spawned two more viciously anti-Jewish films, *Jud Suss* and *Der ewige Jude*.

All but one of the Rothschilds escaped the Holocaust. The wife of Philippe de Rothschild, Elizabeth, was not so fortunate. She was murdered in a German concentration camp.

From Meyer Amschel onward, the Rothschilds did what they could to ease the restrictions against Jews. In all probability, Lionel de Rothschild best exemplified this tradition. In 1858, 10 years after he had been elected, he finally took his seat as a Jew in the British parliament. Before that, members had to take an oath "in the true faith of a Christian." Henry Berraud's striking painting, circa 1874, encapsulates that historic moment.

In the 19th century, the Rothschilds developed an awareness of themselves as a dynasty. They built fairy-tale mansions such as Mentmore Castle and Ferrieres Castle. They kept magnificent gardens and greenhouses, horticulture being a highly-regarded social pursuit. They bought vineyards and produced some of the finest Bordeaux wines. They posed for distinguished painters like Jean Dominique Ingres (the 1848 oil canvas of Baroness Betty de Rothschild portrays an exotic beauty). They collected paintings, furniture and ornaments, some of which, like a drinking horn and a goblet, are on display.

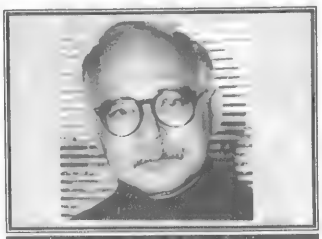
A drawing of Nathan Rothschild by Richard Dighton, 1817.

Last but not least, the Rothschilds were inextricably associated with the Zionist movement. So much so that Israeli banknotes, coins, streets and towns bear their names today.

Of all the Rothschilds, Edmond de Rothschild (1845-1934) was the chief benefactor of Zionist settlement in Palestine. Indeed, his name is indelibly bound up with the 1917 Balfour Declaration, which committed Britain to supporting a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Yet he was not a political Zionist like Theodor Herzl. Edmond wanted to make it possible for persecuted East European Jews to settle in Palestine. He did not subscribe to the notion that all Jews should resettle in Zion.

Be that as it may, Edmond was a seminal figure in Zionism, just as the Rothschilds were a behemoth in banking and finance.

The Jewish Museum is located at 14/15 Untermainkai, in central Frankfurt. For more information, contact the German National Tourist Office in Toronto, 175 Bloor East. [968-1570]. Lufthansa Airlines has regularly-scheduled flights from Canada to Germany.



Jewish World

By Sheldon Kirshner

Eastern Galicia, now in Western Ukraine but once a province of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and then a part of Poland, used to be one of the most important Jewish centres in Europe. Cities such as Lvov, Brody and Belz were renowned in the Jewish world. But practically all remnants of Jewish culture were destroyed by the Germans and the Soviets during and after the Holocaust.

The Jewish artifacts of that seemingly distant pre-war period — popular art and synagogue ritual objects — are now on display at Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Jewish Diaspora at Tel Aviv University.

The exhibition, which is scheduled to close this week, was made possible through major grants from, among others, Charles and Andrea Bronfman of Montreal and Lufthansa German Airlines.

Entitled Rediscovered Treasures, the exhibition was loaned to Beth Hatefutsoth by the Museum of Ethnography and Crafts in Lvov (or Lviv, as it is known in Ukrainian). Last displayed in Lvov in 1990 and then in Kiev a year later, this magnificent Judaica collection had never been seen in the West until its arrival in Tel Aviv.

According to Beth Hatefutsoth's chief curator and deputy director, Joel Cahen, Rediscovered Treasures has just begun its foreign run. In May, it will resurface at Vienna's Jewish Museum. And then it will appear in Berlin, Los Angeles and New York. There is also a possibility that Rediscovered Treasures will turn up at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Quebec, in 1997 or 1998.

Rediscovered Treasures consists of two segments, culled from the Maksymillian Goldstein collection and the Lvov Jewish Museum collection.

Goldstein (1880-1942), a banker, was an amateur ethnographer who entrusted his private collection to the Museum of Ethnography and Crafts after Germany marched into Eastern Galicia in 1941. The Germans renamed Lvov Lemberg, and murdered most of its Jews, including Goldstein, who perished in the Janowska work camp.

The Jewish Museum in Lvov was opened in 1934. Nationalized by the Soviet Union after its invasion of the region in 1940, it was ultimately absorbed by the Museum of Ethnography and Crafts.

For decades, both collections were off-limits to the public, gathering dust. But with the onset of glasnost, the situation changed.

Rediscovered Treasures is framed by *Yiddishe Lemberg*, a flickering, nostalgic 10-minute documentary of Lvov made by the Goskind brothers in 1939, on the eve of the calamity that would sweep over Nazi-occupied Europe.

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There are also intriguing black-and-white photographs of Lvov's crowded marketplace (circa 1903 and 1930), of a bustling country fair in Kolomyia and of Goldstein and his family.

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI RON AIGEN

One way of understanding Torah is to see it as God's attempt to teach humankind the basic principles which would make for a just society. A religious humanist would read the Bible as one people's search for divine justice in the world. In either case, the Bible presents a search for a world built on justice.

The turning point in Abraham's career as founder of a new spirituality came when he challenged God to do justice at Sodom and Gemorrah. His challenge, "Shall the Judge of all the earth not do justice?!" marked a revolutionary moment in the history of religion. For the first time, a human being demanded that his God live up to godly ideals.

Throughout the rest of the Torah we trace the spiritual developments of the people who enter into a covenant relationship with their God, a contractual agreement to maintain justice. One of the loftiest pronouncements towards the conclusion of the Torah is Tzedek, tzedek tirdof — Justice, justice you shall pursue — meaning that in the course of seeking justice, you shall also act justly.

The prophetic tradition which follows the Torah can be summed up as one unending plea to the Israelites to understand that their religion is not perfunctory ritual sacrifice. Rather, the sacrifice they must make in their lives is to live by the concept of tzedek u-mishpat — righteous justice.

A second major theme which also runs through our Torah is compassion. Our rabbis said that hesed ve-rahamim — loving kindness and compassion — are the beginning and the end of Torah. In the beginning God clothes the naked, Adam and Eve, and in the end God buries Moses.

Compassion together with justice are the religious issues which create the major tension in Jewish life. We seek, but cannot have, both perfect compassion and perfect justice.

The following saying of the prophet Micah is often quoted as a summary of what it means to be a Jew: "It has been told to you what is good and what God demands — only to do justice, love compassion and walk humbly with your God."

It is understandable, therefore, that when we come to today's Torah reading some of us are disturbed by what seems to be neither an act of justice nor one of kindness, but rather a show of brute force.

In parshat Bo, Exodus 10-13:16, we come to the last of the Ten Plagues. Locusts, darkness and the slaying of the first born are invoked as the dramatic climax which leads to the Israelites' exodus from Egypt. The Pharaoh's response to all except the last plague is a repeated hardening of his heart. And somewhere about here, the question usually arises: "Were these plagues really necessary?" Couldn't a just and compassionate God have freed the Israelites by less violent means?

This question has been raised by Jews for generations; not only by contemporary critics, but by the early rabbis. In response to the verse in which God hardens Pharaoh's heart, Rabbi Johanan said: "Doesn't this provide heretics with ground for arguing that he had a means of repenting, since it says: "For I have hardened his heart?' " To which Rabbi Simon ben Lakish replied: "Let the heretics be silenced. It says in Proverbs III 3, 4, 'if it concerns scorners, God scorns them.' When God warns a man once, twice and even a third time, and he still does not repent, then God closes his heart against repentance so that vengeance be exacted from him for his sins. Thus it was with the wicked Pharaoh."

The rabbis tell this midrash or legend because they are sensitive the problem of the seeming injustice. They conclude that a repeated offender of a crime will not change his ways, and after a certain point, even God does not expect or want repentance.

The short answer to our question about the morality or justice and compassion of the plagues seems to be that in certain extreme cases you simply cannot apply the normal rules of morality.

Compassion, however, is not lost forever. The rabbinic midrash tells us that when the Israelites, after crossing the Red Sea in safety, began singing praise to God, God stopped them, crying: "Don't you see the Egyptians are drowning in the sea — and yet you dare sing me praises! They are my children as you are my children."

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Court rules against Ibo tribe

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Members of the Ibo tribe in Nigeria are not Jewish, according to a recent ruling from Israel's High Court of Justice.

As a result, an estimated two million members of the tribe do not have the automatic right to immigrate to Israel and receive citizenship under the country's Law of Return.

The ruling came in response to a petition filed by Chima Edward Onyolo, an Ibo who has been living in Israel for six years and is married to an Israeli woman.

As the husband of a Jew, Onyolo is entitled to recognition and permanent residence in Israel under the Law of Return, which also applies to the relatives of Jews.

But Onyolo sought recognition as a Jew himself, saying his tribe had historical links to Judaism.

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Koschitzky recalled as a man of vision

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Philanthropist and businessman Israel Koschitzky was remembered as a man of vision, determination and dedication to learning at a shloshim service held last month at Or Chaim yeshivah.

Koschitzky had donated the recently opened addition to the yeshivah. He was also a founding contributor to the institution.

Grandson Jonathan Koschitzky, a graduate of Or Chaim, completed a siyum mishnayas (a Talmud portion studied to honor someone who has died) at the service.

He praised his grandfather for overcoming the obstacles in his life: losing everything during the Holocaust; being forced to escape first the Nazis, then the Communists; starting a new life in a new land. "With bubbie [Golda Koschitzky], he never despaired. They persevered, they prevailed."

Israel Koschitzky was "steadfast in his belief and [his commitment to] Jewish tradition," Jonathan said. His earliest memory of his grandfather was him davening the Neilah service on Yom Kippur: the last, him listening to a discourse on the weekly Torah portion.

Rabbi Moses Burak of Beth Jacob Congregation spoke of Koschitzky's generosity "that went beyond the norms of marble [dedication] tablets."

"brought grace, dignity, a sense of aristocracy" to every city he came to. He was a man of vision, Rabbi Kerzner said, who could translate his dreams into reality, and he conducted his business "according to the highest standards of ethics."

Rabbi Kerzner praised his sons, Henry and Saul Koschitzky, and their families for "following in his ways, and advancing his principles in the community."

Grandson Yoel Koschitzky said despite his difficulties and the fact that he lost most of his family during the war, his grandfather "was not spiteful or bitter. His cup was always half full, not half empty."

He taught his children and grandchildren "to think, to do things properly, to be honest, to not be afraid to make mistakes." Through the institutions he founded and helped, "he changed the Jewish world."

Rabbi Shlomo Gemara, rosh yeshivah of Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot Girls' School, chaired the event.

Built shul in Calgary

Koschitzky contributed to yeshivot in Israel, and built a shul in Calgary as well as the community mikvah in Toronto.

"A mikvah guards the purity of the Jewish people; a yeshivah guards the life of the Jewish people. He knew that without Torah there is no life," Rabbi Burak said.

Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner paid tribute to Koschitzky as a man who

Sharing — the key to a better marriage

LONDON, Ont. — A lecture on The Jewish Way in Love and Marriage drew some 70 women to the London Jewish Community Centre recently. The guest speaker was Toronto educator Sherry Wise.

Joni Lutterman introduced the speaker, who teaches at The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Studies and Bais Yakov High School.

Wise's talk centred on the idea of giving and perfectibility in marriage.

She explained that according to oral tradition, Adam was first created as both male and female — "a single entity which could reproduce." But he was divided, said Wise, in order to create Chavah (Eve), because as a self-sufficient being he was unable to develop spiritually.

What Adam needed was "the capacity to *give* to another human being," she said.

Marriage forces us "to shift the focus of concern away from ourselves and on to another human being" and thus enables us to grow.

She said that the Torah offers a couple a unique way to ensure the growth and success of their marriage.

The laws of Taharas Hamishpachah (family purity) are as relevant and meaningful today as they were centuries ago, Wise said. The unique balancing of separation and togetherness offer an opportunity for sexual expression and communication on many different levels.

The Jewish way in love and marriage brings a spirit of rejuvenation and excitement into the relationship, she said.

Over the last 15 years, the community has hosted a series of lectures on women's issues, a project initiated by the same women who founded the local mikvah.

The lecture series is co-sponsored by every Jewish organization in London that involves women: Beth Tefilah Sisterhood, Friends of Lubavitch, Hadassah-WIZO, the London Jewish Community Mikvah, the London Jewish Community Centre, National Council of Jewish Women, Or Shalom Sisterhood, and Temple Israel.

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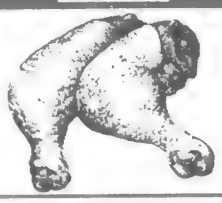

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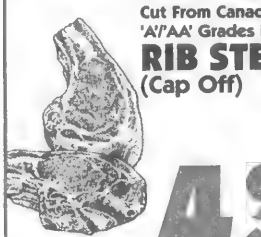

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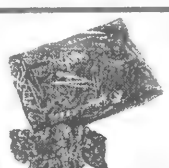

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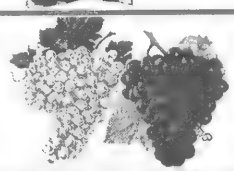

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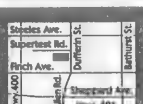

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Shaare Zedek Foundation starts campaign

TORONTO — The Toronto New Leadership Division of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation is planning to raise $100,000 for new medical equipment for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre.

Division chair Michael Kerzner said the money can be raised withing three years. "Since many of us have young children of our own or hope to have in the near future, we're very aware of how vital the work of this department is to the people of Israel."

Shaare Zedek's Neonatology Department, a regional centre treating at-risk newborns, now treats 26 infants. An expansion will bring that number to 40.

The group anticipates raising the bulk of the $100,000 at its annual golf tournament. The fifth annual tournament is scheduled for June 22 at the Kleinburg Golf and Country Club.

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Correction

The article "Seniors' use of drugs examined" in the Dec. 15 *CJN* said it is often wise to give elderly patients opiates at night to help them sleep. It should have said they can be given pain-killing medications containing opiates such as codeine.

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Court ruling could affect refugee claims

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The ruling could have wider applications for the roughly 1,000 Israeli citizens — almost all of them from the former Soviet Union — who have made refugee claims in Canada, says immigration lawyer Sergio Karas.

Karas, a board member of Jewish Immigrant Aid Society (JIAS), said he welcomed the decision. "It's high time" claims of persecution in Israel are rejected, Karas told *The CJN*. "I'm very glad they put an end to this nonsense."

Israel has continued to be a major source of refugee claims in Canada. Between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, 1994, the IRB heard to completion 861 claims from Israeli citizens.

It granted refugee status to 344 claimants and denied it to 445. Seventy-two claims were abandoned or withdrawn.

Over the past two years, Canada has granted refugee status to over 500 Israeli citizens, the vast majority from the former Soviet Union.

Allegations of harassment

Their claims have involved allegations of harassment, threats, discrimination in housing, work and schools, and even beatings at the hands of police officers and soldiers — all supposedly because of their mixed status.

The controversy boiled over last summer, when Israel called on Canada to end its policy of granting refugee status to claimants from Israel.

The Israeli embassy in Ottawa and leading Israeli officials have also called on Canada to stop believing claims of persecution.

Karas said the ruling will likely be used by the IRB to reject similar claims in the future.

Israel's ambassador to Canada, Itzhak Shelef, told *The CJN* his government has no comment on the court ruling. "We neither criticize it or praise it. We stand aside."

Nevertheless, Shelef said Israel will continue to press Ottawa to rejects refugee claims from Israeli citizens.

He said claimants are "exploiting the Canadian system" at taxpayers' expense and that granting refugee status is "a mistake."

"I hope the IRB will learn the real conditions in Israel and will understand that there is no persecution."

He called the increase in the number of successful refugee claims from Israeli citizens "unfortunate."

— With reporting by Ron Csillag in Toronto.

CJC discusses war crimes with Marchi

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress met recently with Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi to press him to take legal action on files transferred to him by the Justice Department's war crimes unit.

At least eight files were reported transferred to Marchi's ministry after Justice Department lawyers determined that stripping suspected war criminals of their Canadian citizenship and deporting them would prove a more successful remedy than criminal prosecution.

Jack Silverstone, a spokesman for Congress on war crimes issues, said the Jewish community expects swifter action from the Immigration Department than from Justice, where the war crimes portfolio has stagnated.

Marchi said he wants more time to study the files, Silverstone recounted. But it appeared to him that the Immigration Department was not actively pursuing the files.

"As seems to have been the case for the last 40 to 50 years, the departmental people are not as engaged with his matter as they should be," Silverstone said. "We're not going to let this matter go. It's not going to be acceptable for nothing to happen."

Since the Criminal Code was amended in 1987 to allow for the prosecution of war crimes suspects, only four criminal cases have been launched. The Crown dropped charges in three and only one case, involving Imre Finta, led to a full trial. Finta was acquitted on all charges.

In its seven years of existence, the war crimes unit has registered only one success. That came in the case of former Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens who was stripped of his citizenship and deported to his native Holland.

In other developments, the Supreme Court of Canada has turned down a request from a group of Montreal synagogues that it clarify aspects of its decision in the Finta case.

The High Court turned down the request without giving reasons. In June it had rejected a similar appeal from the Crown and Jewish groups which had been interveners in the case.

The seven synagogues, which called themselves the Coalition of Concerned Congregations, asked the Supreme Court to either rehear the case or issue supplementary reasons.

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Teachers strive to keep Holocaust memory alive

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Thomas Lutz prefaces his comments on the Holocaust with the announcement that his father was a German army officer during World War II.

Janice Keil, for her part, is upfront about her German Catholic background.

But the two teachers, who between them have devoted 20 years to understanding the impact of the Holocaust, are just as forthright about their commitment to making sure it doesn't happen again.

Keil, a 35-year-old Ontario native completing her master's degree in divinity at the University of Toronto, is taking the Holocaust into separate school classrooms when she resumes her teaching career this September.

The 37-year-old Lutz, in Toronto recently as part of a two-week North American lecture tour, works with more than 60 memorial museums in Germany, helping them to plan exhibits and undertake research on Nazi crimes.

Both believe in keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive through education.

Lutz points to the more than 700,000 visitors who have streamed through Berlin's Prince Albrecht Terrain exhibit as proof of Germany's desire to confront its Nazi past.

The Topography of Terror exhibit, housed in the former Gestapo and SS headquarters, was first mounted temporarily in 1987. Unprecedented public interest led the Berlin and federal governments to make it permanent. The exhibit will move to a new home complete with research centre, library, classrooms and archives in 1997.

Thomas Lutz

Janice Keil

"If you don't speak about your crimes, you cannot speak about your victims," Lutz says. "Germany has changed in the last 50 years. Not all of it is good, but there has been progress."

Sipping tea in a Toronto hotel, Lutz says the most important development has been the coordination of research and memorialization between the once-divided East and West Germany.

Before the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, Lutz says, West Germany maintained the majority of memorialization sites. East Germany remembered only those whose deaths illustrated its political agenda. "The communist resistance movement was viewed as a heritage of the new socialist state," he says.

Now, Germany is memorializing all Nazi victims — Jews, gypsies, political prisoners, homosexuals, the handicapped, prisoners of war. Joint work on the 1,604 German incarceration sites is underway, he reports with twinkling eyes. "Both states ideologically came together."

It was welcome news for audiences at U of T and York University. Prof. Mark Webber of York's German Studies Program was impressed with Lutz' research and conclusions. "The Holocaust isn't a topic we shy away from. We deal with it all the time," Webber said. "[But Lutz] brought up new stuff that I hadn't thought of."

Keil has been studying the Holocaust ever since she spent three years studying and living in Germany in the mid 1980s. There, near Mannheim, Keil says she met her first anti-Semite, a hotel worker who blamed the Holocaust on Jewish stubbornness.

"He said, 'In 1933, we warned them but they didn't listen. It's their fault they got killed.' I didn't know how to answer him."

Her search for answers led to a three-week Holocaust studies course at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem this past summer. She paid $1,000 of the $3,500 course herself, said Miriam Gelbloom, co-chair of the sponsoring Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. "Janice is a very committed individual who is Catholic. It is very important for us to have the support and understanding from this segment [of society]."

Keil is aware her background may make her good intentions seem suspect. Sitting in the quiet student lounge of the Jesuit-run Regis College, Keil admits that "the history of contempt by the Roman Catholic Church towards the Jewish people culminated in the Holocaust."

She uses her hands to emphasize a point. "We as Christians should feel guilty," she says. "We have to adopt a different way of looking at the Jewish people and at Judaism. We need to ask for forgiveness ... to recognize what we have done wrong but not to leave it at that."

Keil knows where she will take it: to the 104,899 students enrolled in Metro's 226 separate schools. She wants them to learn about the Holocaust in elementary school, "and to learn about Jewish life before the Holocaust. Grade 11 is too late."

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Discussing God with your kids

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Rabbi David Wolpe

TORONTO — Although it would be easier to avoid the subject of God, Rabbi David Wolpe believes that parents must address the subject with their children.

The Conservative rabbi, who teaches at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles and whose most recent book is *Teaching Your Children About God*, discussed the topic as part of the Issues & Insights lecture series run by the New Leadership division of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. About 150 people attended the lecture at Beth Tzedec Congregation.

One reason for discussing God with children is to give them a firm basis for self-esteem, the rabbi believes. Self-esteem based on looks, grades or relationships can change, but "if you want to give self-esteem that doesn't change, base it on [the idea that your children] are in the image of God."

The rabbi believes that not teaching children that lesson deprives them of spiritual and moral benefit.

When children ask why they should be good, Rabbi Wolpe suggests telling them, "Because you are in the image of God and in order to realize your potential, you have to treat God's children the same way I want you to be treated — with dignity, kindness and love."

He pointed out the pitfalls of common answers such as "What if everyone were bad?" which avoid the child's specific question, and telling children they will feel better about themselves if they are good, which could backfire. "The child could well discover that sometimes you're good and you feel lousy."

Part of the problem is that parents are not always sure what they believe, said Rabbi Wolpe. He recommends that parents be honest about their beliefs.

"You don't have to tell them you believe in something you don't, but don't feed them all your doubts. Say it's something you think about, struggle with. Ask them what they think. Who knows? Maybe you'll learn something."

Language does present a barrier, Rabbi Wolpe believes. "If I say, 'God loves you,' it doesn't sound like a rabbi. It sounds like a priest, but not because God's love is not a Jewish concept. It's because 'God's love' is an English phrase. It sounds Christian, and that's the gospel truth."

When you say the same thing in Hebrew, he noted, it doesn't sound Christian any more.

He advises parents to broach the subject of God with their children. Even in non-religious homes, they will have thought about it, he said.

He credits youngsters with being able to understand that God, like love, is intangible. "They can't point to love. Love is everywhere, but children don't think it's under the dresser."

Rabbi Wolpe recommended "infusing a sense of God in whatever ritual you do, [to invoke] more than a cultural custom but a sense of sanctity."

The next Issues & Insights program is Judaism and Sexual Behavior: A Debate on the Controversial 1994 Rabbinical Assembly Report on Human Sexuality with panelists Rabbi Elliot Dorff, author of the report, and Rabbi David Novak of the Union for Traditional Judaism. Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl will be moderator. It takes place Jan. 23 at Beth Tzedec.

VISIT TO KELOWNA

Avner Regev, the recently appointed national executive director of the Jewish National Fund of Canada, (left) is seen here with Anita Nadler, president, and Mel Kotler, past president of the Okanagan Jewish community in Kelowna, B.C. Regev came to Kelowna to thank OJC members for holding their first-ever Negev Dinner last year and to brief them on the current situation in Israel.

From coast to coast

Top shaliach promotes continuity

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Shlomo Gravetz, chair of the Youth and Hechalutz department of the World Zionist Organization's (WZO's) Joint Authority for Jewish Zionist Education and head of shlichim in 400 communities around the world, still views himself primarily as an educator.

That is why the former high school teacher and principal meets with young people whenever he travels abroad.

To promote Jewish continuity at a time when it is easy for Jews to assimilate, Gravetz, 48, is determined to increase the number of young people going to Israel.

Even if a young Jew visits Israel only for a short time, it will strengthen his or her Jewish identity and reduce the chances of intermarriage, he said in a recent interview at Toronto's Israel Aliyah Centre.

He disputes Israeli deputy foreign minister Yossi Beilin's proposed agency to accomplish this goal. "If we have so much money to establish new organizations, let's do what we can with what we have," Gravetz said.

Shlomo Gravetz

A former shaliach himself, who did a three-year stint in South Africa for Betar during the 1970s, Gravetz stresses the importance of Israeli shlichim, who bring "authentic Israeli atmosphere" to Diaspora communities. Canada has 50 WZO shlichim, including teachers.

During the summer of 1993, almost 6,500 young people, among them 670 Canadians, participated in Israel Experience programs through the Youth and Hechalutz Department, according to statistics provided by the Montreal office of the WZO. This year 500 Canadians participated in Israel Experience programs offered by the Canadian Zionist Federation.

The numbers reached a height of 1,000 in 1987, but dropped to 500 when the intifadah began the following year. Gravetz maintains that Israel "is more secure than America," and believes encouraging youngsters is necessary to reach the "grass roots" of the community. His department is now working on a North American partnership to attain that goal, he said.

He wants young Jews to "decide for themselves about their own future — hopefully a Jewish future."

"It's not only a matter of conviction of the leadership. The [North] American Jewish community is not connected to Jewish tradition. It's dangerous.

"How can we ensure the future of our children?" asks Gravetz. "And I mean it when I say 'our' children. We are all responsible for each other."

Ohr Somayach rabbi to run education program

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Los Angeles native Rabbi Les Fried is the latest addition to Toronto Ohr Somayach's outreach efforts.

Rabbi Fried makes no secret about his enthusiasm to be here, calling Toronto a "terrific city," with "all the energy of other big North American cities."

Rabbi Les Fried

Contrary to the reputation of Toronto's Jewish community as being "standoffish," he says that he, his wife, Riki, and four children, ranging in age from 11 years to 8 months, have found it "exceedingly hospitable and friendly."

The organization of community structures and the level of involvement here seems impressive, he says, but "that shouldn't blind us to the reality that there are many that don't have strong identification with the community but who are interested."

While Rabbi Fried will take an active role in the general activities of Ohr Somayach, his particular responsibility will be to organize the Jewish Learning Exchange, a new educational program located in the Spadina and Lonsdale area of Forest Hill.

"I hope to address the spiritual and intellectual needs of the unaffiliated," or those with minimal association with the community, he told *The CJN* in a recent interview.

Jewish continuity and involvement has always been a concern of the 39-year-old rabbi, although he did not start out his working life in that field.

After graduating from UCLA law school, he practiced law for 10 years. "I still keep up my membership in the bar," he says, with just a hint of nostalgia.

But the pull of working for Jewish continuity proved too strong, and he left his profession to work as associate director of the Jewish Studies Institute, an educational outreach program sponsored jointly by Yeshiva University at Los Angeles and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

Wanting to immerse himself in serious Torah learning, he went to Israel, where he studied at Ohr Somayach and Aish Hatorah, where he received smicha (rabbinic ordination).

Returning to the United States with his new wife, he became Hillel director at the University of California in Davis and then at Princeton University.

This fall, looking for a "more suitable place for a growing family to live, and more opportunities for outreach work on a larger scale," he moved to Toronto.

Jewish affiliation, he believes, should be "informed, relevant and vital. People should see that Judaism has a lot to offer their lives."

His goal, he says, is to "increase Jewish consciousness; to impart knowledge and skills people can at least be armed with" in the secular world. This will both nurture Jewish identity, and enable it to be passed on to the next generation.

Rabbi Fried has a vision of a Jewish renaissance in learning. "We shouldn't just try to maintain the status quo — we should aim for something higher."

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Lithuanian emigree reunited with mom

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Tamara Rubinova (left) with Berta Bromberg, the mother she hadn't seen in 50 years. [Ron Csillag]

TORONTO — If truth is stranger than fiction, it can also be more bittersweet. Just ask Tamara Rubinova.

The 55-year-old emigree from Vilnius, Lithuania, is torn between two mothers: the one that adopted her in 1945 and still lives in Vilnius, and the one in North York — Berta Bromberg, the biological mother she had not seen in nearly 50 years until an emotional reunion earlier last month.

"I have a pain in my heart," Rubinova told *The CJN* through an interpreter. "I have two mothers but my family is split."

Rubinova and her husband have applied for refugee status in Canada, hoping to join Bromberg, a half-brother and a half-sister and make a life in Toronto. An economist by training, Rubinova longs for the day when her three children and 82-year-old adoptive mother will also come here and form one big, happy family.

Rubinova's story is rich and complex, mirroring the experiences of many post-war Jews from eastern Europe.

She was born in Moscow in 1939 when Bromberg was 22. As an infant, she was placed in a nursery before being evacuated to a summer camp outside the Soviet capital.

When the Nazis invaded in June 1941, her father was drafted. Tamara and the other children at her camp were evacuated to Siberia. Bromberg fled with an older daughter to the remote eastern region of Samarkand.

Eighteen months later, Tamara and her mother were reunited. It was after Bromberg had been notified her husband was killed in action.

In 1942, Bromberg remarried. But two years later, her husband returned; his death notice had been a clerical error. He and Bromberg divorced and he received custody of young Tamara.

When the war ended, Bromberg, her daughter and new husband left Russia for Poland, leaving Tamara with her father, who neglected her. Tamara was placed in an orphanage and adopted in 1945. Three years later, the family moved to Lithuania.

Here's where the story takes a hairpin twist.

In 1953, Tamara's adoptive father died. Five years after that, her biological father located her in Vilnius and wound up marrying her adoptive mother, a union that ended in divorce in 1962.

Meanwhile, Bromberg and her growing clan had made aliyah. In 1980, after the death of her oldest daughter, Bromberg moved to Canada, joining her two children from her second marriage.

Throughout the upheavals, Bromberg, now 77, never forgot her lost daughter.

In fact, Bromberg and her eldest daughter corresponded with Rubinova until 1967, when links between Israel and the Communist world were severed after the Six Day War.

As for Rubinova, anti-Semitism eventually spurred her to leave Lithuania. After the nation won independence in 1991, she says she experienced "constant" harassment from co-workers, neighbors and even strangers. "Patriotic" slogans of "Jews — go to your own country" and "leave the Jews for us, we will finish them ourselves" were prominently displayed at public rallies.

At work, she received remarks like "Are you still here?" and "What smells in here?" She was twice injured by rock-throwing gangs and her daughter was humiliated while at camp.

In 1991, Rubinova moved with part of her family to Israel. There, she discovered her mother's Canadian address and contact was made.

But back in Vilnius, her adoptive mother — the only mother she really remembers — was ailing. Rubinova and her husband returned to care for her. The couple was greeted with aggressive anti-Semitic remarks, now accompanied by smashed windows and graffiti on their front door. The police, she says, did nothing.

The final straw came when Rubinova, who was working in a bank, was fired for speaking Russian. The couple sold some belongings and came to Canada.

Today, Rubinova says flatly, Lithuania's 5,000-member Jewish community "has no future."

These days find Bromberg and Rubinova catching up on the last 50 years. Asked what she said to her daughter at Toronto's airport when the two were reunited, Bromberg chokes slightly and recalls, "I shouted, 'Come to me, my baby.' "

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Victoria JNF dinner to fete businessman

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

Mel Cooper

VICTORIA — Mel Cooper, a prominent British Columbia businessman and community leader, will be the honoree at the Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Dinner to be held in Victoria at the Empress hotel on March 26.

The president of Radio Stations C-FAX in Victoria, CKOV and CKLZ-FM in Kelowna and Seacoast Sound, a music production company, Cooper has been honored for services and public commitment to Victoria's ethnic community with a Canada Day Award for "outstanding contribution to the quality of life."

Mel Kotler, of Kelowna, the principal organizer of the Okanagan Jewish Community (OJC) and a close friend of Cooper's, calls Cooper "a wonderful friend of the Jewish community — always ready to help promote fundraising projects through his radio stations and personally as a speaker. If someone needs advice or assistance for a fundraising drive, a charity promotion or anything to benefit the community at large, he somehow finds time to lend a helping hand."

Cooper has received a number of awards for his contributions to community life, including the Order of Canada and the Order of British Columbia.

Mel Kotler, chair of the JNF Pacific region's small communities division, says Cooper helped greatly in raising funds for the OJC community centre and shul. He officiated at dinners, served as an auctioneer and was involved in other activities to promote the OJC drive. He was master of ceremonies at Kelowna's first-ever Negev Dinner last year.

Gadi Yacobi, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, is scheduled to be the principal speaker at the Victoria dinner — the third one to be held here. Peter Legge of Vancouver will be master of ceremonies.

Previous Victoria honorees were April Katz and Howie Siegel.

Cooper was born in Newfoundland and raised on Signal Hill, in the shadow of the Cabot Tower, where Marconi received the first radio signal.

Stephanie Gilbert and David Katz, with assistance from Kotler, are co-chairing the Negev Dinner.

From coast to coast

JAK P assists in growing Jewishly

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rebbetzin Lori Palatnik summed up the entire contents of a recent talk with an acronym — JAK P.

The Toronto educator and author discussed Being Jewish — It's Not All or Nothing at the second annual women's day presented by Aish HaTorah Women's Division at Baycrest Terrace.

Rebbetzin Lori Palatnik

The title of her talk only represented one aspect of the "four things everyone should know when they're growing Jewishly," Palatnik said.

The "J" in JAK P. is a reminder that you can't judge another person, but you can judge actions. "Only G-d can judge the essence of the person. You don't know what challenges and opportunities others have had."

The solution is "purposeful love," said Palatnik. "Look at each person and focus in on their virtues and what's good about them."

Another aspect of judgment is that, according to Pirkei Avot (Ethics of Our Fathers), it's forbidden to judge yourself, said Palatnik. "You're a person too."

"A" is for It's Not All or Nothing.

"People say, 'If I can't do all the mitzvahs, I might as well not do any,' or 'It's hypocritical for me to light Shabbos candles and then drive to a movie,' " said Palatnik.

"This is not a Jewish idea. Every mitzvah you do, every kindness — G-d knows about. Every mitzvah you do is for eternity."

Palatnik advised women to believe in their ideals and work toward them.

The third principle Palatnik discussed ("K") was that "it's better to know and not to do than not to know."

An Aish HaTorah student stopped taking classes after years of study because she felt guilty that she wasn't putting her knowledge into practice, said Palatnik. This is not a Jewish idea, she emphasized.

"Knowledge does lead to action, but even if it doesn't, you don't know which one part may have seeped in that you may pass to your kids or that will affect a decision you make in the future. The Talmud says, 'Seek learning like you seek money.' "

The final cornerstone (the "P" of JAK P.) addresses the questions, "Why were we created?" and "What is life all about?"

The surprising answer is pleasure, said Palatnik. (Procreation, prayer and the preservation of life were among audience guesses.)

Work towards ideals

"G-d created us for pleasure. Gan Eden (the Garden of Eden) means the garden of pleasure."

Palatnik noted that pleasure and pain are not mutually exclusive, citing marriage, children and working for the community as "our deepest, most meaningful pleasures" which may be accompanied by pain.

The workshop was one of three concurrent sessions designed for women at varying levels of observance. The other two were The Jewish Holidays — Is There a Rhyme or Reason to Them?, led by Rebbetzin Dina Coopersmith, and Prayer — Our Connection to G-d, led by Chumi Friedberg. Keynote speakers for the program, entitled Enjoy Life! It's a Gift to Treasure, were Rabbi Ezriel Tauber and Tova Mordechai.

Barrett says Quebec will reject sovereignty

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — A former federal politician has predicted Quebecers will vote 60-40 against sovereignty and separation.

Dave Barrett, former NDP member of Parliament for Esquimalt-Juan de Fuca, made his prediction at a maximum capacity meeting of the Jewish Community Centre men's luncheon group.

Barrett, the first and only Jewish premier of British Columbia, told *The CJN* that since Canada "is still an adolescent country, . . Quebec has gone through a number of phases of turmoil," of which separation is one.

"Quebecois will decide the future of Quebec," he said. "They're not fools."

Barrett, who was born and raised in Vancouver, lost his seat in 1993 to Reform MP Keith Martin. He has been touted as a possible successor to British Columbia Lt.-Gov. David Lam, who retires in March.

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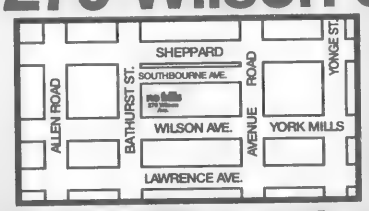

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Amcha helps Holocaust survivors living in Israel

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel has the largest concentration of Holocaust survivors in the world — some 300,000 people, or about two-thirds of the world's total.

Of those, according to a 1988 survey, 15-20 per cent have two or more lingering psychological symptoms which require treatment or support.

From that data, one can glean the following conclusions: that survivors, for the most part, are a remarkably resilient and well-adjusted group, and that the vast majority of them do not use the services of Amcha.

That does not faze John Lemberger, the director of Amcha, Israel's pioneer service catering to the psychosocial needs of Holocaust survivors and their children.

Founded in Jerusalem in 1987, Amcha has grown to four branches throughout Israel and provides a variety of programs for the survivors who need them.

In Toronto recently to drum up support for Amcha and essentially to start up a Canadian Friends group, Lemberger conceded that while most survivors in Israel do without the organization, its work is steadily growing, as survivors age and problems finally emerge.

He also stressed that his group is not to be confused with the New York-based Coalition for Jewish Concerns/Amcha, headed by activist Rabbi Avi Weiss.

John Lemberger

Lemberger's Amcha is described by its full name: the National Israeli Centre for Psychosocial Support of Survivors of the Holocaust and the Second Generation.

Amcha, Hebrew for "our people," has another meaning. It was the code word European Jews used to identify one another during World War II.

Amcha's major thrust, Lemberger told *The CJN*, is direct psychotherapy, provided to about 1,100 people in branches in Jerusalem, Ramat Gan, Haifa and Beersheva. Survivors' symptoms, already well documented, include fear of loss, separation or of authority; suppressed rage; feelings of guilt; and smothering children with love and over-protectiveness. They may experience problems with intimacy and communication. Sometimes, a survivor can bear to be silent no longer. Trauma is often transferred to the second generation.

Current events can trigger terrifying fear. Lemberger said Amcha was "inundated" with emergency calls during the Gulf War and business jumps with each act of Arab terror in Israel, but "we haven't peaked yet. We don't know when the deluge will come."

Other services include discussion groups, sometimes with survivors' children; clubs for those seeking a social setting with other survivors; compiling oral histories, which Lemberger said many find therapeutic in and of themselves; and volunteer visits to homebound or institutionalized survivors.

Provides support services

There are also support services, including discussion groups and use of psychodrama, for the estimated 700,000 children of survivors in Israel. Almost half of all Amcha clients who seek therapy are members of the second generation, Lemberger noted. Their symptoms often mirror those of their parents.

Amcha, with a staff of 100 psychologists, social workers and consultants, also runs training courses for caregivers at Bar-Ilan University and Tel Aviv University.

And it is cash-strapped. This year's operating budget is 5 million shekels, expected to grow to 6 million next year. Just 12 per cent of funds come from Israel's treasury, 20 per cent from client fees and the rest from donations. Those come mainly from governments, individuals and companies in Holland and, ironically, in Germany and Austria.

For more information on Amcha, call Sarah Faerman at (416) 785-2500, ext. 2580.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad, please call Joe at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

A.Y.J.A hosts a party at Milano, Toronto's newest hot spot, Sunday Jan. 15, 1995. 325 King St. W. at 8 p.m. for ages 22-35. Cover $10. Info 760-4149.

Adath Israel Synagouge Singles Group, 35 Plus (Bathurst & Wilson) presents a Sunday Brunch January 8th, 1995--11:30 a.m--2:00p.m with Brian Costello, Canada's foremost financial expert.
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Come experience the new hot spot in Toronto! MTS presents our grand opening Singles Party at **Taboo Wine Bar And Grill,** 2345 Yonge St. (1 1/2 blocks north of Eglinton Ave.) Sunday Jan. 15th at 8p.m Cover $12. Door prize bottle of Mumm's Champagne. For info call 222-7111.

"YOUR BESHERET" SOCIAL CLUB proudly presents our 2nd Karoake Gala Event on Friday Jan. 27th at 8:00p.m. at Omei. Lots of free parking. is $15 includes finger foods. For another super deal cover only For info. call 416-781-0602

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Sharyn's Singles Soirees, 35+, is having a **Sunday Brunch,** January 15, 1995, 11:00 a.m. at the Primrose Club 273 St. Clair Ave. W. Special guest is master graphoanalyst **Elaine Charal.** Cost $25 all inclusive (must be prepaid). To reserve call (416) 925-4436

Single's Dance at North Toronto's prestigious & most exclusive club at 25 Fairway Heights between Leslie & Bayview on Steeles, Saturday Jan.7th.. 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. **Jacket & tie req'd.** We invite you to enjoy an evening exclusively for singles over 30. There will be music from the 50s to the present in the ballroom while in the lounge we have Karaoke. Admission is $10 at the door. More info **Singles Professional Network** 416-760-7169

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From coast to coast

Avoiding diabetes complications

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Lowering and maintaining blood glucose levels at normal range has been proved to dramatically reduce the frequency and severity of complications of type I (juvenile, or insulin-dependent) diabetes, a recent study has proved.

Dr. Bernard Zinman, director of the Banting & Best Diabetes Centre at the University of Toronto said the results of the Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT) were so startling that the study was ended one year early, in order to encourage patients to follow its tenets — and governments to fund treatment.

Zinman was giving the annual Peter J. Laurie Memorial Lecture of the Toronto chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Canada, held recently at the Delta Chelsea Inn.

DCCT was a project funded by the National Institutes of Health in the United States. Three Canadian centres were involved in the study: the University of Toronto, the University of British Columbia and the University of Western Ontario.

The study, which began in 1982, divided participants into three groups. Of the two who had shown no signs of complications, one group treated their diabetes conventionally, taking insulin once or twice a day and using daily self monitoring, diet and exercise education, measurement of long-term glucose levels and quarterly medical visits.

Dr. Bernard Zinman

The second group used intensive treatment, with three or more injections of insulin a day (or use of an insulin pump), four or more blood glucose tests daily, frequent dietary instruction, monthly clinic visits and hospitalization for initiation of this therapy.

The third group, who did show early signs of complications, were all given the intensive therapy.

Eye, kidney and nerve complications were found to be prevented or significantly less severe in over 50 to 70 per cent of cases, Zinman said.

Contrary to what some might expect, Zinman said the increased care and medical attention did not affect either the participants' behavior or quality of life.

The only adverse effect of the intensive therapy, he said, was the increased incidence of hypoglycemia, that is, blood glucose levels low enough enough to require the assistance of another person.

Current research is trying to establish proper control, without increasing the susceptibility to hypoglycemia, a balance which would vary with each patient.

Increasingly sophistocated technology and knowledge are helping the situation, Zinman said, citing particularly easier methods of giving insulin; better informed and motivated patients; strong support groups, both professional and family; and self blood glucose monitoring, which he called "the most important advance since insulin."

Zinman noted that the U. K. Prospective Diabetes Study, which will report before the end of this decade, is studying whether intensive therapy is also effective for type II, or non-insulin dependent diabetes.

There are other risk factors for diabetic complications the doctor said, including high blood pressure, smoking and increased lipid levels.

A new drug, nicotinimide, is being studied as a possible preventative for those at risk of developing diabetes, he said.

The evening also featured draws for four prizes, including a trip around the world.

Western Bonds gets new director

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Longtime community lay leader Norman Franks has been appointed executive director for Western Canada of State of Israel Bonds, a new position, effective Jan. 1.

As a volunteer, Franks served for five years as Bonds campaign chair for Vancouver.

In his new role, he will oversee the Bonds offices in Calgary and Winnipeg and be responsible for all of Canada west of the Manitoba capital.

The appointment was announced by Morris Wosk, national vice-president, who said Franks has been responsible for generating some $5 million in sales in his Miracle Mitzvah program of the last four campaigns.

As regional director, Franks joins the ranks of other professional directors: Larry Waller in Toronto and Erol Araf in Montreal.

Born and educated in Vancouver, Franks graduated from the University of British Columbia with a bachelor of commerce in 1963 and became a chartered accountant in 1966.

Franks was on the board of Beth Israel synagogue for 10 years and has been active with the Variety Club of British Columbia for over 20 years.

He told *The CJN* plans for Bonds in Western Canada include the introduction of RRSP eligibility of Bonds instruments in self-directed plans. Emphasis on this phase of campaigning will be made in December, January and February. Major community events are scheduled for May.

Franks and his wife Marlene have been married for over 30 years and have three children.

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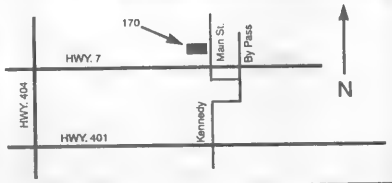

What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Jan. 5 is deadline for Jan. 19 issue and Jan. 12 is deadline for Jan. 26 issue. I am at my desk on deadline days to receive calls and sort mail. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Jan. 5

ADULT EDUCATION ACADEMY

Beth Sholom Synagogue Adult Education Academy, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. begins the 6-week Book of Samuel class with instructor **Jacob Israeli** tonight 7:30 p.m. Call synagogue office 783-6103.

Friday, Jan. 6

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform a wide selection of popular, semi-classical and dance music, 2-3 p.m., Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

Sunday, Jan. 8

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Steven Meyers will discuss Will Jews be Threatened by the New South Africa?, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glenpark Ave. (Bathurst & Glencairn). Breakfast and lecture $6.

JEWISH DAILY FORWARD

Temple Sinai adult education Sunday morning program features the film *The Forward: from Immigrants to Americans*. Services 9:30 a.m., breakfast 9:50 a.m., program 10 a.m. Charge for breakfast $2. Admission to lecture, no charge.

CAMP KINNERET

Meet the camp director, staff members and see slides of Camp Kinneret at an open house, 5 p.m., 788 Marlee Ave., Jerusalem Hall. Camp Kinneret is a Young Judaea Camp for 7-15 year olds in the Quebec Laurentians.

Monday, Jan. 9

HEBREW ULPAN

Canadian Zionist Federation and Israel Aliyah Centre are having an orientation session, 8 p.m. CZF offices, 3995 Bathurst St. Call 633-3988 or 633-4766.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

MARTYRDOM

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks of Kehillat Shaarei Torah continues the series, Classical Selections from Maimonides, with a class on Martyrdom, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave.

BREAST CANCER FORUM

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood presents a Breast Cancer Forum and pre-meeting dinner at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Forum participants include **Dr. Judith Weinroth**, breast cancer physician; **Carry Greenberg**, department of Epidemiology, Princess Margaret Hospital; and **Sharon Hampson**, breast cancer survivor. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. by pre-paid reservation, $10 members, $13 non-members. Program only, members no charge, non-members $3. Call 222-5377 for dinner reservations.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League — Vaughan presents Why Breastfeed Your Baby?, the first in a series of four monthly meetings, 8 p.m., 3 Versaille Court, Richmond Hill. Topics include the advantages of breastfeeding and current scientific discoveries about breast milk. Meetings open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies welcome. For information call **Robin**, (905) 886-8364 or **Joyce**, (905) 881-8779.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles presents Creative Knitting, a lecture and demonstration by **Tsipora Levy**, 8 p.m. Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Lunch and Learn in Retirement meets 12 noon at the Temple with speaker **Dr. Jerold Bain** of Mt. Sinai Hospital, who will discuss Sex and Sexuality: Forever. Everyone welcome. Bring sandwich, $1 charge for coffee, tea and cookies. For information call **Tryna**, 789-3291.

ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Professor Richard Prichard, president, University of Toronto spoke at a recent luncheon celebrating the 25th anniversary of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. From left are Henry Goldbach, secretary, Toronto chapter, Canadian Associates of BGU; Prichard; Paul Jacobs Q.C., president, Toronto chapter; Jordan Cohen, legal counsel, Toronto chapter.

KATZMAN SPEAKS

Rabbi Yosef Katzman of Brooklyn addresses a gathering at the Thornhill home of Dr. Chaim Goldberg about the late Lubavitcher rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson's teachings of the imminent coming of the Messiah.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

TU B'SHEVAT CELEBRATION

Storyteller **Leslie Robbins** will entertain adults and children ages 9 and up with The Give and Take of our Earth: Bible and Folk Tales About Our Environment, Sunday, Jan 15, 11:30 a.m-1:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Sponsored by Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library and Congregational School. Lecture no charge, light lunch $3. For reservations call 787-0381 by Jan. 10.

READING VOLUNTEERS

Fairview Public Library needs volunteers for a children's reading practice program running from January to June, in which a volunteer is paired with a Grade 2 to 6 child who reads below grade level. The pair read together and practise skills in the library one hour per week. For information call 395-5486.

KABBALAH LEARNING CENTRE

Free lectures discussing the mysteries of life, death, good, evil, success and failure, Sundays, 7:30 p.m. at the Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. For registration call 631-9395.

LIFELONG LEARNING ACADEMY

The Academy for Lifelong Learning, part of University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies, offers small workshops where participants engage in discussions on topics including film and music appreciation, world events and Canadian politics. Requirements are a curious mind and a willingness to share thoughts. For brochure call 978-7756.

HEART AND STROKE FOUNDATION

Volunteers are needed for the Heart and Stroke Foundation's annual residential Person to Person Giving Campaign in February. Call the Volunteer Centre, 631-6117.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Jewish Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. is taking registration for winter courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run Mondays, Jan. 16-April 24, 9:40-11:05 a.m., evening courses run Tuesdays, Jan. 17-April 25, 7:30-9 p.m. The promise is that beginners will speak, read, write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Beginners' course instructor is **Joseph Klinger**, founder in Toronto of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew. Teaching staff also includes **Dina Eylon, Ivetta Ilakovan** and **Yael Milman**. Free introductory lessons for beginners, 787-0197.

WOMEN'S CENTRE

The North York Women's Centre needs women to offer information, support and referral on the phone lines. Training is offered. Call the Volunteer Centre 631-6117.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Keep up Hebrew in a fun atmosphere with **Yael Lev**. Winter schedule includes daytime classes designed for parents with children in day schools. Three levels, beginners I to advanced will be held at Beth Tikvah and Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogues. Evening classes in beginners II and advanced levels will be held at Shaarei Shomayim and Kehillat Shaarei Torah. Classes start early January. Call Yael 225-6151.

JEWISH MYSTICISM

The University of Toronto School of Continuing Studies offers a 6-week course on Jewish Mysticism, Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. beginning Jan. 24. Instructor **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum** will cover topics including mysticism in the biblical and rabbinic eras, the teaching on Emanations and Sephirot and the Lurianic School including Tikkun. Register by calling 978-2400 or fax 978-6666.

WINTER HEBREW ULPAN

People of all ages can improve their intermediate Hebrew conversational skills in a fun and exciting environment through discussions, Israeli music and newspaper articles. The Israel Program Centre's winter ulpan runs for 10 weeks beginning Jan. 4. Cost is $130. Call 398-6931.

CALL A NEWCOMER

The Telephone Language Companion (TLC) Program of the Community Integration Program is seeking volunteers to phone

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. Call **Selena Kovshoff**, 636-1880, ext 261.

FEMINIST DISCUSSION GROUP

The North York chapter of the Older Women's Network invites women 55 and over to meet one Sunday each month, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, beginning Jan. 8, to share views and ideas about selected books. The focus is on feminist issues of interest to older women. Register with the Older Women's Network at the first session. Call 395-5440 for information.

TEACH ENGLISH IN ISRAEL

Looking for a unique and enriching volunteer experience in Israel this July? Teach conversational English to recent immigrants by joining the Yad BeYad program run under the auspices of the Canada Israel Forum. Volunteers need not be teachers — training provided. Program runs July 3-19 or July 17-August 2 and includes adoption by an Israeli family, social events and tours. Cost is reasonable. Information sessions will be held January 12 and 31. Call 445-4554 or 481-1568 for details.

CREATIVE WRITING COURSE

North York Board of Education in conjunction with Bernard Betel Centre is offering a creative writing course with instructor **Sylvia Warsh**, Fridays 9:30-noon beginning Jan. 13. Cost for 12 classes is $9. For more information call 225-2112.

CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

You can make a difference in the life of a Jewish senior by visiting in a nursing home. To volunteer call **Toby Maskowitz**, coordinator, Chaplaincy Services, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 287.

INTERCULTURAL COUPLES

The Secular Jewish Association presents Intertalk, a support group for intercultural couples facilitated by **Eva Goldfinger**, an intermarriage counsellor. The next session is Sun. Jan. 15 10 a.m.-noon, St. Andrew's School, 131 Fenn Ave. For information call **Barbara**, 463-8909.

JF&CS PARENTING GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work, begins Jan. 30; Single Parent Challenge, begins Jan. 25; Successful step-parenting, begins Feb. 6; Living with Teens, begins Feb. 8. For information on fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

FREE TORAH HIGH

Students in public high schools can continue their Jewish education after school at Free Torah High School. Second semester classes begin Jan. 9. For information call **Robyn** or **Marni** at the NCSY Centre, 782-4426.

ONE MARRIAGE — TWO RELIGIONS

A six-week series beginning in January for engaged or recently married couples to discuss the impact of interfaith backgrounds on relationships and the relationships with families. How does this affect raising children, celebrating holidays and belonging to a community? For registration and information call **Pat Lieberman**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 215.

at the JCC/BJC

Israeli folk dancing takes place at the Bloor JCC Mondays, 8-10 p.m. Instructor/choreographer **Marco Ben-Shimon** leads the beginners from 8-9 p.m. and intermediates 9-10 p.m. For information call Marco (905) 771-0363 or **Lindsay** at the JCC, 924-6211.

BJC offers Israeli folkdancing for beginners Wednesdays, 8-9:15 p.m. and intermediates Wednesdays, 9-10:30 p.m. Intermediate and advanced, Sundays, 8-11 p.m. All classes are at BJC, 4588 Bathurst St., main dance studio. For information call **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

for seniors

Hungarian Seniors Writing Group meets Wednesdays, Jan. 4-May 31, 2-4 p.m., Barbara Frum Library. Members include professional and amateur writers who discuss and critique their work. Discussion conducted in Hungarian. For information call 395-5440.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is planning Florida trips to renovated Crown Hotel and the Saxony and Sassoon Hotels. Information on Artpark musicals coming soon. Future outings in the planning. For information on programs and trips call **Ruth**, 224-5923 or **Lena**, 785-5773.

The Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-help group meets alternate Fridays 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. Next meeting is Jan. 6. For information and registration call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Jan. 9 meeting features the movie *Forbidden*. For information call 661-4689.

Rendezvous for Seniors is a non-profit organization that works in cooperation with Harbourfront Centre to provide a variety of activities geared to the health, educational, cultural and recreational needs of seniors. For information on seniors's skate, cross-country skiing and instructional dance call 973-4771.

Young at Heart Seniors is going on a trip to Miami Feb 1-March 1 to Frontenac Hotel. $1950 Canadian includes taxes, hotel, plane, airport pickup, entertainment and more. People over 80 pay extra for medical. Call **Helen** 635-6343.

Earl Bales Seniors Club's Sunday dance with live band, Jan. 8, 7:30-10:30 p.m. in community centre. Members $4, non-members $5. Local day trip to be scheduled Thursday, Jan. 12. All courses offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education resume week of Jan. 9.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information call **Anna**.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents a poetry lovers' group, Tuesdays, 1 p.m. in music room. Bring your own or favorite poetry to share. Newcomers welcome.

Following courses, beginning week of Jan. 9 until April 7 are offered in partnership with North York Board of Education. Needlecrafts, Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon; painting, Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon; beginners pottery, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon; advanced pottery, Wednesdays 12:30-3 p.m.; soapstone sculpture, Tuesdays, 12:30-2:30 p.m.; ballroom dancing, Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; current events, Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon; Hebrew Bible study, Mondays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; basic bridge, Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Hebrew, Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Yiddish literature and discussion, Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon; Yiddish culture and language, Fridays, 1-3 p.m.; creative choir, Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Non-refundable $5 registration fee per course. Non-members pay agency fee of $4 per course. Registration first day of each class.

Marathon training to start

TORONTO — Marathon Dynamics will begin its 18-week training clinic for the 1995 Shoppers Drug Mart Toronto Marathon Jan. 9 at Bessborough Public School in Leaside.

Trainers Paul Vacirca and Michael Brennan will run the Monday night program to help participants get ready for the May 7 marathon.

"We've designed our clinic for those people who have always dreamed of running their first marathon, as well as anyone who wants to improve their marathon time," Vacirca said.

The marathon is 26.2 miles, or 42.2 km. Clinic participants receive a guidebook, running logbook and T-shirt.

Brennan has run 32 marathons, a 50-mile ultramarathon and has eight years of sports training experience. Vacirca has run a marathon in 2 hours and 37 minutes.

For more information, contact Vacirca at (416) 483-0501 or Brennan at (416) 250-0552.

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ORT national past president Lydia London (third from right), who was in Vancouver recently to conduct leadership workshops, is seen with (from left) major ORT supporter Esther Dayson, Chela Herman and Joyce Silverman, president, Vancouver ORT.

VOLUNTEER SALUTE

Emunah Women of Toronto recently held a Salute to Volunteers dinner at Baycrest Terrace. Pictured from left are honorees Hannah Schusheim, Magda Klein and Magda Ruzohorsky. Guest speaker was Ariella Cotler.

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Business & Finance

Starting smart in business with help

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — For those re-evaluating their careers in the face of a tight job market, the answer may be just a phone call away.

Start Smart is a new program for budding entrepreneurs to learn about the self-employment market and how to be successful at it.

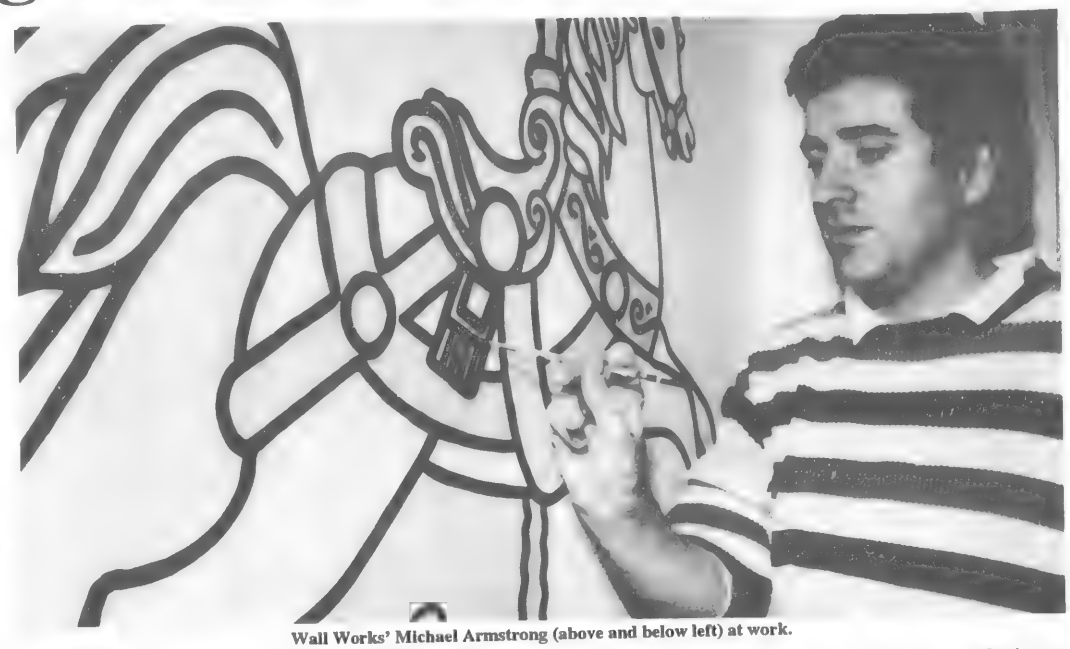
Sponsored by Human Resources Development Canada, a federal agency, and co-ordinated by Self-Employment Development Initiatives, Start Smart is conducted by Jewish Vocational Services of Metropolitan Toronto (JVS) in partnership with Immigrant Women's Job Placement Centre and Sherwood & Associates.

Kay Saunders, JVS' associate director of rehabilitation services and special projects, said Start Smart began as a pilot project in 1992 with a limited enrolment and funding from the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

"The first two groups that graduated from the Start Smart program . . . have since generated over $3 million into the local economy," she said.

While unique in large urban centres such as Toronto, such community-based projects have been tested in depressed areas like northern Ontario with equally promising results.

Building on that experience, Start Smart offers North York applicants intensive 8- and 10-week business counselling courses. For a full year following their graduation, JVS counsellors monitor their progress, do on-site inspections and provide ongoing support for any difficulties that may arise.



Wall Works' Michael Armstrong (above and below left) at work.

Participants continue to receive their Unemployment Insurance benefits for the duration of their enrolment.

Training consultant Eileen Sherwood recognizes the need for Start Smart. "We help entrepreneurs turn their ideas into successful business ventures."

A former financial loans officer, Sherwood knows what lending institutions expect before investing in a small business. She tells participants about marketing strategies, how to prepare and stick to projected budgets, accounting basics and gives advice on realistic income potentials.

Each Start Smart 20-member class is totally interactive, where participants are encouraged to network with others working towards similar goals.

One newly self-employed graduate, 30-year-old Michael Armstrong, is already well on the way to success with his company, Wall Works. Armstrong, an artist, creates custom wall murals for children's rooms, recreation areas and swimming pools.

"My previous training was in graphic arts and industrial design, but I was unable to find work in this field," Armstrong said. "Start Smart showed me how to get started in my own business, how to advertise my services, and managing income versus costs. They instilled a confidence that has spurred me to act on my ideas. Now I'm devoting my energy and creativity into an area that I love. And I can rely on JVS counsellors to give me additional guidance as my business grows and prospers."

As Saunders explains, large corporations are downsizing through attrition and hiring freezes. Self-employment could be the wave of the future. "Start Smart is a beginning towards that end."

Contact the Canada Employment Centre for more information about the Self Employment Assistance Program.

Taking stock

By GEOFFREY M. CLEIN
Special to The CJN

JERUSALEM — An exciting development over the past decade has been the rapid growth of the stock markets of developing countries.

Since the beginning of 1994, the weekly magazine *The Economist* has been including Israel in its regular survey of emerging markets.

There is no conclusive definition of what constitutes an emerging market. One definition includes only those markets which have started the process of expansion of their economy in terms of increased capacity and technological sophistication.

Another uses a broader definition which embraces all developing countries, based on the underlying assumption that all have the potential for economic growth in the near future.

The World Bank has adopted the broader definition of emerging markets, i.e., sweeping inclusion of all developing countries. It bases its definition on Gross National Product (GNP) per capita. The World Bank considers countries with low or moderate per capita income ($636-$7,910) to be emerging economies.

Can the definition of an emerging economy be applied to Israel? As Israel's economy has been growing at a high rate for a number of years, it meets the central criterion of most definitions. On the other hand, per capita income of about $13,000 prevents Israel from formally being considered an emerging market.

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Business & Finance

Israel's stock goes up with global investors

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The international investor seeks investment opportunities in countries with strong and long-term potential for growth — and profit. From this perspective, Israel is highly attractive to the foreign investor. Israel is regarded in much the same way as Hong Kong and Singapore, both significant emerging markets, despite their high per-capita incomes ($19,000 and $17,000, respectively).

Like many emerging markets, Israel suffered hyper-inflation during the early 1980s, which, at its height, exceeded 400 per cent per year. Economic and financial systems stopped functioning properly.

These untenable conditions gave birth to a new economic order in the mid-1980s. The first goal, of course, was reining in inflation by drastic reduction of the budget deficit and the capital market.

These processes gave birth to a string of economic reforms in the shares and bonds markets, in taxation, foreign currency, and privatization of state-owned companies, as well as in institutional savings, insurance, supervision and regulatory authorities, limitation of monopolies and more.

From the reformation phase of the second half of the 1980s, the Israeli economy entered a rapid-growth phase in the early 1990s which was amplified by the waves of immigration from the former Soviet Union.

Today, a third phase is in full swing: rapid growth which is being nourished by the peace process and the change in Israel's international political and economic status. Evidence of this can be found in the gradual diminishing of damage caused by the Arab boycott and the opening of new export markets.

Between 1980 and 1991, Israel's Gross National Product grew at an annual rate of 3.7 per cent. Only Japan and Taiwan achieved higher growth rate during this period. The highest figures came in 1991 and 1992 where growth was over 6 per cent per annum.

The relatively low 1993 level (3.5 per cent) was still higher than those of the West. This was due mostly to the cancellation of building projects that historically had been subsidized by the government. Even with this change, industrial production finished up by 6.6 per cent for the year.

Rapid growth tied to peace

Growth estimates for the Israeli economy in coming years range from five to seven per cent, depending on progress in the peace process. Accordingly, Israel meets the most important criterion for an emerging market, economic growth. In this context, the seeming drawback of high per capita income is transformed into a strong advantage, compared to the emerging markets.

The growth expected here is based on the industrial sector, which boasts such rich technologically advanced human resources and infrastructure that it competes successfully and credibly within the international marketplace.

Many investment companies point to the potential which Israel holds by virtue of its high-quality, professional work force and the level of investment in research and development (R&D). Israel annually devotes three per cent of GDP to R&D — a rate which is high even in comparison with the most advanced Western economies. Annual production figures for workers all over the world have Israelis high on the list.

Israel excels in applied academic research, with more than twice as many published articles per capita as the United States. The immigration wave from the Commonwealth of Independent States (the former Soviet Union) of the early 1990s increased Israel's population by more than 500,000.

Of the working population, over 60 per cent had degrees, primarily in engineering-related areas, as well as very high computer literacy levels. As their language skills advance and they become familiar with the workings of Israeli business life, more and more people are finding avenues into their own specialties.

Another factor seen in emerging markets which is obvious in Israel, is that the stock market has developed parallel to the growth in the economy. There are more publicly traded companies; and listings of Israeli companies on other stock markets have increased.

The impressive developments in both the economy and the capital market have generated growing interest among the international business community.

Tangible proof of this is visits to Israel by senior officers of American and European investment companies who are expressing open interest in Israel; some have either started funds specializing in Israel or are now doing so.

The current level of interest will increase significantly if conditions remain positive. As long as this holds, the question of whether Israel is or isn't an emerging market will be less and less important.

TIPS FROM PROS

By SONNY GOLDSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — There are two things you must concern yourself if leaving the country: travel insurance, in case there is a medical emergency while you are away, and buying American money, which is still the currency of choice in most countries outside of Canada.

If you will be needing a few thousand dollars or more for a winter trip, buy it in stages, not all at once. You should buy about $1,000 each week starting about two months before you go away.

If in any week the cost is way down, you may want to buy more that week, or wait to see if it goes even lower the next week. By following this strategy, you will get a good average cost for US dollars.

If you use travellers cheques, try buying them through the Ontario Motor League. The league does not charge its members any fees or commissions for the single signature American Express cheques, and the exchange rate was at least $10 lower on $1,000 than the bank. The total savings on just $2,000 of American money is enough to pay for a membership, even if you don't drive a car.

As for travel insurance, this is one area where you may want to shop around. Here is what to look for.

Some banks and trust companies give you some coverage with their gold credit cards. This coverage is usually quite good, but generally is only for about 30 days. Many of you who are already retired might still have benefits from your former company's group plan, but many of these also have limitations for the duration of coverage. If you are going to be away for longer, supplement the coverage with an individual plan that starts when the other expires.

You must also determine how the plans define and treat pre-existing medical conditions. Some companies will exclude your health problem if you had treatment or changed your medication in the 90 days prior to departure.

Others will cover those conditions regardless of when they first occurred, but impose a deductible or a co-insurance factor, where you pay the first few hundred or few thousand dollars of any claim, or 20 per cent of the total claim. A few new insurers have popped up offering really low rates to very healthy people, and high rates to those with extensive medical histories. If you have never been sick a day in your life, you will save lots of money by seeking out one of those companies.

This is just a brief overview of what is out there. You will have to look around for yourself, but please, do not travel out of the province without medical insurance. Since OHIP has cut back on what it pays for out-of-province care, it could cost you a fortune to be sick or injured in a foreign country.

Sonny Goldstein is a chartered financial consultant and the president of Creative Ideas in Financial Planning.

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National Trust

Advertiser's Corner

By RUTH SCHEWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Americans have more money invested in mutual funds than they have in their savings accounts, and economists expect that Canadians will follow suit.

"It's going to happen by the year 2000," said Tammy Murray, vice-president of retail deposits and mutual funds at National Trust.

Although mutual funds have been available here for nearly four decades — in 1957 National Trust was one of the first Canadian financial institutions to offer them — they only began to take off in the past few years.

Low interest rates on Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs), media coverage of mutual funds, growing investor awareness and financial institutions themselves are responsible for the popularity of mutual funds in the past few years, she said.

Financial institutions have been advertising and distributing information about mutual funds, "alerting Canadians to the product," she said, adding that Canadians have become more knowledgeable about investments.

National Trust offers 11 Canadian, American and international mutual funds, and quite a few of them are 100 per cent RRSP (Registered Retirement Savings Plan) and RRIF (Registered Retirement Income Fund) eligible.

Canadian funds include a bond fund, made up of federal, provincial and municipal bonds, as well as high quality corporate bonds, and a Canadian equity fund which invests in common shares and securities convertible to common shares of medium to large Canadian corporations. National Trust has a Canadian balanced fund, whose primary investments are common stock and government bonds.

When interest rates first went up seven months ago, mutual funds went down. Some mutual fund investors despaired when they received their statements and learned that they had lost money on paper. Mutual funds are long-term investments that fluctuate in value, cautioned Murray. If you hold on to them, "chances are you will have better returns."

National Trust recently introduced three international funds that are not as sensitive to interest rates. The most volatile of them is an emerging markets fund that invests in developing countries such as Argentina and Indonesia.

Murray stressed that even an aggressive investor should not have more than 10 per cent of his or her portfolio in the emerging markets fund. "Generally with funds that fluctuate the most, you get the best rate of return. This is over a long period of time."

There are mutual fund advisors at National Trust to help customers analyse their financial situation and assist them in selecting the fund that is best for them.

National Trust's mutual fund units can be purchased for a minimum of $500 and subsequent investments can be as low as $50.

Those without the required minimum can buy units over time through the company's continuous purchase plan, providing that they make a contribution of at least $500 in the first year.

Investors get the benefits of dollar-cost averaging if they stay with the continuous purchase plan, since fixed, regular investments in a fund over a long period of time protect one's savings regardless of market conditions. For example, 40 units purchased at regular intervals might cost a total of $500, yet have a current market value of $550 as some of the units were purchased when the price was lower.

A book about mutual funds, written and illustrated by Ben Wicks, is available free at all National Trust branches. It is, said Murray, "a lighthearted explanation of mutual funds."

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Chechen Jewish refugees flee to Israel

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Dozens of Jewish refugees from the breakaway Russian republic of Chechnya are continuing to arrive in Israel on special flights organized by the Jewish Agency for Israel.

The latest group of 25 Chechen Jews touched down here Dec. 27. The group included three refugees from Grozny, the Chechen capital under siege by Russian troops since Dec. 11.

Earlier arrivals included 32 refugees now staying in hotels or with relatives and friends, Agency officials said.

During the past two months, the refugees have been fleeing the embattled Chechen province for the southern Russian city of Nalchik, where Jewish Agency emissaries are helping them obtain travel documents.

Agency officials said last week that 61 Chechen Jews are still in Nalchik. They are reportedly in poor health after escaping overland through the icy Caucausus mountains.

Contact cut off

About 40 Jewish families, comprising some 150 people, remain in Grozny. Contact has been cut off because of Russian shelling.

Baruch Gur, director of the Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union department at the Jewish Agency, said the agency had not encouraged the refugees to flee Chechnya.

"They came on their own. It's not a case where our emissaries went into the city to bring them," he said, adding that the local government of Nalchik "was very helpful in assisting to get the right documents to leave."

Emissaries in the Caucasian towns of Derbent, Makhahkala, Mineral-Nyevody and Pyatalgorsk have been told to look out for refugees.

The Jewish community in Chechnya once numbered 1,500. Most left for Israel during the past five years.

Those still there, according to Gur, have remained for personal reasons, including mixed marriages, old age, or because they do not want to abandon their property.

An elderly Chechen refugee and his grandchildren rest in the village of Sleptsovskaia. Thousands of civilians have fled Grozny since the Russian military entered the republic of Chechnya. [RNS/Reuters photo]

Shahal turns down cabinet post

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Amid a sharp public outcry, Israel's Police Minister, Moshe Shahal, last week turned down the post of information minister.

He announced his decision Tuesday, just two days after being given the appointment in a cabinet reshuffle.

On Sunday, in an effort to bring the breakaway faction of the right-wing Tsomet into the Labor-led coalition, the cabinet narrowly approved the appointment of Gonen Segev, leader of the Yi'ud faction, as energy minister.

The post was previously held by Shahal, who was given the information portfolio, a newly created cabinet position, to add to his position as head of the police ministry.

Several cabinet ministers said

Moshe Shahal

that having a police minister who is also information minister smacked of a totalitarian government.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein said the whole idea reminded him of something "straight out of *1984*."

In a letter to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Shahal said he decided to turn down the post.

The decision, he said, came as a result of public criticism that the new Information Ministry was a waste of taxpayer's money and that his holding the post would be a conflict of interest with his responsibilities as police minister.

Rabin, who tried to persuade Shahal to change his mind, maintained that an information ministry was needed to communicate government policy to the public.

The Meretz Party, which had strongly opposed making Shahal information minister, welcomed his decision.

Yi'ud's addition to the coalition is expected to bolster Rabin, who until now has held 61 seats in the 120-seat Knesset, including five Arab Knesset members.

The Yi'ud agreement still requires Knesset approval.

CAR BOMBING

A pro-Iranian Hezbollah cleric passes a shop on Dec. 22 that was destroyed by a car bomb earlier that day in a small shopping area in Beirut. Hezbollah immediately accused Israel of being behind the blast, which killed three people and wounded 11. [RNS/Reuters photo]

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Legal ruling expected on Efrat's expansion

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A legal opinion was due this week on whether a controversial expansion of the West Bank Jewish settlement of Efrat can proceed.

Top lawyers from Israel's defence ministry and other government agencies held lengthy discussions last week on the legal aspects of a dispute over Efrat's expansion.

Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair was instructed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to prepare a formal opinion for the cabinet by this week.

Also last week, Israel's Supreme Court refused to order a halt to the expansion of Efrat. Some two dozen Arab landowners had asked the court to order an immediate stop to construction.

The court ordered another hearing in the near future.

At the same time, Ben-Yair and his team of experts were instructed to look into the legality of building 500 housing units on a 150-acre plot south of Bethlehem.

Palestinian residents of the nearby village of Al-Khader claimed they have proof the land belongs to them. And several Palestinian officials charged that such an expansion would violate the Palestinian self-rule accord.

Rabin was reported to have rejected the idea of simply declaring the region a "closed military area," which would have brought the construction to an end.

Rabin, whose role as defence minister gives him the legal right to close off any area in the territories on grounds of security or public order, apparently wanted to avoid resorting to such a move for what is, essentially, a political decision.

Since coming to power, the Rabin government has adopted a policy of freezing all government construction projects in the territories. But questions arose last week over what steps the government can take to stop construction if a private contractor has the building rights.

The issue was seen as a test of Rabin's willingness to risk a showdown with the 120,000 Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria.

Opposition parties introduced a no-confidence motion, following reports that Israel had told the PLO that the construction would be suspended.

In practice, the work continued at full pace, with Palestinian protesters maintaining a presence nearby, but not tangling with the soldiers at the site, as they did earlier in the week.

Peace Now scheduled a Jewish-Arab demonstration at the site last Friday.

For their part, settler leaders urged followers not to hold demonstrations but to rely on the army to protect the bulldozers from interference.

Meretz coalition members sided strongly with the Palestinians in calling for an immediate end to the construction.

"The government cannot act upon the diktat imposed by the Right," said Absorption Minister Yair Tzaban. "If we did and accepted their faits accomplis, we won't achieve peace."

He said that if it turns out the settlers are legally entitled to build, it would be preferable to compensate them rather than allow them to continue building.

NEW CHIEF OF STAFF

Maj.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak took over on Jan. 1 as the Israel Defence Force's new Chief of Staff for a four-year term, replacing Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak. Shahak, who had been deputy Chief of Staff, recently headed the Israeli delegation that negotiated the Cairo self-rule accord with the Palestinians. Born in Tel Aviv in 1944, he joined the IDF as a paratrooper in 1962. In 1986, he was named head of the Intelligence Branch. In 1991, Shahak commanded Operation Solomon, the dramatic airlift of most of Ethiopia's remaining Jews. He will now be responsible for all security arrangements with Palestinians and perhaps Syria, and the possible evacuation of Jewish settlements in the territories. [Israel Photo]

Leading Sephardi rabbi dies of pneumonia

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Solomon Gaon, the Chief Rabbi of congregations affiliated with the World Sephardi Federation, international spokesman for Sephardi Jews and world-renowned scholar on Sephardi Jewish history, died here Dec. 21. He was 82.

The cause of death was pneumonia.

Rabbi Gaon was born in Travnik, Yugoslavia, now part of Bosnia, and began his studies at the Yeshivah of Sarajevo.

After moving to England in 1934, he earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees from the University of London, and a minister's degree and rabbinic ordination from Jews' College in London.

He was a minister, and eventually senior minister, at London's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue from 1944 to 1949. That year he was named Haham — Chief Rabbi — of the British Commonwealth's Spanish and Portuguese Congregations. He held the position until 1982.

He also founded Judith, Lady Montefiore College in London, which was a training college for Sephardi rabbis.

In 1962 he began a long affiliation with Yeshiva University in New York, establishing a host of academic programs and community activities related to the Sephardim.

He had been professor of Sephardi studies at Yeshiva U since 1976.

He served for a time as president of the Union of Sephardi Congregations of Canada and the United States.

In 1990, Rabbi Gaon was honored by the Spanish royal family on behalf of the world's Sephardi Jews.

The next year, he made an emotional return to his ancestral homeland in Aragon, five centuries after Jews were expelled from the Spanish region.

His son, Isaac Gaon, lives in Toronto.

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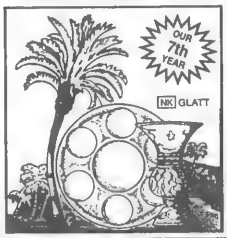

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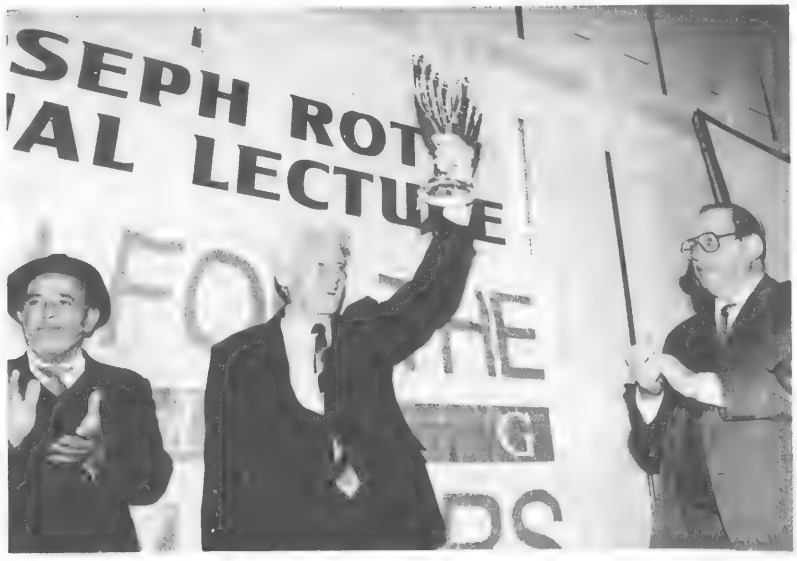

ALTERNATIVE NOBEL PRIZE CEREMONY

As Nobel laureates Rabin, Peres and Arafat were receiving their awards in Oslo, an "alternative" ceremony was going on in Jerusalem. Former member of the Nobel Prize selection committee, Kaare Kristiansen was greeted by over 1,500 Israelis and awarded with a prize of honor. Here Kristiansen is seen with the Chanukiah awarded to him by Jerusalem admirers. At right is Yona Baumel, father of IDF MIA Zachery Baumel and (left) Shlomo Al-Shekh, father of MIA Rahamim Al-Shekh. [IPPA photo]

Yemenite children died of disease in '50s: report

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A government-appointed committee investigating the fate of hundreds of Yemenite children who disappeared in Israel during the 1950s has concluded that most of the children died of disease.

The children had been part of a massive airlift that brought tens of thousands of Yemenite Jews to Israel from 1948 to 1950.

Some leaders in the Yemenite community have alleged that Israeli authorities at the time abducted the children and sold them for adoption in Israel and abroad.

The committee, which conducted a six-year inquiry headed by retired Judge Moshe Shalgi, was formed amid pressure from the Yemenite community, which was unsatisfied with the outcome of a similar commission in 1967.

In March, about 10 heavily armed members of a Yemenite sect led by Rabbi Uzi Meshulam holed themselves up in a fortified house near Tel Aviv, protesting what they described as the "disappearance and sale of thousands of Yemenite children."

They were dispersed following a massive police operation, and several sect members were arrested in May.

In its 250-page report issued late last month, the committee said no evidence was found to substantiate any of the allegations against the government.

The committee investigated 505 cases. In all but 65, documents were found confirming the children's deaths, Shalgi said.

Pointing to the poor sanitary conditions that prevailed in immigrant camps at the time, Shalgi suggested that the 65 other children probably also died of illness.

"We didn't find any clue for criminal action or improper action towards the children through our investigations," he said.

One committee member took issue with the committee's findings and refused to sign it.

Yosef Yigal, whose sister Esther disappeared shortly after his family arrived in Israel, criticized the committee for not questioning the authenticity of the documents or examining any potential criminal angles.

After receiving the report, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin described the disputed disappearances as "one of the most painful periods in the history of the State of Israel."

Soviet Jewish population declining

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The Jewish population of the former Soviet Union is dying, Jewish Agency Acting Chairman Yehiel Leket claimed last week, citing figures which show that of a total Jewish population of 1.3 million, there are only 115,000 children.

Experts forecast that only 500,000 Jews will remain in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) at the turn of the century, Leket said.

He also revealed that since the former U.S.S.R. opened its doors, some 800,000 Jews have left, with 538,400 of those coming to Israel.

"For every two Jews who come to Israel, another one goes to some other destination in the West," Leket said.

He was speaking at a festive Zionist Executive meeting in Jerusalem marking five years of aliyah from the CIS.

Some 300,000 of those Jews remaining in the former Soviet Union are expected to make aliyah over the next five years, and another 200,000 to go to the West. Because of assimilation and negative population growth, about 500,000 others are expected to be lost to Judaism, Leket said.

The figures are based on a special survey conducted by the agency's CIS department.

The study shows a clear trend towards aging and assimilation, especially in the Slavic and Baltic states. The rate of mixed marriage is rising sharply, and the birthrate dropping steadily.

In 1988, for example, 73.2 per cent of Jewish men were married out of the faith and 62.8 per cent of Jewish women had intermarried.

In 1994, 80.000 people made aliya, he said, some 67,000 of them from the CIS, most of them from Moldova and Ukraine. The forecast for the coming year is for a similar number, Leket said.

GERMAN PRESIDENT AT YAD VASHEM

German President Roman Herzog (right) signed the guest book at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial during a visit to Israel last month. President Ezer Weizman (centre) and Yad Vashem chairman Avner Shalev look on. Herzog said members of the post-war German generation cannot be blamed for the Holocaust, but that they must learn its lessons. [Israel Photo]

Israel's chief rabbis urged to recognize Ethiopian Jews

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Government officials have called on Israel's chief rabbis to fully recognize Ethiopian Jews exactly 10 years after the first Operation Moses airlift to Israel.

"Find the courage to do this," Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban exhorted the chief rabbis, who have questioned the authenticity of the Ethiopians' Judaism.

"There is no other community as proud of their Jewishness as the Jews of Ethiopia," Tsaban said during an anniversary ceremony marking the 1984 operation in Jerusalem.

Operation Moses brought some 7,600 Ethiopian immigrants from Sudanese refugee camps to Israel during a 45-day period. Thousands more Ethiopians arrived in Israel in 1991 as part of Operation Solomon.

In marking the first Operation Moses night flight on Dec. 25, Israeli president Ezer Weizman stressed that the immigrants were overcoming difficulties in being absorbed into the daily and religious life of Israel.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee reported last week that Ethiopian immigrants who arrived in Israel during Operation Moses and throughout the 1980s have similar rates of employment as their Israeli-born counterparts.

Meanwhile, the debate continues over the immigration of those Jews remaining in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa.

Under a family reunification plan, the government has agreed to bring over relatives of those Ethiopians living in Israel. But Israeli Embassy officials in Addis Ababa have reported that thousands of Ethiopians, including non-Jews, have flocked to the capital in hopes of receiving permission to leave.

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Arts

Cheaters' naughty couples are good fun in bad times

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Medina Theatre Ensemble inaugurated its new home in the Bloor JCC with *Cheaters* a lightweight comedy that gave its cast of six plenty of opportunity to emote.

As part of Bloor JCC's new emphasis on the arts, Medina produced *Cheaters* in the auditorium, which has a proscenium stage, no tiered seating and inadequate lighting.

Despite these handicaps, and abetted by a clever set design by Tanit Mendes, Medina put on a good show that improved as the play went on.

Written by U.S. playwright Michael Jacobs, the comedy involves two middle-aged couples whose plan to switch partners (without telling the other) goes awry when they discover that their children are living together and planning to marry.

One-liners

The script is reminiscent of Neil Simon's fondness for one-liners and superficial treatment of the middle class. But its escapist theme has an appeal in these bad news days and the opening night audience certainly enjoyed it.

As the two matrons reaching out for new partners, Gloria Valentine and Fran Elliot have contrasting acting styles — Valentine is a hard-hearted vamp, Elliot a sensitive woman looking for a sensitive man.

For their part, Barry Lipson and Murray Kash, the would-be errant husbands, are believable enough, but needed a little more subtlety in their delivery.

A failure to react emotionally deprived Daniel Hoffman's role of the tenderness expected of a young man in love, while the object of his desire, Michelle Goldstein, did the best she could under the circumstances.

Barry Minshull provided the off-stage voice of an evangelist. *Cheaters* was produced by Bill Emery.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

"I didn't start out to become a writer," says Howard Engel. "That wasn't part of my plan. I got into writing through the side door."

Until 1980, Engel worked as a journalist, broadcaster, and producer for CBC-TV. Then, encouraged by his wife, Janet, he turned his hand to writing a mystery novel while recuperating from a car accident. The result was *The Suicide Murders*, featuring Benny Cooperman, a funny Jewish detective from the fictitious southern Ontario town of Grantham, modeled after St. Catharines, where Engel grew up. The book was an immediate popular success.

"I was trying to do what hadn't been done in the private eye tradition," says Engel, who has lived in Toronto for almost 30 years. "As far as I knew there weren't any Jewish private eyes in fiction, yet I knew there were quite a few Jewish private eyes in real life. I wanted somebody to take on the jobs that Sam Spade or Philip Marlowe would take on. I also wanted him connected to a family. You can't imagine Spade or Marlowe connected to a family."

Engel read several passages from his ninth Benny Cooperman novel, *Getting Away With Murder* (due for release from Penguin Books in July), at a recent Books and Bagels gathering at the Bloor Street Jewish Community Centre in Toronto.

"Before the Benny Cooperman books, the longest thing I had written was an 11-page poem on the Welland Canal," he told me afterwards. "So I'm sort of surprised by the success of the books, even after almost 15 years."

Last year, Engel published *Murder in Montparnasse* (Penguin, $6.99), a mystery novel set in Paris in the 1920s, and the first book he has written that does not feature Benny Cooperman. As well, he is currently researching a non-fiction account of hangmen and headsmen that the author calls "ghoulish fun." (The book is slated for publication under the Key Porter imprint next year as *Behold The Lord High Executioner.*)

Howard Engel

Might these other activities be taken as indications the author is tiring of Benny Cooperman? "Not at all," he says. "I'm not tempted to push him off Reichenbach Falls, as Arthur Conan-Doyle did to Sherlock Holmes. Conan-Doyle was getting so jealous, he felt Holmes was getting in the way of his serious works. Later, he had to revive him ....

"I find that Benny is not hard to live with, and I don't see myself taking more than a sabbatical away from him once in a while, as I did with *Murder in Montparnasse*."

That is certainly good news for his devoted public, who still can't get enough of Benny Cooperman, even after eight books, several radio treatments and two movies (starring Saul Rubinek).

"Howard Engel has a very loyal and solid readership in Canada," says his literary agent, Beverley Slopen, who also handles such authors as Diane Francis, Joey Slinger, Michael Marrus and Robert Fulford. "In Canada, he's probably the best-selling and best-loved mystery writer, and he has won international acclaim. He's considered among the top rank in the field by such people as Ruth Rendell, Tony Hillerman and Julian Symonds."

Other Benny Cooperman titles are *The Ransom Game, Murder on Location, Murder Sees the Light, A City Called July, A Victim Must Be Found, Dead and Buried*, and *There Was An Old Woman*. Many sell in other countries in translation.

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Toronto Jewish Film Society: *Silent Witness* (Canada, 1994) is Harriet Wichin's contemplative look at the legacy of the Holocaust. It's being screened at the Art Gallery of Ontario's Jackman Hall, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Bill Emery, 924-6211.

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In Memoriam Primo Levi: This composition by John Reeves is the grande finale of a concert of Holocaust-related music set to follow evening services on Friday Jan. 13 at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., Toronto. (416) 487-4161.

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Arts

Chick's trip from pen to plate

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — What makes a chicken kosher?

Many of us would probably echo the suggestions given in the opening sequence of Empire Kosher Poultry's new video *From Our Table to Yours . . . The Journey of a Kosher Chicken*. These comments range from "a rabbi blesses the chicken" to "the chicken only eats kosher food."

This recently released video is an effective description of the steps taken by one of the world's largest kosher poultry producers to bring kosher consumers their Shabbat roast chicken or stir-fry chicken and vegetables, from hatching the eggs to double sealing the packages of chicken for the supermarket.

It is fascinating to see the incubating system that rotates the eggs to simulate the action of a mother hen, the moving tanks which allow each chicken to be soaked for the required half an hour, and the assembly lines for everything from salting to cleaning to packaging.

The video explains that maintaining high standards of cleanliness and producing a healthy product are intrinsic in every step of the company's production process.

The growing chickens, we learn, for example, get a scientifically researched, all natural and highly nutritious diet in their temporary homes on Pennsylvania farms.

Video proves gory not always better

The actual schechitah is well explained with diagrams. The producers have thankfully resisted the temptation to be graphic in this part of the process.

(This is not a gratuitous comment. There are several widely used films on schechitah which are so bloody and detailed that viewers come away with nightmares.)

Journey of a Kosher Chicken emphasizes the fact that the company sees its role as reinforcing the holiness of the Jewish people. Scenes of Empire's own synagogue are interspersed with those of celebrations at the Kotel, weddings and a woman lighting the Shabbat candles.

Schochtim, besides being skilled in the halachic and technical aspects of their craft, must be pious, full of yirat shomayim (fear of heaven) and able to get along with others.

It is explained that kashruth standards are stricter than government standards. Certain defects which are acceptable to government officials render the chicken treif, including punctured organs, broken bones and certain abnormal growths.

This video is an excellent teaching tool on the subject of kosher poultry production, not just for schoolchildren but for the general public as well.

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Books

By Bernard Baskin

Out Of The Garden: Women Writers on the Bible, edited by Christina Buchman & Celina Spiegel, Random House $31

Reading Ruth, edited by Judith Kates & Gail Reimer, Random House $32

What does it mean to read the Hebrew scriptures as a woman in our time? Do the familiar characters and narratives achieve new meaning? Are there nuances of interpretation and areas of sympathy and understanding denied to man? If more women had contributed to the writing of the original text, would the Bible be an even nobler and more inspiring work?

Out of the Garden is the first collection of literary essays on the Bible written exclusively by women. The editors have brought together 28 novelists, poets and essayists — Jewish and Christian — whose life or work has been influenced by the Bible. Their approaches to the material are rich and varied: literary, political, religious, autobiographical and scholarly.

Meditating on Eve, Barbara Harrison praises her despite her reputation as a temptress. After all, "without the genetically transmitted knowledge of good and evil that Eve's radical act of curiosity sowed in our marrow, we should not desire to know God and to love God, we should have no need of Him."

Cynthia Ozick regards Hannah as a religious rebel for daring to engage in silent and inward prayer at a time when liturgical speech was public.

For Marcia Falk, however, the recitation of Hannah's story on Rosh Hashanah, "with its triumphant ending, can turn the festival into an excruciating experience for Jews who — like Hannah — suffer the grief of infertility but whose prayers — unlike Hannah's — go unanswered."

The mysterious Queen of Sheba, confesses Marina Warner, "[is] the most exotic, luxurious, sensual, and exciting woman in the Bible; the name Sheba conveyed heat and perfume and riches . . . this configuration of qualities was essentialized as blackness as surely as myth oozed form the sap of faraway trees."

Vashti, who defied her husband, King Ahasuerus, and refused to dance before a party of drunken men, has become a feminist heroine, according to *Out of the Garden*. More than compliant Esther, she represents dignity and self-esteem.

In a remarkable essay, Lore Segal searches the Bible to fashion a profile of God. Her quest discovers a complex and contradictory deity. She brought her quarrel with God to the late Rabbi Wolf Kelman and pointed out how God, who commands sympathy, is often cruel. The rabbi "lifted both shoulders and turned out his hands in the gesture I remember my grandmother making when she meant 'True! So? What can you do?' which, in its refusal to deny, or harmonize, or finesse, or rationalize . . . acknowledges the difficulty and our human helplessness before it."

This anthology is a refreshing and impressive approach to scripture that breaks new ground and broadens horizons.

Reading Ruth is a compilation of 30 essays, poems, stories and dramatic narratives by contemporary female scholars, psychiatrists, rabbis and poets. It is a generally splendid collection of pieces that brings numerous original insights, as well as passion and humor to a familiar story.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

Museum Notes From All Over: Philadelphia's Rosenbach Museum & Library (215-732-1600) is displaying 50 rare manuscripts, drawings, portraits and books once belonging to Dr. A.S.W. Rosenbach, a prominent U.S. bibliophile who understood the importance of collecting items related to the American-Jewish experience. Items include manuscripts by Isaac Pinto, Aaron Levy, Gershom Mendes Seixas and other early Jewish settlers, and portraits of prominent Jews such as Benjamin and Rebecca Gratz (who was the model for the "Jewess" Rebecca in Sir Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe*.) Until April 2.

An exhibit entitled GIs Remember: Liberating the Concentration Camps opens at the Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum in New York City March 1. Produced by the National Museum of American Jewish Military History, the display pays tribute to the U.S. foot soldiers, tank crewmen, combat medics and others who freed the emaciated survivors of Hitler's death factories. Until Sept. 30.

What to do in Paris on a rainy afternoon? Try visiting the famous Louvre, home of Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*, as well as (seemingly) millions of other works of fine art. Somewhat controversial when it first appeared in the '80s, I.M. Pei's grand pyramid acts as a wonderful vestibule to this extraordinary museum, and most Parisians have taken it into their hearts. The adult admission of 40 francs ($11.20) is reduced by half after 3 p.m.

The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh houses more than 3,000 pieces of Warholian pop art, including the famous Campbell's Soup cans and celebrity portraits of Marilyn Monroe, Jackie Onassis, Elvis Presley and Canada's Karen Kain. It's worth more than a 15-minute visit.

The New Orleans Historic Voodoo Museum presents voodoo dolls, secret potions, books and other paraphernalia of black magic. Centrally located in the historic French Quarter of New Orleans, the museum also offers psychic readings and tours of a nearby cemetery and swamp.

I.M. Pei's controversial entrance to the Louvre.

The Boston Children's Museum invites youngsters to touch and interact with educational exhibits — raceways, dancing skeletons, a climbing apparatus, even an authentic Japanese subway car.

Nashville's Museum of Tobacco Art and History explores the politically incorrect but fascinating universe of smoking. Displayed are such unique artifacts as a pipe commemorating Napoleon's retreat from Moscow and a six-foot wooden cigar store Indian.

Situated in the Chicago Cultural Center, the American Museum of Broadcast Communications features a working television studio where visitors can read the news from a teleprompter and take home a souvenir tape. The museum's archives houses a collection of more than 6,000 television shows, 49,000 hours of radio broadcasts and more than 8,000 television commercials. The Radio Hall of Fame features exhibits on Jack Benny, Edgar Bergen and others.

Visitors are encouraged to "think small" at the Petite Elite Miniature Museum & Gallery in Los Angeles, which displays unique hand-crafted contemporary miniatures. Movie stars, politicians, athletes and others are reproduced in miniature, along with clothing, furnishings, houses and examples of fine art.

The Heard Museum in Phoenix, Ariz., features a display of contemporary native American art that includes a bizarre 8-ft. tall cactus constructed of Rice Krispie treats by Rebecca Gloria-Jean Baird, an artist from Toronto. The museum also shows Navajo, Hopi and Zuni jewelry and a large Kachina doll collection.

While we're on the subject of museums ... the Holocaust Education Centre of Toronto is planning an exhibition commemorating the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Europe by Allied forces. It is currently seeking objects, photographs and correspondence relating to experiences in displaced persons camps, evacuation marches and liberated concentration camps. Call Pnina Zilberman, director, at (416) 635-2883, ext. 144.

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Liberation of Denmark: Numerous activities are planned to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Denmark. On the evening of May 4, candles will glow in windows throughout the country, and an unbroken line of laser lights will trace part of the Jutland coast from 10 p.m. to midnight. Simultaneous concerts from eight locations will be televised. On May 5, Queen Margrethe II is set to visit Ryvangen Memorial Park, dedicated to Danish civilians who lost their lives during the April 9, 1940 to May 5, 1945 Nazi occupation. For information, contact the Danish Tourist Board, P.O. Box 636, Mississauga Ont. L5M 2C2. Phone 905-820-8984.

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Student tours to Israel

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Hoping to encourage as many young Jewish people as possible to visit Israel, the CRB Foundation has established a toll-free phone line with comprehensive information on student tours to Israel.

The Israel Experience hotline (1-800-567-ISRA(EL)) offers information on more than 40 upcoming trips for students between 15 and 24, spokesperson Roberta Malam told *The CJN* from Winnipeg.

"There are a wide variety of programs. You can do straight touring or you can spend time on a kibbutz and then do touring," she said. "There's a program in which students go to Metulla to teach kids ice skating before touring."

Some tours include Gadna, for a taste of Israeli army life, while others include visits to Eastern European concentration camps sites. "There's a trip called Exodus '95 that starts in Rome and gives the participants an idea of what it felt like coming to Israel on the Exodus. They play a simulation game in which they're war refugees and the British won't let them in," Malam said.

Only by calling 1-800-567-ISRA(EL) does one get a sense of the many possibilities available to Canadian students interested in visiting Israel. Funded as a pilot project by the CRB Foundation, a charitable organization established by Montreal magnate Charles Bronfman, the Israel Hotline is co-sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federation, the United Jewish Appeal, the Council of Jewish Federations and other major community organizations.

"We're trying to get as many young Jews to Israel as possible, because this is one of the best ways to insure these young people remain committed and dedicated Jews during their adult years," explained Eli Rubenstein, director of the Young Leadership Division for the United Israel Appeal (UIA) Canada.

1-800-567-ISRA(EL) is "the one number to call to learn about all the student programs to Israel," he said. "This is the only place you can call to get answers to your questions or get directed to the right place to get your questions answered."

According to Rubenstein, organizers hope to send 50,000 Jewish students from Canada to Israel by the end of the century.

"Our relationship to Israel is a two-way street. As much as we can do for Israel, Israel can do at least as much for us," he said.

"Israel can help give our young people a positive experience, and make them understand that there's a 2,000-year-old dream being fulfilled. Now our young people can go to Israel, share in the dream, help build the dream, then return to our communities and enrich our communities because of their experiences in Israel."

Newspaper advertisements, billboards and radio commercials are being used to publicize the hotline, which is also being funded by the UIA and the Joint Authority for Jewish Zionist Education in Israel. The hotline also operates in the United States using a different toll-free number.

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For more information about packages and reservations, call 1-800-WHISTLER.

Correction

An article entitled, "Kosher Jewish delicacies in gay Paree" (*CJN* Dec. 15) indicated that Goldenberg's restaurant, 69, avenue de Wagram, Paris, is under rabbinic supervision.

Responding to a reader who questioned this information, *CJN* contacted the restaurant in Paris and learned that, while Goldenberg's does have a take-out deli section that sells meat which is under rabbinic supervision, the restaurant itself is open on Shabbat and is not kosher.

The CJN regrets the error.

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U.S. recommits to Israel's military advantage

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — U.S. Secretary of Defence William Perry on Sunday reaffirmed Washington's commitment to the Israeli-Syrian peace process, saying that was one reason for his Mideast visit.

"Our commitment to the peace process is one of the reasons I have come here, together with reaffirming our unshakeable commitment to Israel's security and maintaining Israel's qualitative advantage," Perry said at a state dinner in Jerusalem hosted by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Perry, who was here for two days, discussed with Rabin the possibility of deploying U.S. troops as observers on the Golan Heights, if and when a Syrian-Israeli accord is reached.

"We have willingness to discuss that, but it is premature at this time," he said. "We do not yet have a peace plan, and in particular we don't have a plan for how peace keeping forces might be deployed there."

Secretary of Defence visits Golan Heights

But Foreign Minister Shimon Peres hinted that the issue was on the table, saying: "We don't want to worry American mothers and, at most, what we are talking about is really a participation of a rather symbolic nature which doesn't carry risks and dangers."

Israeli opposition leaders visited the Golan Heights on Sunday on the eve of Perry's visit.

"It's important that Perry should know that when he's talking to the present government, which wants to give the Golan Heights to the Syrians, he's talking to a minority government," said Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

He said it was equally important that Perry be aware that the vast majority of the public is opposed to a withdrawal from the Golan.

Netanyahu, as well as leaders of Tsomet and the National Religious Party (NRP), met with representatives of Katzrin, a community in the Golan Heights, before holding a press conference.

Referring to Perry's visit, Netanyahu said he "strongly recommends" the U.S. defence secretary come to the region to see the situation for himself.

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan underlined the strategic importance of the Golan, maintaining that the Arab world had not changed its attitude toward Israel.

MK Yigal Bibi of the NRP stressed there is a national consensus against any pullout from the Golan. He called on all the parties and pro-Golan lobbyists to ensure the matter stays in the public eye, especially in the coming months, which he said would be a crucial period.

B.C. launches police unit

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — British Columbia Attorney General Colin Gabelmann has formed a law enforcement unit with a potentially explosive mandate: to explore possible links between far-right racist organizations and the anti-abortion movement.

The Coordinated Law Enforcement Unit will research the activities of anti-abortion groups operating in Vancouver.

The unit was set up following the near-fatal Nov. 8 shooting of Jewish doctor Gary Romalis, a gynecologist who works at a Vancouver abortion clinic.

Romalis was shot in his home by an unknown assailant. He is still recovering.

Gabelmann said the unit will not examine individual complaints, but possible connections between anti-abortionists and far-right racist groups.

Composed of representatives of the Vancouver Police Department and the RCMP, the unit is due to report to Gabelmann next month.

The attorney general's announcement came on the heels of several local media reports linking the anti-abortion movement with the racist right.

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ESCAPING FROM CHECHENYA

One of 32 Jewish immigrants who escaped war-torn Chechenya for Israel is helped at the Immigrants' Absorption Hall at Ben-Gurion Airport. *[IPPA]*

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Anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa are serious diseases that continue to rip families apart and cause young women to die. Leila Speisman reports in next week's issue.

Efrat rabbi warns of civil war — please see page 25

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Everywhere

CANADA

Ouellet to Mideast

OTTAWA — Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet will visit five Mideast countries later this month, including Israel.

Ouellet will visit Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Israel, and will preside over the re-opening of Canada's embassy in Beirut, ministry spokesman Rodney Moore told *The CJN* last week.

Ouellet's trip will take place from Jan. 17-31. Other details were not available last week.

Order of Canada

OTTAWA — Several prominent Jewish Canadians were named to the Order of Canada last week.

Named a Companion, the order's highest rank, was Toronto arts patron Arthur Gelber.

Among those named Officers of the order are Toronto philanthropist Joseph Rotman; Montreal judge Alan Gold; media mogul Harold Greenberg, also of Montreal; and Winnipeg businessman Albert Cohen.

Among the 52 new Members are Toronto artist Sorel Etrog; David Lepofsky, a Toronto lawyer; CBC-TV reporter Joe Schlesinger; Montreal philanthropist Edith Strauss; Winnipeg's Dr. Lyonel Israels for his work in health care; Vancouver musician and artistic director Leila Getz, and her husband, urban planner Peter Oberlander.

Calling Science Students

TORONTO — Six outstanding science students will be chosen to represent Canada this summer at The Bessie F. Lawrence 27th International Summer Science Institute at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot from July 12 to Aug. 11.

The program, conducted in English, is open to students entering university in September 1995 to pursue studies in science. Participants will work in small research groups in such areas as medicine, environmental problems or alternative energy sources. Three weeks on campus will be followed by a stint at a field school in the Negev.

For information and application forms, contact Edie Bayer at (416) 733-9220. Application deadline is March 1, 1995.

ISRAEL

Chechen Jews Flee

JERUSALEM — The Jewish quarter of Grozny is in ruins and there is hardly a building left undamaged in the Chechen capital, Jewish refugees reaching the southern Russian town of Nalchik have reported.

Twenty Jews have arrived in Nalchik over the last few weeks, bringing to 140 the number who have fled since heavy fighting broke out between Chechen nationalists and Russian troops. The Jewish refugees are housed, clothed, and fed by Jewish Agency emissaries, Nalchik emissary Shimon Drogan reported.

"The Jewish community, to all intents and purposes, is now extinct. The houses of the Jewish quarter have been destroyed, and only a handful of elderly people, too ill and weak to flee, are believed to be hiding in shelters," he said.

Meanwhile, the agency last week was organizing a second group of Jewish refugees to be brought to Israel soon. Last week, more than 30 Chechen Jews arrived here on a special flight.

A Real Take-out Order

JERUSALEM — Late night hankerings for pizza have gotten a number of Israeli soldiers into hot water.

The army is reportedly investigating soldiers operating in the security zone in southern Lebanon for allegedly using cellular telephones to order pizzas.

A waitress in northern Israel told Israel Radio how she would meet the soldiers, who drove to the border in a command car around midnight to pick up the pies.

Last week, the army imposed a ban on the soldiers' use of cellular telephones, which have become something of a craze in Israel.

Along with ordering pizzas, some soldiers on duty in Lebanon have apparently been using the telephones to contact their brokers for the latest stock quotes.

Yom Kippur War Report

JERUSALEM — Nearly 20 years after its completion, a report by a commission investigating the 1973 Yom Kippur War was made public last week.

The commission, established to study the blunders that allowed Israel to be caught off guard, found that then-Defence Minister Moshe Dayan had rejected the option of a pre-emptive strike against Egypt and Syria.

The report also found that Israeli intelligence reports at the time were seriously flawed.

WORLD

Woman Attacked Again

ROME — A Norwegian Jewish woman who last summer was the victim of an apparent anti-Semitic attack has been assaulted again.

Myriam Geelmuyden was found unconscious and with her face cut last week near the doorway of her home in the central Italian town of Assisi.

Geelmuyden told police she had opened the door to a young man claiming to be delivering a telegram, but who instead attacked her.

Geelmuyden, a writer, said she believed her attacker may have been one of three youths who assaulted her in the street last August, slashing her face and yelling anti-Semitic slogans.

Schindler's Letter

WASHINGTON — The widow of World War II hero Oskar Schindler has written to U.S. President Bill Clinton, urging clemency for convicted spy for Israel Jonathan Pollard.

"I know from personal experience that often, good decisions are the most difficult to make," Emilie Schindler wrote in a Dec. 20 letter to Clinton, a copy of which was sent to *The CJN* by Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard, Canada.

"Mr. Pollard's misguided deeds were motivated by a fear for the safety of the Jewish people in Israel. He has paid a very heavy price for that mistake and I hope that you will take the steps that will enable him to lead the rest of his life as a productive member of society," Mrs. Schindler said."

Clinton last year denied a commutation of Pollard's life sentence, which began 10 years ago.

New Museum Director

NEW YORK — The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council named a new director for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum last week.

Steven Katz, a 50-year-old professor of history and religion at Cornell University, will succeed founding director Jeshajahu Weinberg, 76, who is retiring.

Katz's appointment takes effect in March.

Weizman to England

LONDON — President Ezer Weizman is expected to visit England at the invitation of Queen Elizabeth to attend a ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany.

Weizman was invited to London following the visit to Israel two months ago of Prince Philip. No date was set for Weizman's visit.

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Continuity tops Network's agenda

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — About 140 Jewish students returned to their communities across Canada determined to complete two main tasks this year.

The first is to use the Jewish continuity issue to reach out to the student grassroots and to revitalize the Jewish Students' Network in an era where many of the issues that once shaped its agenda — such as the plight of Soviet Jewry — are now resolved.

The second is to keep Network itself alive. Members feel the 27-year-old organization has been under constant threat of being "restructured" out of existence and/or of losing its $100,000 in annual funding from the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) Canada.

The five-day annual convention was held at the Bonaventure Hilton Hotel.

"One of Network's problems [is that] there has never been a clear commitment money-wise," said Joel Etienne, a 21-year-old University of Montreal law student originally from Moncton, N.B.

About a quarter of the delegates came from small western communities. Lori Binder, 21, a University of Winnipeg student, said they are determined to fight assimilation, and they need to be given the tools to protect the future "of our children and grandchildren."

Ali Powell

In a move that upset some delegates, Etienne initially accepted the elected chairmanship of Network, succeeding Andrea Silverstone of Calgary — only to change his mind the next day.

Etienne explained he did this to devote all his energies to Network's programming.

The chair then went to Ali Powell, also of Calgary.

Powell, who was in the Bahamas, could not attend the convention due to an inner ear infection, but she took part in an all-candidates debate on election night via telephone.

The need for Jewish students to reach out more to each other was the theme that emerged during the convention. As it opened, Silverstone even spoke of the Jewish community facing a "massive spiritual holocaust" due to lack of Jewish affiliation.

Resolutions and suggested programs seemed to reflect more concrete ideas on how to handle that issue.

Etienne said his main priority will be to "build consensus" and strive for a new "inward activism" in Network.

Some of the programs he said he will seek to put into place relate to the environment, multiculturalism, "Jewish pride," small communities, and reaching out to "interdating" and unaffiliated Jews, as well as to the black community (Etienne's father, who converted to Judaism, is black).

Network voiced its intent to stage a one-day conference across Canada on women's issues, to hold a summer leadership seminar in Israel within the next two years, and to take advantage of the information superhighway.

One resolution was to send a petition to CJF Canada's Sheldon Maerov expressing concern over Network's future and the crisis of "spiritual atrophy" facing the Canadian Jewish community.

One postive sign for Network was the participation of delegates from the regions outside the Montreal/Toronto corridor.

In Montreal, where Network had been inactive for six years, there has also been a revival of activities, Montreal coordinator Bena Medjuck, 21, said.

Medjuck, a McGill University Jewish Studies student orginally from Halifax, said Network is planning a local Tu b'Shevat project with the Jewish National Fund and will cooperate with the Hillel Jewish Student Centre in staging other activities.

Sunquest gets OK to fly to Israel

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Despite objections from El Al Airlines, Israel's Civil Aviation Authority has given permission to the Canadian travel wholesaler Sunquest Vacations Ltd. to operate a series of weekly charter flights between Toronto and Tel Aviv from May to October 1995.

Although the development is public knowledge in Israel, officials at Sunquest headquarters in Toronto are withholding all details from the Canadian media until a press conference scheduled for Jan. 16.

Currently TWA, Delta and Tower Air all compete with El Al in offering direct flights to Israel from the United States, but until the Sunquest breakthrough, El Al has had exclusive rights on direct flights to Israel from Canada.

In recent weeks, officials of Israel's national airline have threatened to stop its twice-weekly service from Toronto and Montreal if Sunquest's request was approved. El Al officials have so far declined to comment about the future of its service in Canada.

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Education key priority for Agency candidate Burg

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — So why would one of Israel's most popular young MKs, whose political star is on the rise, want a job that has been described as a Miami Beach for public figures in the sunset of their careers?

Avraham Burg adjusts his knitted kippah and chuckles. "It's also called a Jewish Bermuda Triangle," he says, referring to the position for which he's running hard: the chair of the often beleaguered and much misunderstood Jewish Agency for Israel.

The agency is the central distributor in Israel of funds raised by the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) in the Diaspora.

In 1994, the agency's budget topped $450 million (US), with 60 per cent spent on aliyah and initial absorption of immigrants.

Burg, a Labor member of the Knesset who placed third in the 1992 party leadership race, is locked in a battle for the agency's top job with acting chair Yehiel Leket.

Actually, Burg is running to become chair of the World Zionist Organization. That person automatically assumes the chair of the more powerful Jewish Agency, subject to approval from Diaspora fundraising groups, who comprise half the agency's board of governors.

Burg and Leket are competing for their Labor Party's endorsement, scheduled for a vote next month.

Burg, 39, combines many divergent and seemingly paradoxical strands of modern Israeli life. He's a religious peacenik totally committed to Yiddishkeit and to peaceful coexistence with Arabs. His father, Josef, served in Likud cabinets for some 40 years.

Burg dismisses the long-held view that heading the Jewish Agency is not exactly a stepping-stone to political glory. Anyone who knows him, he says, shouldn't be surprised at his desire for the post.

"For the first time in history, both Israeli Jewry and Diaspora Jewry are about to have the same agenda: survival. That's why I want the job," he told *The CJN* during a recent one-day visit to Toronto to confer with UJA and United Israel Appeal leaders.

"I was an active peacenik for many years but I never believed that one day we would make peace with our enemies. One day, I looked up and [Prime Minister] Yitzhak Rabin was to my left. I was amazed.

"But now, we are past the point of no return. There will be suffering and agony and horror but one day, there will be peace in the Middle East. And that will leave us with many ticking social time bombs — social tensions, ethnic tensions, state versus church...

"But the single most important one is, can we survive as Jews without an external enemy? We in Israel are not immune to cultural assimilation."

Avraham Burg

Of course, neither are Jews in the Diaspora, who, for the most part, live in democracies relatively free of anti-Semitism, where the pull of secularism is ever stronger. Assimilation, not oppression, is now our greatest enemy, Burg feels.

With Jews worldwide at a crossroads, which way should the agency turn to meet the challenges?

"In the long term, the rescue of distressed Jewry, including from the former Soviet Union, is still the priority," Burg says. "After that, I would have three goals: Jewish education, Jewish education and Jewish education, in both Israel and the Diaspora. At the end of the day, the only thing that will ensure Jewish continuity is Jewish education, and I mean that in the broadest sense."

Burg envisions a revamping of the Jewish learning experience to return to age-old notions of visiting the sick and old, caring for the terminally ill and giving tzedakah, which in Israel, he says, is just not part of the national psyche.

"There's a feeling of entitlement among many Israelis. They say, 'Well, I'm religious, or secular, or a minority or an immigrant, so I'm entitled, and Jews abroad are all rich.' In Britain, 300,000 Jews raise more money than 5 million Israelis. I want to change that. I want to challenge Israelis to create our own local magbiot [fundraising organizations]"

Asked about Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin's remarks last year, in which he called for the dismantling of the agency and an end to Israel's being perceived as a charity, Burg raises his hand and says: "Yossi Beilin is my good friend, but I think it would be stupid to shut down the Jewish Agency. As long as both sides want it, there will be a need for it.

"We have to reintroduce the Jewish Agency as the single most important Jewish body in North America. The philosophy over the past few decades [in Israel] has been 'Give us the money and shut up.' There must be a new era of dialogue between Israel and the Diaspora. We have to learn how to listen to each other."

WHAT IS THE JEWISH AGENCY?

The Jewish Agency is a non-governmental body, centered in Jerusalem, whose aims are to assist in the development and settlement of Israel.

The agency was founded in 1929 as part of the World Zionist Organization. From that date until the establishment of the State of Israel, the body played the principal role in the relations between the National Home and world Jewry on the one hand, and the Mandatory and other powers on the other.

In May 1948 the Jewish Agency relinquished many of its functions to the newly-created government of Israel but continued to be responsible for immigration, land settlement, youth work, and other activities financed by voluntary contributions from abroad. The name of the Jewish Agency in Hebrew is *Hasochnut Hayehudit*.

— *Excerpted from the* Encyclopedia Judaica

North York man dies in apartment fire

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A 35-year-old Jewish man was one of six victims of a fatal apartment fire in North York that has focused attention on safety standards in the province's highrises.

Close to 400 mourners turned out Sunday to pay tribute to Stewart Scheinert, an uncomplicated man who loved porcelain figurines.

Scheinert was a top-floor tenant in the 30-storey building at 2 Forest Laneway that was engulfed in smoke and flames early last Friday morning. His body was found near the locked roof door, where he was escaping when overcome by smoke.

"He was such a wonderful boy," said his grief-stricken father, Murray Scheinert. "Everybody liked him and he didn't have an enemy in the world."

Murray Scheinert told *The CJN* he hopes similar tragedies will be averted following a planned coroner's inquest.

Scheinert also leaves his mother Nettie, brother Stephen and sister-in-law Barbara.

From coast to coast

Social worker sheds light on child abuse in Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Hanita Zimrin

TORONTO — One might expect Hanita Zimrin, founder and chair of ELI, a Tel Aviv-based organization for abused children, to have no tolerance for child abusers.

But though she doesn't condone their crimes, the Jerusalem-born professor and mother of three grown children sees abusers, particularly parents, as "people in distress.

"Our message is, 'We don't like what you do, but we do like you'," said Zimrin, 49, during a recent interview in Toronto.

She believes that while it's easy to empathize with victims of abuse, "you need to go through a painful process to find compassion for someone who behaves against everything you were raised on. It's difficult, but if you want to help, you need to find those things within yourself."

That attitude has paved the way for abusers and potential abusers to call ELI's Israel-wide hotline and ask for help. In fact, 18 per cent of their calls are from perpetrators, Zimrin said.

Recently, an ELI volunteer received a call from a father who was having sexual fantasies about his 7-year-old daughter. The opportunity to prevent this form of child abuse was very gratifying for Zimrin. "It's worth it to get this single call."

Zimrin's involvement in the field began when she was a PhD student at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem looking for an "interesting and easy" subject for her thesis. The first person in Israel to receive a PhD in Social Work in 1978, Zimrin chose the topic "maltreatment of children" at the suggestion of a pediatrician friend. The term child abuse had yet to enter common usage.

Following her thesis research, Zimrin wanted to help abused children. But she encountered denial and even hostility when she broached the subject with the Israeli ministries of health and education, she said.

"What is your hidden agenda? Do you have a dirty mind?" she remembers being asked.

To channel her anger, she founded ELI in 1979. The acronym, standing for the Hebrew words Agudah L'Haganat Hayeled (Association for Child Protection), also means My God, "a cry for help," said executive director Ronit Rabinowitz, with Zimrin during a North American tour.

Fifteen years ago, despite advanced child protection laws, there was a dearth of services for children in Israel, said Zimrin. It was generally believed that such services weren't necessary.

The first seven or eight years of Zimrin's work involved public education to challenge the notion that abuse didn't occur in Jewish families.

Eventually, the organization started to get calls for help. ELI now has three facilities, including an office and training unit with a library and clearing house for information on child abuse. The organization has a staff of 42 paid employees (Zimrin herself didn't draw a salary for the first 10 years). They also have about two dozen professional volunteers.

ELI has successfully worked to have child protection laws in Israel further refined. Zimrin is hopeful that legislation will be enacted soon to exempt agencies such as ELI from requiring a parent's consent to treat a child.

ELI's $1-million (US) annual budget comes from a number of individuals and organizations. It began active fundraising three years ago, and last year, for the first time, received government money for a new shelter for children at high risk.

A typical ELI case, Zimrin and Rabinowitz say, can take a year of intensive therapy involving five sessions a week. "This is an investment," said Zimrin. "We need to break the cycle of psychological damage."

In the past year, ELI made educational presentations to 70,000 Israeli schoolchildren, most of whom are Jewish.

The organization receives almost 3,000 reports of abuse annually, said Zimrin, and the numbers are increasing with increasing public awareness. "The more [education] we do, the more [treatment] there is to be done."

Artist's model of the Na'amat Canada Shelter and Counselling Centre for the Prevention of Violence in the Family in Tel Aviv.

Na'amat helps build women's shelter

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Na'amat Canada is helping the city of Tel Aviv build its first shelter and counselling centre for battered women.

The $1-million project, to be completed in late spring, will house 18 women and their children in the Moaz Aviv district of Tel Aviv.

Israeli architect Ornit Lapin designed the 1,385-sq.ft. building to include consultation and treatment rooms, a library and lecture halls.

Na'amat Canada will underwrite 50 per cent of the building costs with the Tel Aviv Foundation, said president Etty Danzig. Na'amat in Israel will run the centre under director Ronit Lev-Avi.

"There will be a waiting list a mile long" for shelter beds, Danzig said, quoting statistics compiled by Na'amat's family violence department in Israel. Staffers there have reported receiving 20 calls a day from battered women, of whom 20 per cent are calling from the Tel Aviv region. The Tel Aviv counselling centre will staff a 24-hour hot line.

Na'amat has estimated there are up to 300,000 battered women in Israel.

Na'amat Canada is planning a fundraising drive for the shelter and counselling centre.

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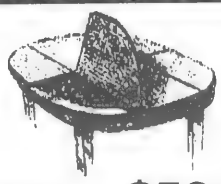
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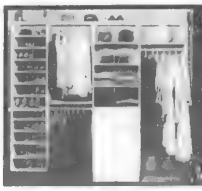
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Lublin linked to Droege

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A security report on the Heritage Front has alleged a former Jewish member of the Reform Party maintained a secret association with neo-Nazi Wolfgang Droege and both plotted to raise each other's public profiles.

In a series of dramatic revelations, the recently-released report of the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) indicates that Kitchener-Waterloo native Michael Lublin forged a "clandestine alliance" with Droege to discredit the Reform Party.

The Machiavellian scheming outlined in the SIRC report also has Lublin coordinating transmission of funds from a "Bay Street type" to Droege as a pay off for him to embarrass Reform.

Citing a number of sources, the report suggests Lublin wanted to be seen as the Heritage Front's number one enemy while also making a name for himself as a peacemaker between neo-Nazis and Jews.

The report states that members of the Heritage Front believed Lublin coveted Bernie Farber's job as director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress.

And in a twist to an already bizarre series of revelations, the report says Lublin suggested the Heritage Front blow up his car to show he was the racist group's primary opponent.

When contacted by *The CJN*, Lublin postponed the interview to another day and then did not return calls.

The SIRC investigation was prompted by media reports that Grant Bristow, a Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) informant in the Heritage Front, conducted a harassment campaign against anti-racists and tried to embarass the Reform Party by linking it to racist groups.

SIRC report

In a section titled "The Enigma," the SIRC report traces Lublin's involvement with Reform. He is quoted as leaving the party over allegations it was anti-Semitic. Reform officials suggest he turned on the party after he was rejected for a party position.

Citing Bristow as a source, the SIRC report suggests that "Lublin was an anti-racist who wanted to be a spokesperson for the Jewish community ... As a negotiator, he could make a name for himself." Bristow took a photograph of Lublin and Droege arm-in-arm.

The report also states that in April 1993, "Droege told Bristow the Heritage Front might wish to engage Lublin for publicity purposes and also the two groups could work together to discredit Preston Manning and the Reform Party."

It was further learned that Lublin wanted to be called the Heritage Front's primary opponent because "the notoriety [would] establish him as the guardian of the Jewish community ... Lublin even suggested that the Heritage Front should blow up his personal vehicle so that he could show the public that he was an important neo-Nazi enemy."

Lublin told SIRC that Farber and university student John Toogood worked together to discredit Reform. He later withdrew that allegation.

"It's clear that Lublin's credibility on this issue is non-existent," Farber said. "It's vicious nonsense."

With regard to suggestions that Lublin coveted his job and had a secret association with Droege, Farber said "if the allegations are true, I have no idea why any Jew would at any time try to make common cause with a Nazi. A Jew who makes common cause with a Nazi should be ashamed of himself."

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מאָסקוע, 14-טער יאַנואַר, 1948. דער שניי האָט געשאָטן און דער ווינט האָט אים אונטערגעכאפּט און געשמיסן איבערן פּנים. אין די אויערן האָט נאָך אַלץ נגקלונגן: מיכאָעלס איז אומגעקומען, מיכאָעלס — די פאַרקערפערונג פון לעבן, ענערגיע, קראָפט — ליגט איצט ערגעץ-וווּ וויט פון מאָסקווע אַ טויטער.

די טרען פון מעטאָ זיינען נעווען ברייט צעפּפּנט. צענדליקער האָבן זיך נעשטופּט וואָס גיכער אַראָפּצונידערן מיט די עסקאַלאַטאָרס צו די באַנען. זיי האָבן זיך נעאיילט, נעטרייבענע פון פראָסט, נעטרייסלט פון זיך דעם שניי, נעריבן די פּנימער און הענט כדי זיך צו דערוואָרעמען.

איך בין נעגאַנגען מיט דער בריסטער סאָדאָוואָיא-נאָס צו דער מאָ-לאָיא-כראָאַיא. דאָרט, אין טעאַטער, צווישן אַקטיאָרן וועט מען דערגיין, וואָס עס איז נעשען.

איך האָב נעשפּאַנט דורך וויטע און שניי. מען האָט שלעכט נעזען די פּנימער פון די דורכנייערס. מען האָט אויסנעמען צו טרעפן זיך מיט אַ בליק. בעסער ניט קענען, ניט זען דעם אומבאַקאַנטן דורכנייער. דאָס איז נעזעטצער, ויכערער. . . פּאַר מיינע אויגן איז נעשטאַנען שלמה מיכאָעלס, מיט וועלכן איך האָב זיך ערשט ניט לאַנג נעטראָפן.

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שלמה מיכאָעלס האָט נעהאַט אין זיך עפּעס אַזוינס, וואָס האָט מאַנגעטיש צוגעצויגן יעדן איינעם, וואָס האָט אים צום ערשטן מאָל דער-זען. זיין פּנים האָט פאַרמאָגט די אָריגינעלע שטאַרקע, וועלכע מען טרעפט נאָר זעלטן. אַ פּנים, וואָס מען קען קיין מאָל ניט פאַרגעסן. זיין סאַקראַ-טעס-שטערן האָט געלויכטן. די טיפע אויגן זיינע האָבן נעקאָנט ריידן אַזוי ווי זיינע הענט. די אָריסנגעשאַרטע ליפּ האָט צוגענעבן זיין פּנים ענערגיע און אנטשלאָסנקייט. אין דער קונסט איז פאַר אים נעווען דאָס ווי קיינטקסטע דאָס פאַראַלגעמיינערן און אויסדרוקן אַ נעדאַנק בילדעריש. ער האָט נעהאַלטן, אַז אונדזער סטאַטער-קונסט, ווי די ליטעראַטור, באַ-דאַרף שטעלן פאַר זיך אויף די פּראָבלעמען פון מענטש אין דער אָרומיקער וועלט אין די הויפּט-טעמע פון זיינע נעשאַפענע נעשטאַלטן אויף דער ביטע. דאָס וויכטיקסטע אין דער קונסט איז דער נעדאַנק. וואָס מער וויטן אַ קינסטלער האָט, אַלץ שאַרפער און בולטער קאָן ער אויס-דריקן זיין נעדאַנק.

שלמה מיכאָעלס איז נעווען אַ שטאָלצער ייִד. ער האָט אין זיך נע-טראָגן די וועלט פון אַ פאַלק, וואָס האָט אַרויסגענעבן פון זיך די נעסטע דענקער און קינסטלער. ער האָט זיך נעגרויסט מיט דער ייִדי-שער נשמה כדי צו ליטעראָטור. דאָס האָט אים אַבער ניט באַגרענעצט, פאַרקערפּט, ער איז נעווארן דורך דעם אונזיוורסאַל גרויס. ער האָט ליב נעהאַט שלום עליכמען און גאָנאָלן. אים איז נאָענט נעווען י. ל. פּרץ און ער האָט שטאַרק ליב בעהאַט טאָלסטאָיען.

— מיר מחן נעמען דאָס בעסטע פון זיי און ברענגען דאָס צו אונדז, — פלעגט ער אָפט זאָגן.

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— מיר מוזן דערווייזן, אז ייִדיש פאַלק לעבט. אַ פאַלק קאָן ניט אומקומען — אַזוי האָט נעדענקט מיכאָעלס, בעת ער האָט נעארבעט צו-זאַמען מיטן דראַמאַטורג שניירער איבער דער פּיעסע *פּרייליעכס*. די פאַר-שטעלונג איז אויפּגענומען נעווארן מיט באַגייסטערונג. סטאַלין האָט אונטערגעשריבן פאַר אים און פאַר דער פאַרשטעלונג די סטאַלין-פּרעמיע. די זעלביקע האָבט האָט דערנאָך אונטערגעחתמ'עט דעם טויט אורטייל.

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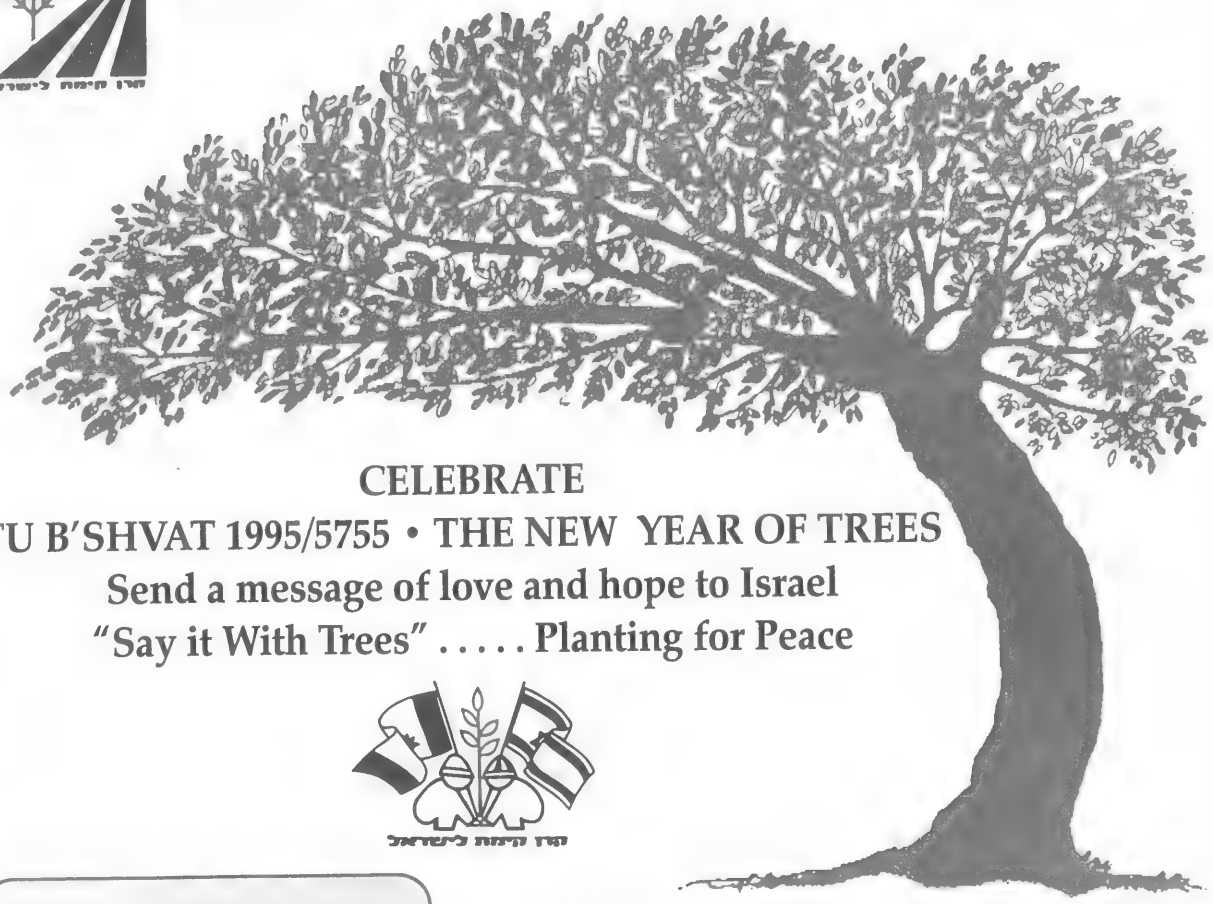

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Political mischief, not legal reasoning

The decision last month by the Federal Court of Canada rejecting the claim to "refugee status" made by a family which had moved to Canada from Israel was a refreshing breeze dissipating a fetid odor which had clung shamefully to Canadian immigration law.

In recent times we have witnessed the sad, sorry spectacle of hundreds of Israeli citizens, most of them new immigrants to Israel from the former Soviet Union, landing on Canadian shores and promptly appealing to officials for admission to Canada as refugees and for the automatic welfare cheques which accompany such status.

We have also witnessed the sadder and sorrier spectacle of the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) accepting many of these spurious claims as factually and legally valid.

Under the terms of the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and its 1967 Protocol, Canada is obliged to determine the status of persons who claim refuge in this country. The Convention defines a refugee as "a person unable to return to his or her home country because of a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group."

No other country in the world has ever accepted Israeli citizens as refugees. And for good reason.

Israel is a democracy. Its Knesset is freely elected. Its judiciary is respected throughout the world as independent, scholarly and bold. Its press is free, aggressive and constantly inquiring into the decisions of the government. But most important, each and every individual is free to the leave the country.

That there may be discrimination, resentment and even ridicule directed against some of its citizens is a painful flaw of Israeli life from which no society is free. But, as Federal Court Justice Marshall Rothstein stated in his ruling, discrimination — if there is any — does not amount to persecution

That there are "entrepreneurial" individuals looking for ways to exploit the generosity of both the Israeli and the Canadian systems is unfortunate but not surprising. But that a Canadian tribunal is willing to submit to such venal exploitation is a mockery to the brotherhood of democratic nations and a shameful stain upon the integrity of the adjudicating body.

In our view, the IRB decisions accepting the refugee claims attest more to an agenda of political mischief rather than to a dedication to legal reasoning.

Tu b'Shevat

The origin of Tu b'Shevat is found in the Talmud. It is one of four dates in the annual calendar specially appointed by the rabbis as a "new year" for certain purposes: in this case as a dividing line for determining the tithes of fruits incumbent upon farmers during the days of the Temple.

After the destruction of the temple, the 15th (T'U) of Shevat evolved into a commemorative day marked by festivities and localized customs involving the eating of various fruits.

Of course, in modern times the holiday has acquired new significance symbolizing the reclamation and the redemption of the Land of Israel. It is a day of tree planting, celebrated primarily for and by the children.

However the attachment of the Jewish people to trees predates Talmudic times by thousands of years. It is an atavistic tie, nestled deep within the consciousness of the people, as evidenced by the very first narrative in the Bible which depicts mankind's inner moral struggle as a choice between the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge.

The attachment is also one of respect. Even in times of war, during a long siege of the enemy's city, biblical law expressly prohibited armies from cutting down the trees outside the city walls.

Mankind and nature are linked in a divinely created symbiosis which replenishes both human generations and the earth.

It is no coincidence that, like the mountains, trees aspire towards heaven. They are, thus, a worthy example for mankind.

As was once pointed out by a modern rabbi: "Trees grow upward: so should human beings. Trees, with their green leaves and tenderly tinted blossoms, seek the light: so should human beings."

Dry Bones

JEWS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL SEND MONEY TO PLANT TREES HERE IN ISRAEL?
YES! ON JANUARY 16 TH!
THAT'S TOO ABSURD
NO. THAT'S TU B'SHVAT

STUDENT'S JEWISH PRIDE

Re: "Jewish Identity," (*CJN*, Dec. 15).

I agree 100 per cent with this student's feelings. We do not promote pride in being Jewish. We Jews have a lot to be proud of. We have contributed to mankind in science, medicine, literature, art and business.

Let the teachers and community leaders teach our people to be proud of our Jewishness - not to hide the fact. And we should not pride ourselves that we don't look or act Jewish. It will be more beneficial than to dwell on past suffering.

Jerry Kapelus
Toronto

REUNION OF BERGEN-BELSEN SURVIVORS

A memorial ceremony will be held at the site of concentration camp Bergen-Belsen, funded by the German state, commemorating the 50th anniversary of its liberation by the British army, April 27, 1995 (four days after the liberation ceremonies at the site of concentration camps Sachsenhausen and Ravensbruck, located in and funded by another German state). Surviving former inmates are invited to attend.

The state has sent funds to Bergen-Belsen survivors organizations worldwide, to assist surving members who wish to attend. Those survivors who are interested should contact, as early as possible: World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations, Norbert Wollheim, Box 232, Lennox Hill Station, New York N.Y. 10021 for further details.

The address of the memorial site and museum is: Gedenkstaette Bergen-Belsen, 29303 Lohheide.

Frederick Rose
Toronto

DECRIES VIOLENCE AT EFRAT

I am appalled at the violence perpetrated against Israeli soldiers by the extreme Israeli left who are supporting the Arabs against the expansion of the town of Efrat

How sad it is to witness our brothers siding with the enemy. How ironic it is that the secularists salute as the Arab hordes scream Allah akbar (G-d is great) as the soldiers are attacked and injured by rocks and bottles (*Yediot Acharonot* Jan. 1). If Jews are unable to build houses on legally owned Jewish soil, the day cannot be too far off when Jewish building in Ramle and Haifa will also be stopped "for the sake of peace."

Michael Wilschanski M.D.
Toronto

PLO PLAN FOR ISRAEL IS CLEAR

The events taking place in the Arab-Israeli conflict since Labor's victory in Israel in 1992 bring to mind those in Europe after the publication of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, in which he clearly laid out his plan for Germany's hegemony and for his pet project of the "Final Solution."

Regrettably, the international community was oblivious to his utterances and his deeds, but he kept his word and, after he was given the power, proceeded religiously according to his plan.

Similarly, the PLO was very clear on its ultimate plan for the destruction of Israel and for the last 30 years it has been striving persistently and diligently to achieve it.

In spite of the limping, by some considered moribund, peace process, PLO leaders have not been shy about their goal, and on different occasions have proclaimed it publicly. And regrettably, the present Israeli government appears to have blinkers on their eyes and ear plugs in their ears. In my view, it is time to remove them.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

SPEAK OUT FOR JUDAISM

I want to express my appreciation for the article, "The Case for Jewish Proselytism" by Dr. Nelson Daniels in *Viewpoints* (*CJN*, Nov. 24).

It is no exageration to say that in the name of the blood spilled since time immemorial, it is not only right to prevent individuals like Ernst Zundel and his kind from spreading hate messages, but that it is much better to let the world know what Judaism is

Israel in particular and the world in general needs to be protected from nuclear devastation.

Any gloom regarding the end of this century and the beginning of the next fascinates astrologists. But do these people believe in G-d's final and supreme authority? They should remember that in the final analysis we are not masters of our destiny, but that G-d is, if we have faith and believe in His existence

CJN is a newpaper that fills a vacuum and is a contribution to freedom and democracy. Let us hope for the best.

Armand Guillat
Montreal

UNDESERVED CREDIBILITY

Your correspondent David Lazarus lends undeserved credibility to a Christian missionary group through a number of factual errors in his article (CJN Montreal Jan.5) about their confrontation with members of an Orthodox synagogue in Dollard Des Ormeaux.

As one of the people present, I think it is urgent to point out that most of the members of the Kehillat She'ar Yashuv who confronted members of the Congregation Beth Tikvah were non-Jews. Their "spiritual leader," Percy Johnson, is a Peruvian-born professional Chrisitan missionary. The fact that the men wore tallesim didn't make them Jews, but rather highlighted their mockery of Judaism. Lazarus was wrong to describe them as "a group of Jews."

Nathan Elberg
Dollard Des Ormeaux, Quebec

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Perspectives

THE AGENDA FOR 1995

A critical year lies ahead for Israel

By Yeshayahu Anug

The year 1994 was undoubtedly one of the most eventful and baffling in Israel's history. Its achievements in many spheres were remarkable, but it also exposed this country's dilemmas with unprecedented clarity and left many questions unanswered.

Like the unsettled world scene, where the somewhat stable cold war era has collapsed, but the much advertised "new order" remains a daydream, the Middle East too, after having turned its back on decades of futile belligerence, is still unable to transform the mirage of peace into reality. There and here the political leaders are unable to cope with the costs and challenges of the announced transition, They are all struggling for political survival and have little energy left to master the opportunities for change. The results worldwide are confusion, stagnation and even regression.

After these disheartening observations regarding the wider world scene, it must be said that Israel is in relatively better shape than many other societies, but here too the government's popularity is not high.

Israel's ability to act as a military deterent is not only intact, but growing; yet its mighty military build-up cannot cope effectively with the violent outbursts of Islamic extremism. And in the peace process too, the political leadership, though so daring in taking momentous initiatives, fails to handle the opportunities it has itself created.

The state of Israel's economy is better than it was when this government took over more than two years ago. Unemployment is down from 11 to 7.5 per cent, despite a yearly influx of 80,000 new immigrants. Foreign and local investments in infrastructure and in new industries registered a 30 per cent growth.

On the negative side though, during the same period, inflation rose from eight to 14 per cent and the foreign currency deficit from five to eight billion dollars US. The public is losing faith in the erratic financial market.

In effect, Israel has recently become a booming consumer society, with the standard of living going up an impressive 12 per cent, which has benefited many, but it has left the weaker sector of the population unable to cope with the rising cost of living and at the mercy of a weakening welfare network.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. [IPPA photo]

Political, military matters

In this confusing situation, the public's worries are being constantly manipulated by the tabloids and the other popular media, all engaged in a merciless war for ratings that thrives on gloomy alarmism. The official messages portray a government in need of clarity of purpose and of adequate tactics. Instead of being reassuring, these messages reflect insecurity in the handling of political-military matters related to both the ongoing peace talks and the various economic, social and even constitutional issues.

This is, I think, a fair picture of the national scene as Israel enters 1995, the one year left for decisive govenment action before the election-year 1996 takes over and either confirms or changes the present government and its course.

Meanwhile, Arab terrorism has scored some points and part of the public, though prepared for the violent struggle of Arab extremism against any attempt at regional peace, is gradually losing faith in the visibility of the peace process.

This sector, once skeptical as to the prospects of the process and its costs — but ready to give it a chance — is now listening to the opposition, which has no rational alternatives to offer, but blames the government's peace initiative for the present wave of terror and for the loss of human lives.

To complete the confusing picture and in sharp contrast to the serious problems that confront the embattled country at this time, petty politics and personal rivalries seem to dominate the scene in all political parties which are nervously preparing for their primaries before the 1996 general elections. Nothing extraordinary in democracies, one can say, but then, this society always tends to over-dramatization, and the result is apathy and disgust with the standards of politics and politicians.

And yet, even in this complicated situation, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin holds the cards he needs to persevere not only in the conduct of the peace process, but also in handling his unruly internal front. Though his teflon lining was recently damaged by some tactical failures for which he must take the blame, he has no serious challenger in his camp.

And like it or not, PLO chief Yasser Arafat, himself threatened by the fanatical extremists in his own house, is still the only conceivable partner for a possible settlement with an entity with which Israel must learn to co-exist, side by side and in mutual respect. This is a frustrating partnership and is unlikely to improve very much. But perhaps a new approach could produce a change.

There are those who now suggest skipping the accident-prone intermediary phases of the Olso accord and negotiating a final resolution of the conflict right away. The rationale and the incentive for such a short-cut is the consideration that both parties will be readier for mutual concessions and trade-offs than they are now, as they limp from one obstacle to another and patch them up with shaky compromises. The chances that such an approach will be adopted by the government are slim, but may improve.

And as 1995 will also test the commitment of Israel and Syria to conciliation, it promises to be a critical year in which daring decisions — one way or the other — will have to be made.

Uneven justice: Ames versus Pollard

By BERT RAPHAEL

The daily press gave broad coverage to the arrest and the subsequent conviction of Aldrich Ames for spying on behalf of the former Soviet Union. What has not been highlighted is the stark comparison between his motives and those of Jonathan Pollard.

Thousands of organizations throughout the world Jewish and non-Jewish and hundreds of thousands of people have written to Bill Clinton calling for Jonathan Pollard's pardon. President Clinton continues to act relying on false and erroneous information supplied by the American State Department. Pollard's continued incarceration is a blemish on the integrity of the American judicial system. The following is a comparison between the Ames and Pollard cases.

FACTS OF THE AMES CASE:

1. Aldrich Ames provided classified information to the Soviet Union while it was in the United States' implacable enemy during the Cold War — for nine years.

2. Ames provided information to the Soviet Union to increase its offensive capabilities against the United States. He betrayed 55 intelligence operations and exposed more than 34 agents.

3. Ames "with intent and reason to believe that it is to be used to the injury of the United States...communicated, delivered and transmitted to representatives of the Soviet Union...information relating to the national defence of the United States to wit: classified CIA operations and classified human asset."

4. Ames' conduct resulted in the deaths of at least 12 United States agents.

5. Ames' sole motive was greed, and he was paid approximately $15 million for his activities.

6. Ames was sentenced to life in prison.

FACTS OF THE POLLARD CASE:

1. Jonathan Pollard provided classified intelligence data to Israel, one of the United States' closest allies.

2. Pollard provided Israel with information to allow Israel to defend itself from hostile nations — particularly Iraq — intent on Israel's destruction.

3. Pollard was only indicted on one count of providing information to a foreign nation. He was not charged with having "knowledge or reason to believe" that his actions would harm the United States.

4. Pollard was never charged with taking actions that harmed United States intelligence agents.

5. Pollard's initiative in assisting Israel arose when the United States began withholding critical defence information from Israel after Iraq's nuclear facility was bombed. He believed his actions were necessary to prevent another Holocaust.

6. Pollard was sentenced to life in prison with recommendation against parole. On November 21, 1994, he began his 10th year in incarceration.

Bert Raphael, Q.C. is Canadian council for Jonathan Pollard and chair of Canadian Lawyers & Jurists for World Jewry.

Opinions

Violence for the sake of violence

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

I have always felt, and I still feel, that we Jews can make a magnificent contribution to our society by resensitizing ourselves and by recognizing that the present moral drifting of our generation will lead us deeper and deeper into pits of inhumanity.

It is no accident that we seem to be reacting more and more to the extremes of life only; extremes when it comes to love, extremes when it comes to human relations. A book which deals with sex must today be explicit, nearly pornographic; otherwise it is apparently not worth reading. The romantic love of yesterday, in which soul clung to soul rather than body to body, is called by our contemporary critics "sentimental mush."

A significant portion of the public devours magazines and "news"papers which display violence, crime and similar nadirs of life as their major offerings, and the publishers have come to fear that the populace will not read their stuff unless such news is prominent. Even the mainstream daily press will headline accidents and mayhem.

Every other TV show indulges in violence. Few are the exhibitions in which someone is not punched or kicked, mutilated, injured or shot. Millions buy the sadistic trash which exalts violent behavior. And then the nation pretends to be shocked over the senseless exhibition of juveniles who seem to love violence for the sake of violence. These juveniles do not live, as we like to believe so often, in a world of their own; they are a *reflection of our world,* and our world loves violence. To be sure, we adults have acquired certain inhibitions and don't dare to act out this love. But our youngsters do, and we should not be surprised.

Many people are confused and bewildered over certain aspects of modern art with its distortion of the human face and figure, with its abstract presentation of human emotions. But every true art is a reflection of its time, and modern art at its truest is an adequate and accurate reflection of our era. It is distorted and disjointed. Ortega Gasset's analysis of "dehumanized art" reflects the dehumanized person. Our artists will return to a representation of inner beauty and wholeness when moderns return to themselves as persons of human sensitivity.

Having said this, I wonder whether you think back with nostalgia to the days when all of this did not apply. If you do, alas, you are wrong.

The paragraphs above were written by me exactly 35 years ago, in 1959 (actually they were part of a Yom Kippur sermon). I came across this item quite by accident and, I must admit, I read it with some consternation. It brings to mind the saying in Kohelet, that those who believe the former days were better than ours do not speak wisely. And that biblical statement was written more than several thousand years ago.

Postcript: Reuters reported from London (*Globe & Mail,* Dec. 20, 1994):

Negative television news about crime, death, famine and wars makes people worry more about their own troubles, British psychologist say. Turning off disturbing news may not indicate an uncaring attitude but instead may be a way to preserve one's own mental health, Wendy Jonston of London's City University and Graham Davey of Sussex University told a conference of the British Psychological Society yesterday. "You might imagine that if people watch crime and so on on TV it might put their worries into perspective," Davey said. But instead, it makes people dwell on their own troubles.

Appreciation of nature's force at Tu b'Shevat

Confronting God's creatures in a sun-dappled Toronto ravine

By Jack Chissick

January in Winnipeg, burdened with deep snow and temperatures of -30, is not a month in which one is conditioned to think about trees. Even now, having spent most of my adult life in balmy Toronto, I still can't connect Tu b'Shevat with planting trees. But as a result of a recent experience, I began to reflect on the relationship between people and the rest of God's creations.

One sunny morning after a snowfall had turned the landscape into a canvas of pristine white on white, I took a solitary walk through a wooded ravine which traverses the end of the street where I live. It was still. Nothing was moving, yet I could feel life forms like an enemy hidden behind each tree. And I unexpectedly came upon a trail of small footprints. The footprints led me to a little animal. Nose twitching and ears laid back, its curiosity aroused, it sat watching me as I stopped to watch it. The rabbit that lived in my garden in the summer lives in the ravine in the winter. In spite of the snow cover, with an intelligence I could not comprehend, it had managed to find a breakfast which was spread out before it.

I stood very still in the zebra stripes of light and shadows cast by the naked trees. To my surprise, the rabbit came almost to my feet, bringing with it the little breakfast of greens. It had no fear, laboring under an illusion, believing that animal and human were still living together in the Garden of Eden. It gave me a friendly glance from time to time as it nibbled on the food. This rabbit had not, it seemed, learned very much about humans. Late last summer, with the triumphant enthusiasm of a gladiator, I almost killed the rabbit with a stone, because the creature had dared to feed on the plants in my garden.

In this quiet ravine, my undeclared war was about to be resumed when a sudden feeling of remorse overcame me. This innocent animal with the appealing face wanted very little, a plot of woodland to scamper in, sunlight, moonlight, and some vegetation to chew. It was an edge-of-the-world dweller, caught between a vanishing forest and a diminishing meadow, pre-empted by unpredictable humans who claim the whole earth for themselves. It eyed me nearsightedly, a green leaf in its mouth. Plainly, it had a poorly programmed memory and did not know about the lion and the lamb.

"Run rabbit, run," I wanted to shout. "You are in the wrong universe and must not make this mistake again. I am really a very evil and mean-spirited beast. I throw stones at you." With that, I made an impulsive throwing motion.

It reacted to my signal as if to come closer to me. Then a second thought seemed to cross its mind — a thought telepathically received from the dark world below and before time, a whisper of ancient disasters heard in the depths of its burrow. Perhaps after all, this was not Eden. Nose twitching more rapidly — it retreated into the thicker woods.

As it faded into the shadows, there went with it a natural world, distinct from the world in which we live. The rabbit's haven, while still overgrown with trees was also adorned with man's garbage. It was as if the rabbit had taken the sunlight with it into the shadows. It turned, waiting for me to leave. I continued my walk, relieved and pleased that darkness had not gained on life by any act of mine.

There is a force in nature greater than the power of humans. It is the power inherent in all of God's creatures. It is the power behind the light of the rabbit's world in the ravine at the end of the street on which I live. It is the power that makes the sun rise and set. It is the power that makes forests grow — even if I don't plant trees on Tu b'Shevat.

A poem for Tu b'Shevat

A little boy walked with his father
To plant a seedling in the earth
In a place made ready, nurtured,
And prepared for roots to grow.

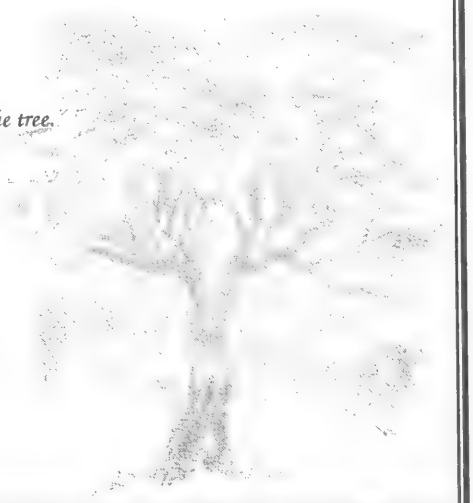
From the blue deep sky an infinity above,
Sunlight dropped like feathery reminders
Through spare and barren branches
Onto the wide sheltering shoulders of the father.

And God loved the seedling,
As the father loved the little boy.
With the hand of the father
The boy found his way.

But the compass of time etched its rings in the tree.
Shielding his eyes against the sunlight,
He stared into heaven
As the branches grew bare.

A little boy walked with his father
To plant a seedling near a tree
In a place made ready, nurtured,
Where roots have already grown.

-MBD



Features

Uncertainty grips Golan settlers

Reporting from the Golan Heights, Sheldon Kirshner speaks to settlers about the past, present and future.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

At the Golan Heights Winery in Katzrin, the largest settlement on this bleak, wind-swept volcanic plateau, it is business as usual.

And at Merom Golan, the oldest settlement on the Golan, the same is true.

Despite gnawing fears by the 13,000 Jewish settlers here that the Israeli government may relinquish the Golan in exchange for a peace treaty with Syria, life goes on undisturbed by the muffled political rumblings.

"We're not throwing up our hands in despair," said Adam Montefiore, the winery's overseas marketing manager. "We have no alternative but to carry on. We're obviously concerned about the government's intentions, but we're very confident — bullish — about the future.

"I don't know whether Israel will give up the Golan. Until then, it's purely hypothetical. In the meantime, we're just too busy to worry. We prefer to deal in certainties. We're keeping our noses to the grindstone."

He added, "The winery has entered a new, exciting phase. What really matters now is the government's interest in our winery."

Established in 1983, and owned by a consortium of four kibbutzim and four moshavim, the company has embarked on a $5 million (US) expansion program that is supposed to triple the capacity of its bottling plant and enlarge its warehouse, barrel room and visitors' centre.

Settlers take solace from the fact that 40 per cent of the cost is being borne by the government — a government which has been preparing Israelis for an eventual withdrawal from the Golan, captured from Syria in the 1967 Six Day War and annexed by Israel in December 1981.

The winery, which has won more than 20 gold medals in international competitions, produces three labels — Yarden, Gamla and Golan. Now Israel's third largest winery, it has captured 15 per cent of the local market and a third of the export trade. Its Cabernet Sauvignons, Chardonnays, Rieslings and Muscats are sold in 15 countries, including Canada. Sales last year reached $8 million. "The winery," said Montefiore, a scion of the fabled British-Jewish family, "is very profitable."

Montefiore ascribes the winery's success to three factors — the energy, spirit, knowledge and ambition of its management, the ideal weather and soil conditions, and its state-of-the-art equipment.

Sammy Bar-Lev

The Syrians, he said, did not cultivate wine grapes on the Golan. However, under the Byzantines and the Romans, the region was a flourishing centre of viniculture.

Montefiore's colleague, Alon Levin, the Israeli marketing manager, takes immense pride in the winery's revival of the ancient tradition of viniculture on the Golan.

A resident of the northern Golan settlement of El Rom, Levin charges that Israelis here feel abandoned by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's Labor government, for which he voted in the last election.

Levin and others cast their ballots for Rabin because they believed he was committed to retaining the Golan. In a speech delivered in Katzrin in 1992, the would-be prime minister declared that an Israeli withdrawal from Golan would jeopardize Israel's security. But now he is seriously toying with the idea of a withdrawal.

Levin is also upset because not a single cabinet minister has bothered to visit the Golan of late to explain Israel's strategy, effectively leaving the settlers in the dark. Yet, he admitted, the government "is not encouraging us to find a new place" behind the Green Line in Israel. "We haven't discussed the possibility of moving."

Alon Levin

Levin is clearly frustrated. A Labor government encouraged idealistic Israelis like himself to settle on the Golan. A native of Ramat Hasharon on the coastal plain, Levin has lived here since 1974. But now the wheel has turned, with all its implications.

Levin is not a wild-eyed hawk. "The Golan is a strategic asset to Israel, even in this age of missiles," he observed. However, he argues that Israel's long-term security can best be assured by peace, not territory.

"Most people up here are willing to leave in exchange for a real comprehensive peace agreement," he explained. "The question is: What do the Syrians mean by peace?"

Like the majority of Golan settlers, Levin is skeptical about Syria's intentions and critical of Syrian President Hafez al-Assad's reluctance to make confidence-building gestures to Israel and to denounce terrorism publicly.

Furthermore, even if an accord is reached, Levin holds that an Israeli pullback should be gradual. At the very least, it should unfold over a 25-year period.

Levin is far from confident that the winery will be able to replicate its success in the Galilee in the event of an Israeli evacuation of the Golan. Neither the soil nor the weather are as favorable for the production of top-quality grapes.

Hard as it may seem, Levin tries not to think of that scenario. As he put it: "It would be the end of a dream."

* * *

Sammy Bar-Lev, the mayor of Katzrin and the head of the Golan Regional Council, exudes optimism and fear.

The town, with 5,000 inhabitants, is growing thanks to an influx of new immigrants, mainly from the former Soviet Union. And as construction cranes which pierce the town's skyline indicate, Katzrin is riding a building boom.

Nevertheless, Bar-Lev is plagued by uncertainty, knowing full well that the current diplomatic process with Syria may yield concrete results. "We're very worried about this and we're struggling against it."

The Golan, he said, is part and parcel of Israel. "It belongs to us, not the Syrians. It's of crucial importance to our security. And we depend on it for 30 per cent of our water."

Bar-Lev has no faith in Syrian promises to live in peace with Israel, and he mistrusts Assad.

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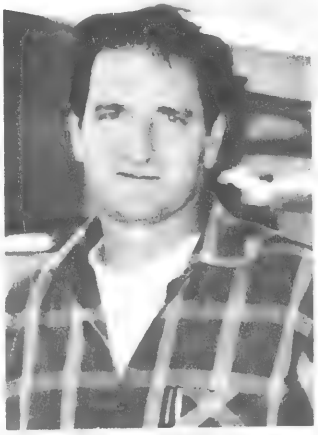
Elisha Yelin appears far more resigned to an Israeli withdrawal than Bar-Lev. A colonel in the reserves, he fought as a soldier on the Golan in the Six Day War. Since then, Merom Golan — which is only two kilometres from the Syrian border — has been his home.

With a population of 450, Merom Golan lives off a cowshed, a chicken run, an apple orchard, potato fields (which supply McDonald's restaurants), a quarry and an electric motor factory. Yelin is marketing manager of the latter.

He firmly believes that Israel would be better off keeping the Golan, but he has no illusions. "It looks like we will give it up. The Golan has been sold by Rabin to Assad. The price has yet to be determined."



Elisha Yelin

Yelin does not trust the Syrians, but he maintains that Israel has no alternative but to take advantage of opportunities which may lead to peace with its Arab neighbors.

"Three wars are enough," he said, referring to himself. In addition to the Six Day War, Yelin served in the 1973 Yom Kippur War and the 1982 Lebanon War. "Now we have to give peace a real chance."

The people of Merom Golan are pragmatic and realistic, he said. "They don't want to go down from the Golan, but they realize the situation we're in."

For all practical purposes, he noted, all signs point to an Israeli withdrawal. "It's just a question of time."

Photos by Sheldon Kirshner

Mideast Analysis

By Sheldon Kirshner

Thanks to its historic accord with the PLO last year, Israel has begun to penetrate North Africa, or, as it known in Arabic, the Maghrib.

But for Israel, North Africa is like a garden whose luxuriance depends on external factors. If conditions are favorable, Israel's bilateral relations with such countries as Morocco and Tunisia will flourish. However, if there is a decided lack of progress in the peace process, Israel's budding relationships may well wilt.

Israel and Morocco have ties on the liaison rather than on the ambassadorial level. Accordingly, neither country is allowed to fly its flag over its respective compounds in Tel Aviv and Rabat. Israel's representative in Morocco is David Dadon, whose family was originally Moroccan. Dadon was formerly deputy director of the Maghrib department of the Israel-Arab relations division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dadon's counterpart in Israel, Talal Rhoufrani, who has yet to take up his post in Tel Aviv, headed the technical cooperation department in the Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform.

After years of semi-clandestine links, Israel and Morocco are just now cultivating open, normal relations. Economic interchanges have begun, and the recent Casablanca conference could solidify them.

Tourism is opening up, but no one expects rivers of Moroccan tourists to flood Israel. The flow will be the other way, according to Osnat Bar Yosef, Dadon's successor.

Cultural relations are not expected to develop quickly, she adds. As in Egypt, Morocco's intellectual elite tends to be anti-Israel.

Yet if the peace process thrives, Morocco's ruler, King Hassan, will likely upgrade ties with Israel.

Israel's relations with Tunisia are on a still lower rung. The two countries have agreed to maintain interest offices in the Belgian Embassy in Tel Aviv and Tunis, to be staffed by economic representatives. Officially, each emissary will be considered a Belgian diplomat.

Tunisia's insistence on such low-level relations is a function of its greater sensitivity to the still-unsolved Palestinian problem and its vulnerability to neighboring Libya.

On the other hand, Tunisia doesn't want to get left behind in the evolving peace process. And it feels that Israel can be of inestimable assistance in cracking the American export market.

All in all, the Tunisians are in no hurry to expand ties with Israel. But this, too, could change if, for example, Israel and Syria come to terms.

There have been reports suggesting that Algeria may be the next Maghrib nation to establish relations with Israel. The speculation was fueled by a recent meeting between the Israeli and Algerian foreign ministers in Budapest, and by an official announcement that Algeria intends to rescind its sports boycott against Israel.

But Bar Yosef is not holding her breath: Algeria is so preoccupied with an Islamic fundamentalist revolt that it simply cannot afford to forge a rapprochment with Israel.

Libya seems beyond the pale. As Bar Yosef put it, "For us, Libya is a research topic."

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Rabbinical Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

This week's sedrah, Beshalach, contains the description of the splitting and crossing of the Red Sea.

On Jan. 16, we shall also celebrate the holiday of Tu b'Shevat. My editors have hinted that the two should be discussed. What is the common link? The answer — miracles.

There are those disbelievers who suggest that the parting of the Red Sea was the result of natural events. A strong east wind whipped up the waters, causing them to stand; the wind subsided just as the Israelites had finished passing through the sea; and thus the sea crashed down and drowned the Egyptians who were pursuing them.

The disbeliever will believe anything as long as this gives him an excuse and a rationalization for not having to admit that there is a G-d Who performs miracles. One can propound a lie in the face of facts, but if the lie is stated long enough, many will jump on the bandwagon of its belief if it precludes my having to believe in something I wish not to admit. The Holocaust has been documented, filmed, proven in a myriad of ways — but there are haughty deniers who wish to warp and distort the facts.

Each and every day, the believing and practising Jew, who davens daily, recites three times the Modim prayer in the Shemoneh Esrei: "We shall thank you and relate Your praise for our lives that are entrusted in Your hands; for our souls that are deposited to You; for Your miracles that are with us every day; for Your wonders and favors at all times — evening, morning and afternoon ... "

There are four stages in the hierarchy of G-d's creation. The inanimate, the plant, the animal and the human being. Some call it nature. The sun rises each morning and sets in the evening. Stars larger than earth twinkle millions of miles away in the firmament. Gold, silver, diamonds and many other varied precious stones are mined from the earth. There is fire, water, air and earth. Seeds sprout into huge oak trees or into the California redwoods or the cedars of Lebanon. Thousands of different species of other trees, plants, grasses and herbs, flowers, fruits, and vegetables abound. Thousands of different animals. fish, birds, insects — each a different form, a different color, a different instinct, a different nature — live in different habitats all over the world.

And then the apex of creation — the human being. From what? From a seminal drop. His heart, brain, lungs, eyes, ears, intestinal organs, respiratory system, digestive system, limbs, hair, mouth, teeth, lips, tongue, spine, bones, skin, blood — each a miracle in and of itself that fills thousands of pages of health volumes, and manuals of textbooks to be mastered by the individual specialist in that particular field of endeavor. Millions upon millions of people and no two fingerprints the same, no two voiceprints the same, no two genetically the same.

Rabbi Elchonom Wasserman wrote that in truth, in light of the above miracles we witness daily, it is logically impossible to be an atheist or disbeliever. One must be blind and deaf and mentally unbalanced not to be able to see, hear, and reason that there is an Almighty G-d Who created, and continues each day to sustain creation. But the believer in G-d is subject to Him, His Torah, His demands, His requests, His mitzvot.

Ah! That is different. So I won't believe. That's the way out. I deny. I deny the miracle; therefore I deny the G-d. Then I can deny His divine Torah. And then? Then I can live the way I want to live — unrestrained, uncommanded, unfettered. Free.

But the one who believes, believes that G-d is the author and sustainer of nature. He can suspend at will His laws of nature. Perhaps He preordained that the waters would split at a certain time; that the sun would stand still at a certain time; that the earth would split for Korach; that Bilaam's donkey would speak — and so on.

But there are miracles that are with us every day. Miracles of nature, of science, of medicine, of engineering, of war, of life and of earth. Even the stubborn magicians of Pharaoh acknowledged "the finger of G-d."

Let's open our hearts, our eyes, our souls, our minds — let's unlock the hardened arteries of disbelief. As the Prophet Isaiah says: "The heart of this nation is fat, his ears are blocked, his eyes are closed — lest he see with his eyes, and hear with his ears, and understand with his heart, and have to repent and be healed." (6:10).

Miracles part seas, grow trees, and sustain us at every moment of our lives. Every breath we take is a miracle. The least we can do is acknowledge that fact and express our thanks to the Master of all miracles — our Creator! Good Shabbos and a fruitful Tu b'Shevat.

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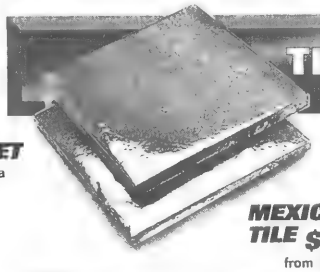

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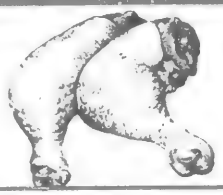

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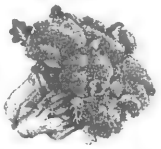

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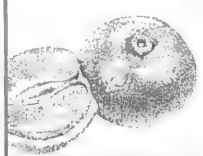

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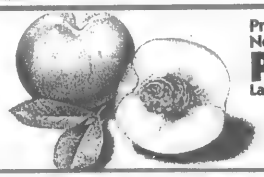

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Care, morale said down at Cummer Lodge

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Level of care and morale of residents and staff at Cummer Lodge House have gone downhill in the past year, according to officers of the Lodge's Family Council.

However, this opinion is disputed by Leah Walters, administrator, who said the Family Council's view is not the "generalized" one among residents. She also said family members must pitch in to offset problems caused by cut-backs in staff.

"Things are worse now than a year ago," said Sandra Bernknopf, Family Council chair, whose mother, Beulah Silverberg, 85, has Alzheimer's disease. "My mother has gone downhill a lot faster this year and I think it's due to the cut-backs in staff."

This sentiment was echoed by Wilf Allan, the council associate chair, whose mother, Winnifred, also has Alzheimer's disease. "The situation is worse," he said. "The residents are not getting looked after as well, there are so many delays and feeding them is a problem."

The plea by Walters for more family volunteers is not a practical solution in Bernknopf's opinion, except perhaps in the feeding of residents. "My mother is incontinent," she said. "I can't change my mother's diaper. That would be a role reversal; a child becomes a parent."

Though the province and city have agreed to spend $43 million over the next five years in renovating Cummer Lodge, the Family Council fears that standards of care will take second place to establishing an "architectural monument."

Walters said the new Cummer House will have room for 390 residents, 30 fewer than the temporary total of 420 it has had to accommodate at times, but each resident will have a private bath.

The reduction in residents is considered a negative step by Bernknopf, in the face of an aging population and an increase in the demand for beds in homes for the aged. One in five of the population will need such a bed or special care at home, she said.

About 20 per cent of the residents of Cummer Lodge are Jewish (77) according to Walters.

One of the problems in feeding residents is that some are so ill or incapacitated that they stop eating and their trays are taken away in the mistaken notion that they have finished, said Allan.

Walters maintained that the feeding of residents has always been a problem and that it is not any worse than before the staff cut-backs.

Bernknopf said there used to be recreation programs every night but that staff cuts have eliminated all but a bingo on Wednesday evenings and this has affected morale.

Though the council has protested the situation to Health Minister Ruth Grier, it has had no reply from her. One of the council's requests is that its members and residents be used as a resource in drawing up plans for the new Cummer House.

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From coast to coast

Disabled display courage in face of adversity

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Developing a chronic disability could cause many people to give up hope. But for Ida Skok and Patricia Bregman, it was the beginning of a new life.

They were two of the seven people recently awarded a Courage to Come Back Award by the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, an award which honors people from across Ontario who have demonstrated courage during their recovery from illness, injury or addiction and now serve as role models for others.

Skok, diagnosed as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia in 1977, was also an alcoholic who was in an unhappy marriage for more than 30 years. She turned her life around three years ago however at age 67, when she was told she had cirrhosis of the liver and she would be lucky to live another two or three years.

Ida Skok

Patricia Bregman

Six months later Skok quit drinking. "I just made up my mind and said, that's the end of that. Medication had been controlling my schizophrenia, but without the alcohol it helped even more. I felt stronger than I had in years."

Sitting in her cozy, bright apartment where she lives alone, Skok said it took two more years before she left her husband. "For the first time in my life, I decorated my own home, began cooking and baking and really started to live."

Starting to live also meant practising her religion for the first time.

"I was born in Germany of Jewish parents, but was brought up by Catholics and did not know of my Jewish roots until I was 14 years old," she said. "I married in my husband's church and did not speak about being Jewish until 10 years ago. I started attending Holy Blossom as an observer and now go regularly. I finally found my own identity."

Since her "life began at age 69," Skok has begun to volunteer for the Community Older Person's Alcohol Program, an addiction treatment program for seniors; she is a representative on the Coalition of Services for the Older Person with a Substance Misuse Problem; and she has been a member of the Mayor's Task Force on Drugs and Substance Abuse.

She's also studying Hebrew and attending weekly services.

"I'm planning on joining a fitness and chess club and I'm looking forward to a trip to Israel this spring," she said.

Bregman suffers from familial Mediterranean fever, which causes inflammation of the linings surrounding the gastro-intestinal system, lungs and joints.

Attacks, which can cause severe and disabling pain are unpredictable but tend to occur about once a month. Not allowing the illness to enslave her life, Bregman wrote her bar admission exams from the hospital; during her tenure at the Court of Appeal, she did much of her work from a hospital bed.

"You have to make a choice," she said. "Either [a chronic] illness controls your life or it fits into your life."

During numerous hospital stays, Bregman witnessed first-hand that many patients were unable to speak up for themselves. As a lawyer, she knew she could act as an advocate for the sick and disabled.

"People in hospitals ... are vulnerable. Many times I have needed people; so I feel it is only right to return the favor. I know how the system works and I know that I can use this knowledge to help people by affecting change," she said.

She now works in the field of health law at the Advocacy Resource Centre for the Handicapped (ARCH), which provides legal help for people with disabilities, and she serves on the Advisory Committee on the Regulated Health Professions, which ensures that the public's point of view and interests are presented to the government.

In addition she speaks on improving health legislation for the disabled and is a volunteer for *Ability OnLine*, a computer bulletin board which allows her to share information, fears and experiences with others.

Bregman credits her upbringing for her strength in dealing with her illness. "My grandfather was confined to a wheelchair yet lived independently, and my father was the vice-president of a rehabilitation centre. I saw that people with disabilities could live well. My way of coping is to do something. It is dangerous to sit at home too long. I have seen people whose lives become their illness but they have a choice — they can live or not live. For me it is a control issue. I work hard to control the rest of my life and to make my body do what I want it to do."

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From coast to coast

Lithuanian Jews' future said to be bleak

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The death knell for Lithuania's venerable Jewish community has been sounded by one of its former leaders.

Gregory Kanovich, who was chairman of the community for five years until he immigrated to Israel 15 months ago, said its days are numbered.

"I am absolutely convinced that it will vanish within 10 to 15 years," he said in an interview.

Lithuania is home to 5,000 Jews today, the overwhelming majority of whom are 65 or older. Just three years ago, 6,500 Jews lived in Lithuania, which seized its independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991.

Before World War II, Lithuania, with 240,000 Jews, was one of the leading Jewish communities in the Diaspora. Massacred by the Nazis and repressed by the Soviets, Lithuanian Jewry absorbed incredible body blows between 1940 and 1990.

And now, drained by attrition, assimilation and aliyah, the community is on its last legs, in Kanovich's view.

Kanovich, a distinguished novelist and playwright whose books have sold 2½ million copies and have been translated into 11 languages, has visited Lithuania three times in the past year.

According to Kanovich, there is an upsurge of interest in Jewish culture, history and the Holocaust on the part of non-Jews.

When Kanovich last visited the capital, Vilnius (Vilna), his home town, the president and the prime minister of Lithuania both attended a play he had written.

On the other hand, as economic conditions have deteriorated, anti-Semitism has reared its ugly head. "The search for a scapegoat to explain away the hardships currently faced by Lithuania has affected Jews," Kanovich observed.

And the recent arrest of a prominent Jewish businessman who was accused of being an underworld figure has sparked veiled accusations in the press that all Jews are thieves.

Kanovich, a former member of the Supreme Soviet in Moscow, is well acquainted with the recurring phenomenon of anti-Semitism.

Throughout the Communist period, he had trouble finding publishers for his novels, which deal with Jewish life in Eastern Europe from czarist times to World War II. His best known works are *Candles in the Wind*, *There is no Paradise for Slaves* and *A Lullaby to the Snowman*.

And in 1989, he wrote a letter, signed by more than 200 Supreme Soviet members and circulated abroad, asking Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to condemn anti-Semitism. Kanovich met with him, but Gorbachev declined to issue a condemnation.

Kanovich emigrated from Lithuania for a number of reasons.

His father, to whom he was close, died in 1992. The Russian language, his medium, became the target of hostility by Lithuanian nationalists. "My opportunities as a writer were suddenly limited," he explained. "I understand the anger, but I cannot justify it."

And finally, he and his wife, Olga, a retired book editor, wanted to be near their younger son, Sergei, his wife and their ailing son in Kfar Saba.

Kanovich, 65, is glad to be living in Israel. "It's a liberating feeling. I'm hated as a human being, not a Jew."

But Kanovich, who was in Toronto visiting his second son, Dmitri, a computer specialist, is anything but unloved or unappreciated in Israel.

His many readers there recognize and praise him. Two of his novels, *There is no Paradise for Slaves* and *The Goat for Two Farthings*, are scheduled to be published in Hebrew this year. His trilogy, *Candles in the Wind*, appeared in a Hebrew edition in 1992.

Gregory Kanovich with his son Dmitri and granddaughter Eva. (Alron photo)

"There is a great deal of interest in Israel in my work," said Kanovich. Recently, his novels were the subject of a documentary on Israeli radio.

And now, Kanovich is about to start writing a new novel, his 10th. "I'm very excited about it," he said.

In addition, Kanovich has produced several articles on Soviet immigrant absorption for the Russian press in Israel.

Soviet immigrants face two major problems — difficulty in finding jobs in their chosen fields and, for those over 40, in adapting to Israeli culture.

Kanovich maintains ties with the Lithuanian government. Last October, when Lithuanian Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius paid a state visit to Israel, he accompanied him around the country.

Not unexpectedly, Kanovich is still in the process of perfecting his Hebrew. "One has to learn the language," he said. "It's an expression of love for the country."

Surprisingly, none of his novels has been translated into English, and therefore, North American readers know precious little about him.

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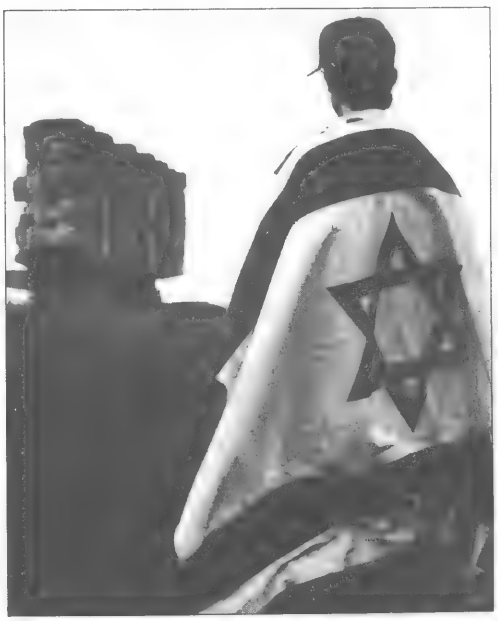

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From coast to coast

Community volunteer murdered on vacation

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

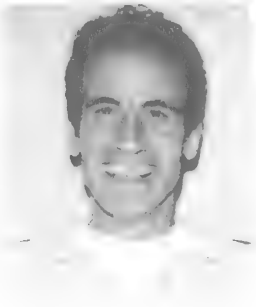
TORONTO — A Canadian man murdered during an apparent robbery in the Dominican Republic was buried Sunday, while authorities continued their search for a suspect.

Jeffrey Secter, 36, a Toronto businessman and active community volunteer, was buried in his hometown of Calgary with over 400 people in attendance. He was on a solo two-week vacation when he was killed Dec. 31 while jogging outside the resort town of Juan Dolio.

External Affairs officials said Dominican police have given "top priority" to the murder investigation. "Police authorities are wasting no effort in trying to resolve this problem," said a spokesperson.

Earlier media reports of an arrest proved untrue.

Secter, who moved to Toronto



Jeffrey Secter

12 years ago, was remembered by those who knew him as a generous man who valued his relationships with others.

"He would do anything for anybody," said business associate Louis Noordan last week. "Knowing him made everybody a better person."

Secter had recently sold his interest in a North York job placement firm to concentrate on charity work with children.

Noordan, along with Secter's former partner Dan Yolleck, said they were "furious" about rumors circulating in the Dominican Republic that the murder was a contract killing ordered from Canada.

"It's a blatant attempt to make a very, very bad situation look better to the tourist industry," Noordan said.

Secter, a computer science graduate, had founded the charity Friday's Child, and was an active volunteer at Bloorview Childrens Hospital, where he would take the severely disabled residents on outings to shopping malls, the circus and musicals like *Miss Saigon*.

"He was very in touch with children, and they with him," said sister-in-law Marina Paperny from Calgary last week. "My two children lost more than an uncle, they lost a friend."

Secter, a member of Beth Tikvah synagogue since 1988, was also active in B'nai Brith, where he was vice-president of the Toronto Freedom Lodge and chair of community volunteer services.

Lodge president Mark Klein said his friend of eight years "always had a positive outlook. He just rolled up his sleeves [when something needed to be done] and didn't care who might be around to help him."

Secter, an avid runner and baseball player, was involved with the annual Baycrest Challenge for five years, rounding up volunteers for the finish line of the fundraising race.

The Calgary funeral service was presided over by Rabbi Geoffrey Haber of Conservative Beth Tzedec synagogue. Chapel director Labie Doctor said about half of the overflow crowd of 400 then travelled to the cemetery.

Secter, who was divorced, leaves parents Cliff and Ruth, brothers Shep and his wife Marina Paperny, and Danny and his wife Mary Ann Hutchings, and four nieces and nephews, all of Calgary.

A memorial service was scheduled for Jan. 10 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

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From coast to coast

Windsor student group axes president's post

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

WINDSOR — It may not cut as deeply as the guillotine's blade in revolutionary France, but members of the Windsor Jewish Students' Organization (WJSO) at the University of Windsor have decided they no longer want a president.

"It's a more egalitarian approach. The students wanted to de-emphasize titles and hierarchy," said Alan Juris, executive director of the Windsor Jewish Federation, in a phone interview.

"Before, the hierarchy pretty well decided what was going on for the organization. Now the organization is deciding."

Mark Hecht, coordinator of student services for the WSO (formerly the Jewish Students' Council), said members are working in committees. The 24-year-old law student is employed by the federation to liaise with the campus community.

The new WJSO system, which came into effect in September, seems to be working well. Programming is up from once a month to almost once a week, said Juris.

To the best of Hecht's knowledge, the system is unique among Canadian Jewish campus organizations, but he says it's "a trend Americans are starting to use."

"A lot of people have a lot of different talents," said second-year student Jennifer Strul. "If we all work together, there's a better chance of increasing the number of people who come out to events."

The university has an estimated 300 Jewish students out of a total student population of 10,000. The Jewish community of Windsor numbers about 1,800.

The WJSO is working with the university's Canadian Jewish Law Students' Association chapter to strengthen programming, and sends mailings to Jewish student organizations in Ann Arbor (45 minutes away) and nearby Detroit, Mich.

Bagel brunches and Shabbat dinners, either on campus or at the JCC, are a mainstay of WJSO programming. Movie nights, often featuring movies with Jewish themes such as *A Stranger Among Us* or *School Ties*, have also proved popular.

Discussion is lively at a meeting of the WJSO recruitment subcommittee. At left is Mark Hecht.

Upcoming programs include ice skating with Hillel of Metro Detroit, a Yom Ha'atzmaut student parade, and a trip to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in West Bloomfield, Mich.

First-term programs included lectures by judges Saul Nosanchuk and John Laskin, participation in an interfaith program called Can You Pray for an "A?", and a reading of *War Memories: I Remember Like Now*, a new book by local Holocaust survivor Chaim Goldberg.

Ongoing events include a basketball league and a half-hour radio show on CJAM (91.5 FM), the campus radio station.

Hecht sees much of the WJSO's role as educational, both for the Jewish and non-Jewish communities. "People from small towns might not be aware of the holidays other than the High Holidays," he said.

This year the organization successfully interceded when law school registration was scheduled for Rosh Hashanah, and last year provided candles and chanukiot for Chanukah. "A lot of people called and said that their parents had [lit candles] many years ago and that they wanted to get back into it," Hecht said.

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By Carolyn Blackman

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Friday, Jan. 13

MUSICAL LEGACY

In observance of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Temple Sinai Congregation, 210 Wilson Ave., is presenting a program of Holocaust-related music, featuring the world premiere of *In Memoriam Primo Levi* by Canadian composer **John Reeves**, following the 8:15 p.m. service.

SERVICES IN THE CITY

The Downtown Reform Minyan is holding a Shabbat service program at the Bloor JCC, 7:15 p.m. Kiddush following service. Everyone welcome. For pre-recorded information call (905) 844-4185.

BBYO PHONES TEENS

Seventeen new members were recruited as a result of BBYO's recent first annual Telephone Blitz to attract new teens to the organization. From left are Sam Spagat and Karen Fleischer.

Sunday, Jan. 15

TORONTO JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

Silent Witness, co-presented by Cinematheque Ontario and Toronto Jewish Film Society, will be screened, 7:30 p.m., Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall, 317 Dundas St. Single tickets go on sale 15 minutes before showtime. For information call **Bill Emery**, 924-6211.

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BETH RAYIM SYNAGOGUE

Dr. Allan Steingart will speak on Our Aging Parents, 9 a.m., at Beth Rayim Synagogue's adult education breakfast, 9711 Bayview Ave. To RSVP call (905) 770-7639.

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INVESTMENT RISKS

The Entertainment and Cultural Connection and the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood present RRSPs, RRIFs and Other Investments: What are the Risks? with speaker **David Brown,** 8 p.m. in the Sisterhood Hall, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Everyone welcome. Members free, guests $2.

Monday, Jan. 16

B'NAI BRITH WOMEN

At the next meeting of Negillah chapter, for 40s singles, 7:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., speaker, **Bruce Goodman** will discuss Women in the Aging Process. For information call **Sheila**, 665-3333 or **Fran**, 638-2716.

TIKVAH CHAPTER, BBW

The Legal Issues of Reproductive Technology will be the topic at the program meeting of Tikvah chapter, a group composed of single and married women in their 20s and 30s. For information call **Debbie Simon**, 398-2899.

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Rabbi Ahron Hoch, director of Aish Hatorah will lead an open discussion on why kids should go to Hebrew Day School, 8 p.m., Aish Hatorah, Thornhill. Admission free. Call 636-7530 for information.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

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Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood presents Justice: The Issues of Drunkenness and Violence, a panel discussion with **Margaret Wente, Carol Austin, Rabbi Sharon Sobel** and **Helen Feldman**, 7:30 p.m. at the Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

BBW MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Shira chapter, BBW, will be holding a membership acquistition program meeting, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave. (enter side door to room 29). **Sherril Burns** will discuss coping with change in the '90s. Everyone welcome. For information call **Susan**, (905) 881-3375.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

SELF-DEFENCE

Alpha Omega Auxiliary is having a self-defence evening, featuring a hands-on workshop with martial arts expert, **Hugh Smith**, 8 p.m., Dublin Heights School, 100 Bainbridge. Tickets $18 at the door.

ISRAELI PEACE PROCESS

Simon Rosenbloom, Canadian Friends for Peace Now and **Moshe Ronen,** Canadian Jewish Congress will debate on Is the Jewish State Securing its Future or is it God Forbid Committing Suicide?, 8 p.m. Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. Presented by the adult education committee, Beth Sholom Synagogue.

JEWISH MESSIANISM

Dr. Aaron Nussbaum continues the series on Jewish Messianism: Past, Present and Future, 8 p.m. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Members free, non-members, $3.

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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A new training program for AIDS Assist begins early January. Mandatory sessions take place Tuesdays, Jan. 24-March 14. For information, leave a message with **Dominique**, AIDS Assist Line, 789-1187.

VOLUNTEER AT BAYCREST

Baycrest Centre needs volunteers to help long-term patients with evening meals. Call Volunteer Department, 785-2850.

NORTH YORK HEALTH PROGRAMS

Program for parents of infants runs Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. until Feb. 14, Oriole Community Centre, 2975 Don Mills Rd. Bring baby and join other parents for stimulating discussions led by a public health nurse. To register for this free program, call 395-7600.

A series of four sessions on menopause, Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m. St. George's Anglican Church, 5350 Yonge St., beginning Jan. 10, includes physical and emotional issues, coping stategies, hormone replacement, fitness and nutrition. To register call 395-7758.

YIDDISH CLASSES

Winter classes for beginner and intermediate Yiddish students are held in eight locations. For information and registration call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 635-2883, ext. 155.

OHR SOMAYACH

Five couples, each of whom has reclaimed the Jewish tradition through learning will be honored by Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill at a dessert reception, Sunday, Feb. 12, Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. W. Couvert, $50 per person. For information call (905) 886-5730.

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

Tu b'Shevat seder sponsored by Jewish Vegetarian Society of Toronto takes place Sunday, Jan. 15. For reservations and information call 485-9164.

at the JCC/BJC

Koffler Centre for the Arts presents an exhibition of two and three-dimensional work by First Nations Artist **Rebecca Baird**, Jan. 12-Feb. 24. For information call 636-2145.

Senior Adult Services, BJC, in cooperation with North York Board of Education offers the following courses starting the week of Jan. 9. Registration takes place first class. Ballroom, Monday, 9:30-11 a.m.; Bridge, beginners, Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Bridge, intermediate, Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.; Needlecrafts, Tuesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Line dancing, Friday, 1-3 p.m.; Tai chi, beginners, Thurs, 2-3:30 p.m.; Tai Chi, intermediate/advanced, Friday, 9:30-11 a.m.; Yoga, Thursday, 12-1:30 p.m. For information call **Yvonne**, 636-1880 ext. 259.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is planning a Florida trip to the newly renovated Crown Hotel as well as the Saxony and Sassoon. Details on Artpark musicals coming soon. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Jan. 16 is a Tu b'Shevat party with **Yitzak Argemon**. Fruit and refreshments will be served. $2 members, $4 non-members.

New Fraternal Jewish Association and **Overbrook Cultural Club** are screening *The Inspector General*, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2:30 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. No charge.

Baycrest Centre's Wellness Education Group presents a session on allergies, Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Everyone welcome. Admission $2 at the door. For seating purposes register by Jan. 17 at 785-2500 ext. 2267.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group, 55 plus, is having an evening of entertainment, with **Kim Kowarsky**, Sunday, Jan. 15, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Members $5, non-members, $8. RSVP **Gerda**, 638-3407 or **Gilda**, (905) 889-3180.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information call **Anna**.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre Health Lecture series presents Lets Talk About Independent Living, Thursday, Jan. 19, 1:30 p.m. in the synagogue. No charge.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is running a course, entitled How Occupational Therapy Can Help You to Manage Pain, Jan. 16 and 23, 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the front auditorium. Sign up with **Sandra** at the Wellness Desk or call 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute Music Club is screening *Oscar's Greatest Moments, 1971-1991*, Monday, Jan. 16, 1 p.m. in the synagogue.

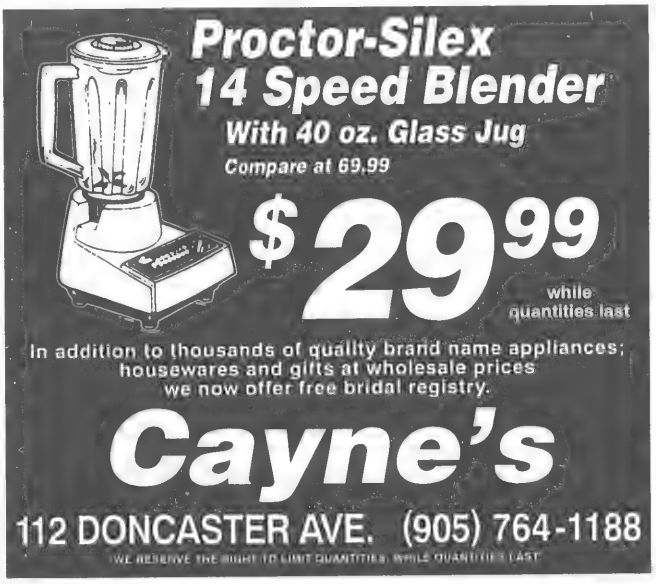
Creative Writing course in conjunction with North York Board of Education, Fridays, 9:30-noon beginning Jan. 13 for 12 weeks. Cost, $9. Call 225-22112.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Over 1200 women from North America and Israel attended the recent Women's League for Conservative Judaism's Biennial National Convention, which focussed on the theme Walk in the Path of Understanding. Pictured from left are Carol Climan; Bressa Berkowitz; Audrey Citak, outgoing president of Women's League; Leona Eligberg, Women's League chair, Canadian Public Affairs; Marion Tully, outgoing vice-president, Women's League.

JF&CS FUNDRAISER

The Association of Young Jewish Adults recently had a fundraiser in honor of Jewish Family and Child Service. From left are Robin Bercowitch, Secretary, presenting the cheque; Marla Cohen, past president; Florence Weinberger, JF&CS; Ted Wigdor, chair; Elana Schrier, president.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From coast to coast

Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson has her chain of office checked out by Associated students (l-r) Zachary Lewis, Debra Mancini and Ari Frydman during last week's first day of classes at the new Thornhill campus. [Ahluwalia Photography]

Associated opens campus north of Steeles Avenue

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN — After years of planning, promises and portables, Associated Hebrew Day Schools' long-awaited Thornhill campus opened Jan. 3 to the relief of hundreds of Jewish families north of Steeles Avenue.

"This is a great day for education, for children and for the community," enthused Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson, on hand for the first day of classes.

"These first children have studied under difficult conditions and it's a pleasure to see them finally in a real building."

Jackson was refering to the small white portables adjacent to the Promenade Shopping Centre that have served some 2,800 Associated students since 1988.

The new campus, a massive tan brick structure with green trim, is operating at only half-capacity, meaning that roughly 500 children in the Beit Hayeled preschool and in grades 1 and 2 are in attendance.

Thanks to what school officials are calling a major financial donation, the campus will be dubbed the Jack and Buschie Kamin Education Centre. A formal dedication will take place in the spring.

The 100,000-sq.ft. building, located at Atkinson Avenue and Rosedale Heights Boulevard, is touted as being at the cutting edge of Jewish educational facilities. It houses 31 classrooms, several seminar rooms, a computer room, nine nursery and kindergarten classes, a library and a cavernous underground gymnasium.

Portables give way to permanence

"It's everything you can want in an elementary school," principal Sandy Rabinowitz said last week.

The campus, built at estimated cost of $9 million, will house 1,100 students from preschool to Grade 6 when it's at full capacity this September. It also means an end to the portables, whose sites belong to the City of Vaughan.

Because of crowding at Associated's Hurwich (Finch) campus, two lower classes from there have been moved to the Thornhill campus.

Meantime, Associated's junior high schools continue at both the Neptune and Danilack (Leslie) branches.

And plans call for the following:

- Renovating the Hurwich (Finch) campus to accommodate a junior high school. Come September, Hurwich students who live north of Steeles and west of Yonge Street will attend the new campus;
- Renovating the Leslie branch to house Associated's administrative offices, now at the Neptune campus;
- And tearing down the Neptune campus to replace it with a smaller building that will house a preschool and elementary classes. Part of the site is to be sold and, organizers envision, used to erect subsidized housing units.

That plan hinges on approval from Ontario's housing ministry, which is currently considering the bid.

Earlier this year, Associated's board of directors authorized a bank loan of up to $6.5 million in order to finish the Thornhill campus. At the same time, there has been an aggressive public fundraising campaign.

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TU B'SHEVAT PROGRAM

Tu b'Shevat has arrived at Netivot HaTorah Day School and with it the kick-off to a special program in preschool. From left: Eitan Ulmer, Devorah Libman, Eliyahu Wajchendler and Jacqueline Zins show off their Tu b'Shevat tree and their JNF blue boxes. The money collected daily in the classroom pushkas has been designated to specific projects. Each project will be described to the youngsters as they are encouraged to contribute to worthy causes in Israel. The JNF, Keren Kayemet, is a recipient of all the monies collected during the months of Tevet and Shevat. The custom of planting trees in Israel in honor of Tu b'Shevat became the highlight of this important project. Each leaf displayed on this classroom tree represents funds collected for tree planting in Israel.

Kolel course kicks off

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

Leslie Robbins

TORONTO — A night of Jewish storytelling will kick off Kolel's week-long winter study course Jan. 21.

Leslie Robbins will read Tales from the Beyond, including Jewish folklore classics like *The Chazzan in Hell*, at the Zionist Centre on Marlee Avenue.

Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning is presenting the Beyond the Beyond minicourse at locations across Metro Toronto. Programs include mourning customs, ethical wills, euthanasia and reincarnation in the Kabbalah. Each course is $8, or $35 for five.

The annual minicourse was designed by Kolel director Rabbi Elyse Goldstein to give adults "a taste" of Jewish study. Almost 350 people attended last year's programs.

Call 905-709-1900 for more information.

Sunquest gearing up

[Cont'd. from page 3]

"For the moment, El Al's service continues as always," he told *The CJN*. "Everything is business as usual."

Now that Sunquest is gearing up to offer charters to Israel, travel industry insiders expect the price of a flight to drop; they also expect more Canadians than ever to visit Israel in this era of peace initiatives and opening borders in the Middle East.

Although Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, would not comment on the approval of Sunquest's application, she told *The CJN*: "I always said that providing more choices to the Canadian consumer will enhance the numbers of visitors to Israel."

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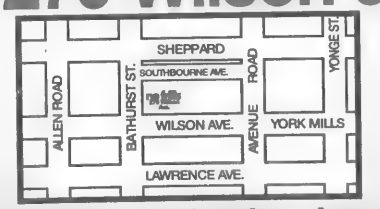

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From coast to coast

An Israeli in Tunisia

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As an Israeli businessman visiting Tunisia, Uriel Domb wasn't sure how he'd be received. Would the local Jews be wary about being seen with him in public? How would the Arab population take to someone from a country with which, technically, it was still at war?

Recently returned from an eight-day visit to the North African nation, Domb said he was favorably impressed by the confidence of the Jewish community and by the reception from the Arab population.

Most Tunisians, when they learned he was Jewish, immediately associated him with the ancient community of Djerba, he said, even though only one-third of the country's estimated 3,000 Jews reside in that island community.

The bulk of the country's Jews live in the capital, Tunis, where he spent most of his visit. "The Tunisians' first reaction was that they'd never seen an Israeli before. Nine-tenths were very friendly and some regretted that [many] Jews left, saying 'We treated them a lot better than the Europeans did during World War II,' " Domb said.

Based in Toronto, Domb owns Telespace Ltd., a hi-tech satellite consulting firm that helps clients launch communications satellites. He was in Tunisia as part of a Canadian delegation attending a telecommunications conference.

Domb spent half of his visit touring Tunis and the surrounding coastal areas where the Jewish community vacationed.

Three synagogues in capital

Domb said many Tunisian Jews who fled following the 1956 Sinai campaign have relatives in Montreal, France and Israel. "I experienced no hostility at all for being Israeli."

He did notice that among average Tunisians, "the force of Israel has reached mythical proportions" and there is still "residual resentment" among some that Israel once bombed PLO headquarters in Tunis.

Domb said he was impressed by the Jewish community's vitality and their open identification. He could discern no restrictions on religious practice or on Jewish education.

There are three functioning synagogues in the capital as well as a Hebrew school, run by a Lubavitcher rabbi, that serves dozens of children. Outside the school, however, armed police patrol the area. "It's not to protect the Jews from the general population, which seems to have very good relations from the Jews," but from potential terrorist attacks, Domb said.

While the Jews of Djerba are generally considered observant, those in Tunis appear less so in keeping with the attitude of the general population: "Tunisians are as Muslim as Canadians are Christian," Domb said.

Although there seems to be a lot of intermarriage, people are very conscious of their Jewishness, he added.

Tunis once boasted its own kosher restaurant — which many non-Jews used to frequent — but it recently went out of business. Local entrepreneurs are considering opening a new one to serve an expected influx of Israeli visitors as relations improve. Israel has announced it will establish a liaison office in Tunis and the Tunisians will do the same in Israel.

Most of the Jews Domb met were middle class professionals or merchants with market stalls. Many have had those stores for generations, working primarily in the jewelry business.

When word got out that a Jewish visitor was in the market, many Jewish merchants came out to meet with him. Domb was led around the market by Maurice Sarfati, known to locals as "king of the shuk."

The local Jews are interested in news about Israel but the government-controlled media is not up-to-date.

"Even though it's a small community, it's still a lively one and people are not living under suppression or fear," Domb said. "People were free to do anything as long as they don't criticize the government. But that goes for all Tunisians. For the Jews, there's no reason to criticize the government because it protects them."

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'This government has to be brought down'

Efrat rabbi warns of Israeli civil war

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — "A cruel war" will occur between West Bank settlers and the government of Israel if Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin again tries to halt the expansion of settlements there, predicted an outspoken leader of the West Bank community of Efrat here last week.

Before such a war erupts, "this government has to be brought down," Rabbi Shlomo Riskin said at a news conference last Wednesday.

Rabbi Riskin, a former New Yorker who is now the Chief Rabbi of Efrat, flew here last week in the wake of the controversy involving his community.

Efrat's plans to construct 500 new housing units on a nearby hilltop were thwarted when the Israeli government decided to halt the expansion project.

The government reached its decision after Palestinians, who claimed the land belonged to a nearby Arab village, warned that the expansion project was a violation of the Palestinian self-rule accord and could disrupt the peace process.

The government reached a compromise with the settlers to expand on land closer to their community, in an area known as Givat Hazayit.

Rabbi Riskin asked American Jews to stop contributing money to any agency connected to the government of Israel, including the United Jewish Appeal.

He said Jews should send their money "directly to projects in Judea and Samaria."

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

Rabbi Riskin expanded on a pledge first made last month that Efrat's residents are prepared to take up arms in a militia of "citizen guardians."

He said they would go to battle if the government tries to stop the expansion of any of the territories' settlements, removes the Israeli army from any of the area's cities, including Bethlehem, or agrees to give the Golan Heights to Syria.

Asked about his apparent change in attitude toward elements of the peace process, Rabbi Riskin said, "I have not become radicalized. "I have remained where I am, and the government has gone to such other lengths."

One of Efrat's leaders to negotiate with Rabin during recent night-long meetings, Rabbi Riskin accepted the compromise with the government, but he was clearly not happy about it.

The original site Efrat had slated for its expansion, Givat Hatamar, is better suited for building, the rabbi said.

In addition, he said, "the Arabs are building all over Judea and Samaria."

"On this issue we are going to the barricades," said Rabbi Riskin, who headed Manhattan's Lincoln Square Synagogue before making aliyah.

"If we have no right to build on Israeli land in Efrat, the precedent would be established that we have no right to Judea and Samaria and that would mean a return" to the pre-1967 borders, which closed Jews off from access to Jerusalem, the rabbi said.

The reason he chose to immigrate to Efrat, he said, was because "Efrat will always be the gateway to Jerusalem. If Efrat falls, Jerusalem falls."

Thousands attend funeral of Israeli terror victim

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Thousands flocked last Sunday to the six-hour funeral procession for Ofra Felix, the 20-year-old Hebrew University student from Eilon Moreh killed by terrorists last Friday in a drive-by shooting.

About 3,000 people attended an hour-long service at Jerusalem's funeral parlor in the morning. After the service, mourners boarded buses and cars and followed the blue-shrouded body to Eilon Moreh, where Felix was buried.

Felix was killed when her car was fired on by terrorists traveling in another car near Ramallah. A second passenger was wounded.

Menahem Felix, Ofra's father and a founder of Gush Emunim said "We have good children." "Now we have a martyr. Dear G-d, stop this horrible thing. Give us another government, a government that will defend the people of Israel, not lean on the Gentiles. Get rid of them [the government]," he pleaded.

Rabbi Haim Druckman, however, was not so reserved. Rabbi Druckman, like Menahem Felix, was among the earliest leaders of Gush Emunim. "It is impossible today not to scream out," he said, his voice shaking with emotion.

Among those at the funeral were a number of Knesset members, the leadership of the settlement movement, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau.

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Compensation claim rejected

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The heirs to the family that built Nazi-era concentration camp crematoria will have their claims for compensation rejected, Germany's justice minister announced recently.

Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger sent a letter to Berlin's mayor, Wolfgang Luder, saying the heirs to the J.A. Topf and Sons company are not eligible for the restitution they claim because the factory was used to manufacture the "murder machinery of the extermination camp."

The German government has already rejected a petition to have the factory site and other assets returned to the heirs.

The factory site, located in the eastern industrial city of Erfurt, was seized by the Soviets in 1948. Under current German law, land confiscated between 1945 and 1949 by Communist authorities in what would later become East Germany, cannot be returned.

But the Topf family is still seeking financial restitution for the seized property, which is valued at more than $2 million (US).

Jewish officials brought the issue to Luder "because he has been sympathetic to Jewish concerns," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, which has been pursuing the matter.

Luder, who is also a member of the German Parliament, wrote to the justice minister in September, questioning whether the Topf family claim was valid.

In the letter, Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger assured the Berlin mayor that "payments will not be granted" if, among other reasons, "the claimant, or whomever from whom the claimant derives his rights," acted "against the principles of human rights or state rights."

This, wrote the justice minister, "should be valid concerning Topf and Sons.

"The cremation systems it developed and the crematoriums it built for mass extermination in Auschwitz were a substantive contribution to maintain in force the murder machinery of the extermination camp, since several thousand bodies had to be eliminated every day.

"The claim for compensation will therefore also have to be rejected," the justice minister wrote.

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Costa Rica censures 'Jewish power' article

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — The Costa Rican government last month took the unusual step of denouncing a cover story appearing in this Central American country's leading weekly news magazine as one that "could produce anti-Semitic feelings."

The latest issue of *Rumbo* magazine, published by the largest newspaper company in the country, features a cover story titled "Jewish Power."

The article focuses on the political and economic clout supposedly wielded by the small Jewish community here.

Star of David

The magazine cover boasts a large blue Star of David and includes the sub-headline, "They are few, they do not exceed 2,500 people, but they penetrated Costa Rica's most important circles of power."

The cover also points out that "in industry, 25 businesses have Hebrew directorship" and that four Costa Rican banks are Jewish-run.

On the same day the magazine hit newsstands, the nation's cabinet voted to condemn the magazine story as "absolutely contrary to the Costa Rican way of life."

The article "ignores history and forgets the tragic moments humanity has lived due to the creation and growth of anti-Semitic feelings," the cabinet said in a statement read by a visibly angry Presidency Minister Elias Soley.

"We express to the directorship of *Rumbo* our deeply felt disapproval of this publication that could produce anti-Semitic feelings," the president said.

Magazine director Aixa Saborio said the magazine "had no bad intentions" in running the article. She added that she did not understand the government's criticism.

The influence of the Jews "is a reality that cannot be hidden," she said. "Being so few, they are very entrenched in the political and economic life of the country."

Costa Rica's second vice president, Rebecca Grynspan, one of several prominent Jews mentioned in the article, described the report as dangerous.

"The article's content does not ponder how, in a country as ample as Costa Rica, a group can effectively come here and prosper, which is a positive aspect.

"Instead they present it as if in Costa Rica, there is a group that has more than it deserves," she said. "And that I see as being dangerous and prejudicial."

Her husband, Legislative Deputy Saul Weisleder, the most prominent spokesman for Costa Rica's Jewish community and a leader in the governing National Liberation Party, said he thought the article was mostly objective and "in some ways has a favorable tone."

But, he added, "it is very unfortunate that the magazine has taken up this subject and especially the headline, which is what the greatest number of people read, which reminds us of black pages from the European and particularly German press from the Nazi regime."

The largest Jewish migrations to Costa Rica came in the period between the two world wars. Most of the people named in the article are second-generation Costa Ricans descended from Polish Jews.

The country's vice president and a cabinet minister are members of the Jewish community — as are two deputies in the Legislative Assembly, the heads of some of the larger importing and construction firms and the presidents of four private banks.

One member of the community, Luis Fishman, is considered a front-runner for the opposition Social Christian Unity Party's 1998 presidential nomination.

Costa Rica has long maintained warm ties with Israel.

Unresolved plane bombing angers Panamanian Jews

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PANAMA CITY — Nearly six months after the bombing of a small Panamanian commuter plane in which 21 people, including 12 Jews, died, authorities still do not know whether the attack was the work of Islamic fanatics or Colombian drug thugs out to kill one specific Jew aboard the plane.

The lack of answers has led to frustration, anger and a certain degree of paranoia among Panama's 8,000 Jews, most of whom are well-off and very religious.

At Congregation Shevet Achim in Panama City's Bellavista neighborhood, three teen-age boys stood guard one recent afternoon, suspiciously eyeing two Jewish visitors who had asked to meet with the rabbi.

When community leader Ruben Abadi finally came out, he would not let the visitors in and he refused to discuss the bombing.

"The press has taken all our comments out of context. I'm not talking to any more journalists," Abadi snapped, turning his back on the visitors and retreating into the synagogue.

Joseph Harari, president of Shevet Achim and chairman of the Latin American section of B'nai B'rith International, later apologized for the incident.

But he said it illustrates the pain felt by Panama's Jews in the wake of the worst tragedy ever to hit the close-knit community.

The bombing in Panama occurred one day after a powerful bomb ripped apart the Buenos Aires offices of Argentina's central Jewish organization, killing nearly 100 people.

Harari said Latin America's Jews "need a pledge from each country that economic involvement with terrorist-spawning states will not take precedence over the life interest of the public at large."

Neither the White House nor agencies investigating the July 19 crash have any solid answers.

"Among the Jews there is a sense of despair," said Harari, a Panama City businessman who lost a nephew in the attack.

Islamic radicals, Medellin drug lords considered suspects

The Alas commuter plane, carrying 21 people on a 70-km flight from Colon to Panama City, crashed in mountainous terrain shortly after takeoff.

Aboard were 12 Jews — including four Israelis — who ran businesses in the Colon Free Zone, which annually ships about $11 billion worth of electronics, liquor, designer clothing and other luxury goods from the Far East to Latin America.

Four non-Jewish Americans were also killed in the crash.

The Lebanese-based Party of God terrorist group immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing. Panama's Civil Aeronautics Board launched an investigation, bringing in the FBI, the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Israel's Mossad.

To date, the investigation has centered on Lya Jamal, a Lebanese national who was on the plane and whose body was the only one left unclaimed after the crash.

Panama's leading newspaper, *La Prensa*, recently reported that Jamal refused to give airline employees a local address when purchasing his ticket, and that he had entered Panama illegally.

"Our contacts with intelligence organizations give us the general impression that this is linked with the Middle East, above all because of the type of explosive utilized in this attack," Harari said.

Yet some prominent Panamanians have suggested that the attack was not aimed at Jews in general, but against one Jew in particular, Saul Schwartz, who reportedly was under investigation by Italian authorities for his alleged links to the Medellin, Colombia cocaine cartel.

A few weeks before the crash, said Harari, someone planted a bomb in the car of a cousin, Alan Schwartz, but no one was injured in that attack.

According to *La Prensa* publisher Roberto Eisenmann, "Saul Schwartz was definitely in the hanky-panky business. There were people in the free zone who wouldn't get on the same plane with Schwartz."

According to Eisenmann, "Most of the Jewish community would prefer to call it an anti-Semitic act than to accept that one of their own was involved in drug trafficking."

What is not clear, however, is why a suicide bomber would be sent to assassinate a single person.

On the other hand, if the point was to attack Panamian Jews in general, there were much easier targets, such as the Jewish community centre, or the free zone itself.

Regardless of the motive, security has been noticeably tightened at all Panamanian airports in the months since the disaster, and authorities have stepped up immigration controls at Tocumen International Airport outside Panama City.

Vigilance at Panama's three synagogues is also evident. At Shevet Achim, for instance, only members of those known to the community are allowed in for daily prayers.

"Until we have some sort of hard evidence, we can't really make a judgment," Harari said, suggesting that the bombing was almost certainly the work of Middle East terrorists.

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Jewish marriage forbidden for thousands of Israelis

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Couples planning to marry in Israel may soon encounter an unpleasant surprise.

Israeli Radio reported recently that the Religious Affairs Ministry has compiled a list of some 10,000 people who, for a variety of reasons, are forbidden by Jewish law to marry.

Rabbinic approval

The report said, by way of example, that the rabbinate might declare a person illegitimate, and therefore ineligible to marry under Jewish law if documents cannot be found substantiating the faith or fate of a grandparent.

Before a couple can marry in Israel, the union must be approved by the rabbinate.

The report said the names on the list were gathered from government agency files and the rabbinate.

Ze'ev Rosenberg, director-general of the Religious Affairs Ministry, said those people whose names appeared on the list have been informed.

But some people told Israel Radio that they only discovered they were on the list when they began filing marriage applications.

Rosenberg also refuted claims that there are 10,000 names on the list.

He said there were only 4,000 — of which about 400 are based on claims the individuals are illegitimate.

He said a name may also appear on the list because a person did not receive a religious divorce. Any of the rabbinical rulings could be appealed, he added.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron meanwhile said the rabbinate was the sole source responsible for names on the list.

He said most of the cases simply required clarification, and that the work of the rabbinate is carried out with discretion and in full accordance with the law.

But Jerusalem city council member Anat Hoffman, of the left-wing Meretz bloc, took issue with the list.

She called it a pure violation of Israel's Basic Laws on an individual's right to liberty.

"I plan to take this to court," she told Israel Radio. "I would like to know what right they have to collect names and information about people without their knowing, and how they decide when to make it public."

The women's group Na'amat called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to find an alternative for those couples unable to wed in accord with Halachah.

Ofra Friedman, chair of Na'amat, said that if no solution is found, then civil marriages should be recognized in Israel.

Peres, Arafat continue talks

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat were scheduled this week to meet at the Erez checkpoint, under the cloud of new settlement disputes, terror attacks, and last week's fatal clash between soldiers and the Palestinian Police.

Prisoners, security, settlements, and redeployment are expected to be discussed.

Arafat and Peres last met on December 21 in Arafat's office in Gaza City and agreed to a two-tier format: one forum for discussion of elections and another for issues relating to security and redeployment.

Redeployment, considered to be the stickiest issue delaying the holding of elections, is to be discussed between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Arafat, and their emissaries, including Peres and PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath.

Shaath, who met with Peres in Cairo last week in the framework of the Higher Liaison Committee, said after the weekly meeting of the PA Saturday that in Cairo he and Peres had discussed "the schedule for negotiating the redeployment of the Israeli army out of Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank."

FIRST ISSUE

A new Palestinian stamp, showing the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount, is one of a series of stamps issued this month to launch a postal service between Gaza and Jericho and the rest of the world. Most letters from the self-ruled areas will still need an additional Israeli stamp. [RNS Photo/Reuters]

El Al suspends Russia flights

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — El Al Airlines has suspended flights to and from Russia because the Russian authorities are refusing to permit El Al security personnel to carry weapons.

"We decided to cancel the flight following changes in our standard security procedures which were forced upon us by the Russians," a spokesman for Israel's national carrier said last week.

"El Al will not operate flights to a destination in which our security procedures are compromised," he added.

The suspension went into effect last Wednesday, amid stiff diplomatic protests from Jerusalem to Moscow over the Russian measure, which was taken over the weekend without warning.

Israeli sources said it was unclear whether the measure was directed specifically against El Al or if it was a general security action connected with heightened tensions in Russia caused by the ongoing conflict in the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

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B.C. police unit to examine right-wing/anti-abortion links

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One report said the Liberty Net, a telephone hotline that often plays racist messages, "targeted" a member of a pro-choice organization for publicly linking the ultra-right with the anti-abortion movement.

In one recent report, the Vancouver *Sun* cited Ann Molloy, president of the Victoria Pro-Life Society, as denying "real links" between the ultra-right and anti-abortionists, "but echoed a common far-right theme — that the Holocaust is a myth."

The *Sun* said Molloy wrote about the 1992 deportation from Canada of British Holocaust denier David Irving in *The Interim*, an anti-abortion newspaper, portraying Irving as "a victim of political correctness."

The *Sun* added that Barry Wray, president of the Pro-Life Society in Melville, Sask., was a regular protester outside Vancouver's Everywoman's Health Centre until he moved to Saskatchewan four years ago.

Wray admitted he is "an associate" of Wolfgang Droege, leader of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front, and that he attended a 1986 Aryan Nations meeting in Hayden Lake, Idaho, a centre of neo-Nazi activity.

Wray was arrested in Vancouver in 1990 with former Ku Klux Klan member Al Hooper and Liberty Net operator Tony McAleer, although assault charges were dropped.

In his interview with the *Sun* Wray boasted of his association with pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel. "To me," he was quoted as saying, "Zundel is like a father figure."

Allan Dutton of The Canadian Anti-Racism Education and Research Society said there is "no doubt" that the anti-abortion movement and the extreme right overlap.

Meanwhile, Gabelman said he has asked his staff to report immediately on what is being done to protect abortion service providers.

He is considering the possibility of establishing no-protest security zones — or "bubble zones," as they are known in the United States — around abortion clinics, but the legality of such zones must first be studied, he said.

Vanoucover police spokesperson Anne Drennan told *The CJN* the police have set up a task force to investigate the Romalis case, but she emphasized that a regular police investigation is being conducted, separate from the attorney general's unit.

Drennan said stories in the Vancouver media linking the anti-abortion movement with racists have not come from the police. The reports are being considered as rumors, she said.

Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region executive director Erwin Nest said he has been contacted by the police for information. But he said that while he is fully prepared to cooperate with the police, Congress has no specific information about the alleged links.

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John Kekkas (who with his brother Dean owns **Christina's**, a favourite Danforth eatery) enjoys the design accolades, but will settle for the steady stream of happy customers who've come to be dazzled and dined. "We wanted to create something totally different here, not only from Christina's but from all other restaurants on the Danforth," says Kekkas.

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Business & Finance

Biotech firm for Winnipeg

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Apotex Inc., the largest Canadian-owned pharmaceutical manufacturing company will soon produce drugs such as insulin and human growth hormone made of natural human proteins.

Apotex president Barry Sherman said his company is in the final planning stage for a recombinant DNA facility in Winnipeg to produce such drugs.

"We're planning to make Apotex a world class biotechnology company by the year 2000," he said.

Apotex, which has the 20th highest research and development budget of any Canadian corporation, allocates $50 million a year — or 15 per cent of its annual sales in Canada — to research.

The money goes to private, non-profit and academic institutions for contract work such as drug testing, Sherman said.

Sherman, and Dr. Louis Siminovitch, C.C., Chairman Emeritus of the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute at Mount Sinai Hospital were panelists speaking on the relationship between business and science.

They spoke at the recent joint annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science and the Toronto Chapter.

Non-profit institutions like the Samuel Lunenfeld Institute at Baycrest have benefited from such arrangements.

Sherman said the relationship between business and academic institutions is complementary. "They (academia) give us (business) ideas for commercial exploitation. For academia we represent a route of commercialization and a source of funds."

According to Siminovitch, a medical geneticist, advances in technology have narrowed the gap between basic and applied science, thus changing the relationship between industry and academic institutions. Today, there is a growing partnership between the two that is mutually beneficial, he said.

Money from business for R&D helps fund labs, Siminovitch said, citing as an example, one of the Lunenfeld's Institute's business partnerships, its $2 million contract with Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Group.

Dr. Laurence A. Rubin, director of rheumatology at Woman's College Hospital, moderated the panel. He said that the usual avenues for obtaining research money are changing and consequently, scientists have to go where the money is (i.e. industry and adapt).

"That's a price potentially worth paying as long as you realize what it is," he said. "It might alter the original direction of your intellectual pursuits."

Tips from Pros

BY JEFF LEVINE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — This is the time of year many investors are considering what investments and tax options are available for the 1994 taxation year.

Revenue Canada, while rumoured to be considering modifications to the RRSP, has for the most part, since inception, left this investment vehicle structure intact. Prior to the federal government's forthcoming budget anticipated in late February, all of us should consider maximizing our contributions to such a plan.

An interesting 'qualified' investment for RRSP's centres around **Israel Bonds.** Investors can use Israel Bond certificates as part of their annual contribution, thereby receiving a tax deduction. In addition, it is an excellent conservative investment.

Let me expand upon this notion of 'contribution' and 'tax decution' by first giving you some background. Israel Bonds qualify as 'foreign content' in RRSP's. Investors can hold up to 20 per cent foreign content within such as plan. This figure is based on the "book value" which is the sum of all contributions and earnings made in the plan. The 20 per cent foreign content is always considered in Canadian Dollars.

To determine what your maximum contribution is for 1994, you must first establish what your earned income was in 1993. Your 1994 RRSP limit is equal to 18 per cent of 1993 earned income minus your pension adjustment to a maximum contribution of $13,500 for "early birds", your 1995 contribution is based on 18 per cent of 1994's income minus pension adjustment of a maximum $14,500.

For example (illustration purposes only).
Joe Shapiro - Investor has 1993 'earned income' of **$75,000**
(maximum contribution for 1994 - 18 per cent of $75,000 **$13,500**
Assume Joe Shapiro has original contribution of $7,500 in 1993. With his 1994 contribution of $13,500, and no other change in the 'book' value of his plan **$7,500**
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Obviously, larger Bond denominations can be used within RRSP's if you have contributed over a number of years and have retained 'book value'. Many plans have such values in the $200,000 - $500,000 range. Up to 20 percent foreign content allows more flexibility.

Jeff Levine is the manager of corporate and institutional sales at State of Israel Bonds.

A 40-year tradition closes its doors on Bathurst Street

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — After over 40 years of providing quality kosher meats, Springer's Strictly Kosher Meat Market has closed its doors.

Brothers Charles and Henry Springer ran a quality shop, always with decency and a sense of humor, and their customers were loyal and appreciative.

The Springers established the store at 3393 Bathurst St. in 1953, after a few years of running Toronto Kosher Meat with their father at College and Euclid.

They have seen many changes in Bathurst Street from the time they first opened, not the least of which is how it has extended northward. This shift in the community is one of the reasons their business was slow lately. Many of their customers went "home for good," as Charles said.

Other factors which led them to the difficult decision to close up shop were explained by Henry: "The younger generation went to prepared food and the chain stores took over some of the business."

Springer's provided the freshest meat available and cut it to suit the needs of the individual customer, Henry says. "We bought the best, we didn't care if it cost a few cents more. If the customer's happy, we're happy."

Their customers were very happy. Many longtime customers echoed the same comments, that in all the years of buying meat from Springer's, they never got a bad piece of meat.

The Springer family, originally from a Polish town called Szczebreszyn, immigrated to Toronto in 1949 from a displaced persons camp in Austria where they had lived from 1946-1949.

Descendant of a long line of butchers, Charles, the elder brother trained in Europe. Here, the store's reputation was widespread and they had customers outside of Toronto. Meat was sent to Deep River, Ottawa, Kingston, and even Smooth Rock Falls, Ont. They also supplied Mt. Sinai Hospital.

They had a variety of customers over the years. Henry recalled the Jordanian Muslim family who came to them because they wanted to buy brain and the non-kosher method of slaughter prevents the meat from remaining untainted. When they realized the kosher method was different, they purchased their meat at Springer's and continued to return for more.

Upon learning Springer's was closing, longtime customers were regretful. They not only enjoyed Springer's meat they liked dealing with the brothers.

'The end of an age'

Anna Rosenfelder, a customer for over 30 years said she felt it was "the end of an age. They're really fine gentlemen, wonderful to deal with."

Frieda Torkin said, "It was a personal relationship as opposed to just walking in and helping myself." She said they went out of their way for their customers.

Having stocked up freezers with Springer's meat before the store finally closed, many customers are concerned about where they will go to find meat of comparable quality when that supply runs out. Charles and Henry are investigating the possibility of part-time work.

My mother, Leah Papernick, was a customer for almost 40 years. She is concerned she will not be able to match their quality of ground beef. They always went above and beyond regulated fat restrictions when grinding their beef.

I grew up on Springer's Meat, and used their meat when I set up my own kitchen. I can only agree that the closing of this shop is a loss to our community.

A last look at Springer's Strictly Kosher Meat Market.

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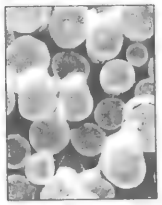
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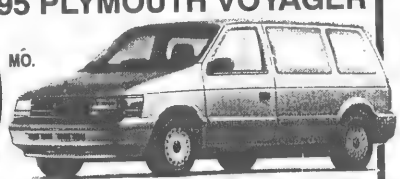

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Arts

Passover essay wins award

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Although she has suffered two severe strokes, is confined to a wheelchair and unable to speak, Basya Hunter recently received an award from the Canadian Church Press for her essay, *Watchman — What of the Night?*.

The award was presented at the annual Canadian Church Press conference in Mississauga. The Passover-themed essay was found "beautiful, wrenching, poetic and suspenseful" by the judges.

Watchmen is a chapter from Basya's unpublished memoirs. It appeared in *Grail: An Ecumenical Journal*, a quarterly journal published by the University of St. Jerome's College.

Basya, who has been a patient at the Baycrest Hospital for two years, is a drama teacher, actress and playwright . Her students include comedienne Barbara Hamilton, film director Ted Kotcheff, actors William Shatner and George Sperdakos, and singing star Robert Goulet.

Despite her frail condition, her sparkling green eyes reflect a world of knowledge and enthusiasm. Discussing her many accomplishments through written notes, she points to *Johannes Reuchlin and the Talmud*, which played at the Tarragon Theatre, St. Michael's College School and the Leah Posluns Theatre, as one of her greatest achievements.

As well, she takes joy in the Basya Hunter Play Development Fund, established by her family in 1988 to encourage new plays of Jewish significance.

Hunter was born in Minsk just before the outbreak of World War I. She grew up on the Lower East Side of New York and attended East Broadway Hebrew School for Girls. At 15, she dropped out of public school and became a Hebrew teacher.

To escape her impoverished childhood, she began writing and acting in playlets with her friends. On her way to study theatre in Moscow in 1935 she met Peter Hunter. They were married the following year.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

Jewish Film Foundation: After receiving a registered charitable tax number in November, Toronto Jewish Film Festival president Helen Zukerman and festival director Debra Plotkin announced the formation of the only Jewish film foundation in Canada.

With this new status, the foundation may accept tax receiptable donations for its various projects. Foremost among these is the annual Jewish Film Festival, a highly popular event which this year runs May 4 to 11. Another is the roster of courses in Jewish film being offered at the Bloor JCC and York University, beginning this month.

The foundation has ambitious plans that include establishing a fund for emerging Jewish film and video makers and another fund for the restoration of historical Jewish film footage, and encouraging the production of Jewish-content films for children. TJFF, 33 Prince Arthur Ave., Second Floor, Toronto, Ont. M5R 1B2. 416-324-8226.

Crowds line up at Toronto's Jewish Film Festival.

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Children's Arts Festival: Beginning this month, the Satok School of the Arts boasts weekly workshops for children in painting, batik and sculpture designed around the theme of the Wild Animal Kingdom. The school, founded by blind, internationally renowned artist Ron Satok, is known for encouraging people with unique needs to express themselves through dance, painting, sculpture, story-telling and drama.

In part, the school is hosting the workshops to develop a committed core group of children age 8 to 16 to participate in a proposed Toronto Children's Art Featival to take place August 26 to 30. According to a news release, festival orgzanizers "believe that parents and educators need to be aware of the importance of children finding a language in the arts which they can call their own."

For information, call Ron or Susan Satok 416-967-0780

Members of the Toronto Children's Arts Festival's advisory board include Ginger Eisen, president of Ginger's Bathrooms, and Jeanne Beker of CITY-TV's *Fashion Television*. Larry Sax of Sax Isaacs, Barristers, and Roslyn Levy, president of the Toronto Optimist Club, sit on the board of directors.

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Livent vs. Province of Ontario: in late December, Livent Inc. of Toronto filed a lawsuit against the Ontario government, seeking $20 million in damages, on the basis that the province's Anti-Racist Secretariat funneled about $200,000 to political action groups committed to scuttling Livent's production of *Show Boat*.

The company claims that continuous false public claims against the musical, which is now playing on Broadway as well as in North York, resulted in cancelled school trips and ticket sales not reaching levels they otherwise would have attained. In February 1993 — nearly *two years* after Livent announced its intention to mount the production — members of a group called the Coalition to Stop Show Boat began to protest, complaining to official government bodies and in public demonstrations that the production was racist, derogatory of persons of African descent, and amounted to "hate literature."

Livent's lawsuit challenges the Anti-Racist Secretariat's "wrongful and arbitrary use of authority" and claims there is no statutory or regulatory basis whatsoever for the existence of the Anti-Racism Secretariat or for the government practice of funding certain groups to "criticize, discourage, suppress or prohibit specific forms of expression" which they may deem as "racist." This, according to the statement of claim, is "an arbitrarty and indefensible violation of the fundamental right of freedom of expression" as guaranteed by the charter.

Livent is claiming general damages of $10 million and an additional $10 million in punitive and exemplary damages. The company also claims $500,000 in additional legal, advertising and administrative expenses as a result of the actions of the government.

For Livent CEO Garth Drabinsky, the lawsuit adds further drama to a life in which, it seems, there is hardly a dull moment. It's clear that Drabinsky will have to start thinking about writing a sequel once the publishing house McClelland & Stewart releases his autobiography *Closer To The Sun* at the end of March.

Arts

Photo book an Israeli treasure

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

As coffee-table books go, *A Day in the Life of Israel* (HarperCollins, $63) is beyond reproach.

An intelligent compilation of photographic impressions of the Jewish state, this is an album that one treasures and keeps coming back to long after the initial perusal.

A Day in the Life of Israel contains some 200 color and black-and-white photos. They were culled from nearly 100,000 shot by 60 top-flight photojournalists on May 5, 1993, a day after Israel and the PLO ratified their peace accord in Cairo.

The photographs, supplemented by concise captions, reveal Israel in all its facets and moods.

I was particularly struck by a handful — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reading his morning newspaper over breakfast; prepubescent yeshivah students struggling to remain alert after a long day; an Arab horsebreeder putting his steed through its paces; an armed West Bank settler shopping with his 2-year-old daughter.

I also liked the panoramic vistas of Netanya from the sea and of boxy Tel Aviv; the Bedouin shepherdess in her flowing robes; the tourists baking under a crust of Dead Sea mud; the wary Israeli soldiers on patrol; the Druze circumcision ceremony; the Ethiopian mother in repose at a caravan site; the asphalt road snaking up the awesome Mitspe Ramon crater in the Negev.

A Day in the Life of Israel succeeds in distilling Israel's photogenic essence. The editors are to be congratulated on a job well done.

OF HARPS AND KINGS
This picture shows Anna Makarova from Russia who placed second in this year's International Harp Competition in Tel Aviv.

Books
By Bernard Baskin

Storytelling & Spirituality in Judaism by Yitzhak Buxbaum Jason Aronson Inc. (paperbound)

When the founder of chassidic Judaism, the great Israel Baal Shem Tov, saw misfortune threatening the Jews, it was his custom to go into a certain part of the forest to meditate. There he would light a fire, say a special prayer, and the miracle would be accomplished and the misfortune averted.

Later, when his disciple, the celebrated Maggid of Mezritch, had occasion to intercede with heaven, he would go to the same place in the forest and say: "Master of the Universe, listen! I do not know how to light the fire, but I am still able to say the prayer," and again the miracle would be accomplished.

Still later, Rabbi Moshe-leib of Sasov, in order to save his people once more, would go into the forest and say, "I do not know how to light the fire. I do not know the prayer, but I know the place and this must be sufficient." It was sufficient, and the miracle was accomplished.

Then it fell to Rabbi Israel of Rizhin to overcome misfortune. Sitting in his armchair, his head in his hands, he spoke to God: "I am unable to light the fire, and I do not know the prayer, and I cannot even find the place in the forest. All I can do is to tell the story, and this must be sufficient." And it was sufficient.

If God responds to stories, then storytelling must be as much a mitzvah as Torah study or prayer. Through the skilful use of metaphor and image, stories invite a kind of vision that gives shape and form to the invisible. Of all the means open to us, stories are among the surest ways of touching the human spirit.

In recent years there has been a revival of Jewish storytelling in North America and the book under review is the first and only work on the subject. The author increases our appreciation of how chassidic tales can awaken the religious spirit and how even the average person can become a valuable storyteller.

It is no surprise that some religious teachers have tended to discount the narrative portions of the tradition in favor of the legal parts. Aggadah (stories, parables etc.) has often been considered inferior to Halachah (law and commandments). The author regards this attitude as both narrow and self-defeating because it distances many Jews from the love and the knowledge of Torah. He asks, "How could the Baal Shem Tov bring the light of the Torah to others if he sat day and night in the study hall?" So he travelled constantly to return Jews to God through his own ingenious methods — lords and peasants, merchants and shepherds, mystics and common thieves.

Do religious stories have to be true? Do they have to conform to facts or reality? Eli Wiesel, a master storyteller himself, answers in the negative. The first tale he heard from his grandfather contained events and dates that didn't match. "I surely didn't care. What mattered to me was not that two and two are four, but that God is one. Better still: that man and God are one." Evidently an objective Chassid is not a Chassid.

Stories have the power to enter the hearts of serious listeners. Once Rabbi Israel of Rizhin visited the homes of 17 of the town's prominent citizens and told each of them a story. Later each one of them came to the rebbe in his home and confessed his sins, having realized that his evil deeds were hinted at in the story he was told.

In summary, the author writes: "Holy stories are the light of the world. When we understand that, when both tellers and listeners know they are engaged in sacred activity, we will hold stories and storytelling more dear. The teller will tell with the tongue of faith, the listeners will hear with ears of faith, and the circle of holiness will be closed."

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Luxury lodgings in Germany

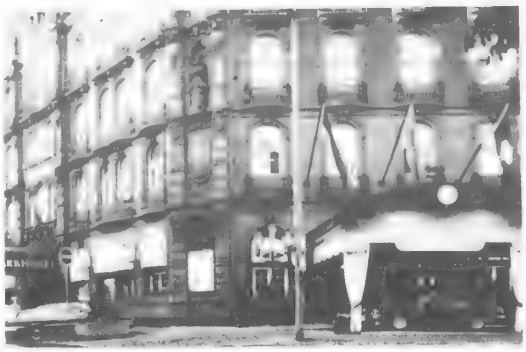
By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

FRANKFURT, Germany — I knew I was in good hands when I checked into the Forte Grand Park hotel here recently.

Part of a world-wide chain, with branches in Canada and the Middle East, it is widely regarded as a first-class hostelry with the finest amenities.

And it seems that the Israeli government shares this view.

After Israel and Jordan established formal diplomatic relations, Israeli officials scoured Amman for a suitable embassy building. Not able to find one at such short notice, Israel set up a temporary embassy at the Forte Grand Hotel in Amman, situated right in the heart of Amman's business district.



An external picture of the Forte Grand Parkhotel.

Five-star rating is richly deserved

Having luxuriated in Frankfurt's Forte Grand Parkhotel for two nights, I perfectly understand why the Israelis settled for its sister hotel in Jordan.

Literally minutes by foot away from Frankfurt's main railroad station, the Forte Grand Parkhotel is centrally located.

It is close to the Zeil, the busiest shopping area in Germany; the Goethe House, the birthplace of Germany's most famous poet; the Jewish Museum, which is currently staging an exhibit on the Rothschild family; and the Romerberg, the historic focal point of this Americanized city on the Main River.

More to the point, the Forte Grand Parkhotel boasts a five-star rating, which is richly deserved. This is a hostelry which exudes understated elegance and tradition.

Formerly known as the Movenpick Parkhotel, it was built in 1905, only to be destroyed by Allied bombing raids during World War II.

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The Forte Grand Hotel is a class act.

Vanderbilt mansion a feast for the eyes

By PHYLLIS KRASILOVSKY
Special to The CJN

Visiting the sights of Asheville, N.C., is like taking a trip back to Victorian times.

One of the foremost of the city's century-old buildings is the Biltmore estate, North America's largest private residence (on Highway 25, north of exit 50).

George Vanderbilt's 255-room mansion, completed in 1895, was modeled on the Loire Valley chateaux of the 16th century. Tremendous rooms, many ballroom-sized, are furnished with carefully maintained antiques and decorated with brocade, gilt and superb arrangements of fresh flowers. The bed chambers could easily qualify for five-star hotel ratings.

In the basement is a huge tiled pool and an exercise room, as well as the kitchen and pantries and the quarters that housed the servants.

Some of the many art works (purportedly 50,000) include antique furniture inlaid with beautiful wood, as well as paintings by artists such as Pierre Auguste Renoir and portraits by famous American painter James Whistler, who was an occasional guest at the mansion.

A three-mile avenue of trees leads to the 8,000-acre Biltmore house gardens, which visitors can drive through. The formal and informal gardens were designed by landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead just after he completed New York's Central Park.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

Four seasons Hotel, London: Twenty-five years after she attended the hotel's opening ceremonies, Britain's Princess Alexandra is set to help London's posh Four Seasons Hotel celebrate its 25th anniversary Jan. 30, by being guest of honor at a gala birthday (tickets $275) in aid of the British Red Cross Society. Isadore Sharp, Toronto-based chair and president of the Four Seasons Regent worldwide chain of luxury hotels, plans to be on hand to greet the princess, as he was 25 years ago.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Four Seasons London (previously known as the Inn on the Park) is offering a romantic weekend package for those marrying in 1995 and those who married in 1970. Its Silver Nights package includes a chauffeur-driven limousine from Heathrow Airport, suite accommodation, a candlelight dinner, a champagne breakfast in bed and other amenities.

Throughout 1995, the deluxe Mayfair-area hotel is serving a special anniversary blend of tea, devised by British tea magnate Sam Twining, daily in its lounge. The afternoon anniversary tea service costs $33.

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Passover Getaway: Just because Moses and the children of Israel left Egypt with hardly a moment's notice is no reason to wait to the last minute before deciding where you should go for a Passover vacation this year. Herewith, the first in a series of classy Pesach destinations that Travel Talk is planning to feature in coming weeks.

Toronto's Isadore Sharp (left) looks on as Britain's Princess Alexandra is greeted by Eugene Wagner at the opening of the Four Seasons Hotel, London in 1970.

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Restored in 1967, the Society Hill Synagogue was once a church before becoming a Roumanian Jewish synagogue in 1910.

City of Brotherly Love: Philadelphia boasts several historic synagogues, six of which are listed in a new brochure. *Sacred Sites of Centre City: A Walking Tour Guide to Philadelphia's Historic Churches, Synagogues and Meeting Houses.* For a free copy write to the Philadelphia Visitors Centre, 16th and JFK Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19102. Phone 1-800-537-7676.

Nearly 300,000 Jews reside in metropolitan Philadelphia, making it home to the third-largest Jewish community in the United States. To celebrate the U.S. Fourth of July, the city hosts the third annual Welcome America! festival, consisting of 12 days filled with free events, June 23 to July 4.

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Eighteenth century shul unscathed from disaster

An external shot of the Bevis Marks Synagogue.

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

LONDON — Built in 1701, London's well-known Bevis Marks Synagogue is one of few buildings in this east-end neighbourhood to emerge unscathed from the Nazi bombing of World War II and the many questionable urban renewal projects that followed the war's devastation.

Twice rattled in recent years by IRA bombs intended for nearby targets, the elegant brown brick building still stands proudly in its tiny protective courtyard. The architectural elegance of this synagogue, the oldest in Great Britain, reflects the glory its Sephardi congregants felt at living in a country where they were able to pray freely as Jews.

Inside the shul, which is used for ceremonial occasions, the wooden pews, brass candelabras and elaborate Torah ark are remarkably well-preserved. Near the front, a special chair is still chained off in honor of the synagogue's most celebrated congregant, Sir Moses Montefiore (1784-1885), who is accorded the status of a latter-day Eliyahu.

Another famous congregant was Isaac D'Israeli (1766-1848), author of numerous volumes of literary history and anecdotes, and father of the British statesman Benjamin Disraeli. Records indicate that, owing to some breach of synagogue rules (possibly non-attendance at services), D'Israeli was ordered to pay a fine. He adamantly refused. Consequently, not only did his son never have a bar-mitzvah, but his father took him to a church to be baptised.

Situated within walking distance of both the Aldgate and the Liverpool Street underground stations, Bevis Marks is not normally open to the public. A good way to see the synagogue is by going on a walking tour of the Jewish East End.

One recommended walk is offered by Historical Tours (081-668-4019), with John Muffty as guide. It starts most Sundays and Tuesdays at 11 a.m., takes two hours to complete, and costs about $10. A synagogue attendant requests an additional $2 donation.

England expelled its Jews in 1290, long before either Spain or Portugal. Bevis Marks, which replaced a smaller Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, was erected less than half a century after the Jews were officially readmitted in 1656. A plaque marks the site of the earlier Sephardi synagogue, in Creechurch Lane.

The feeling of civic pride and gratitude that informed the construction of Bevis Marks is reflected in the hallmark Great Synagogue of Amsterdam, which the local Sephardi community built in 1675. In the 1700s, Sephardi communities erected similar grand structures in Curacao, Rhode Island and numerous other localities in America and the Caribbean.

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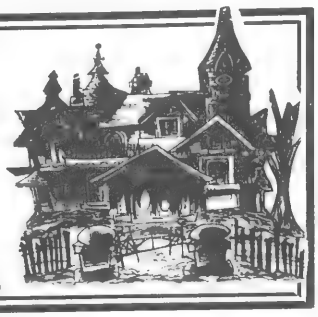

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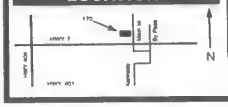

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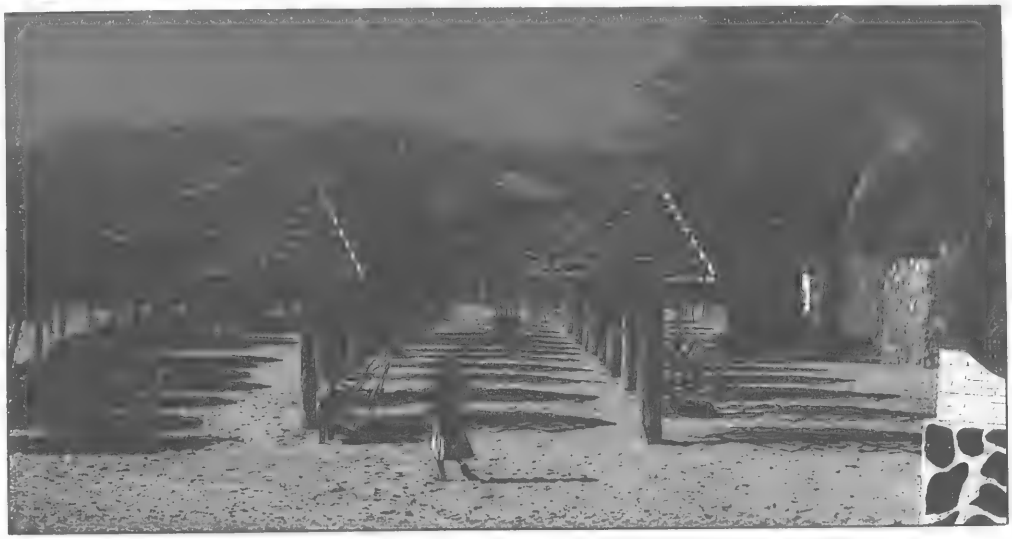

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Anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa often threaten a family's stability, as well as the lives of young women. *Page 7*

At 100 years of age, Goldie Grafstein is not only a matriarch to her 78 direct descendants, but, through her letter-writing, is a mainstay of her large extended family. *Page 18*

Toronto-born hockey goalie Erik Goldhar has seen his share of ups and downs in the past year. *Page 22*

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Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Israel's foreign ministry will no longer require its guests to visit Yad Vashem and visitors wishing to tour the Golan Heights must now request a visit. *Page 26*

The new Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives has garnered support for his decision to dismiss a historian who opposed Holocaust education. *Page 28*

Travel: As historians debate whether Romania's 1989 insurrection was a true revolution or merely a coup d'etat in disguise, one Canadian who has visited the impoverished Eastern European nation claims that its people enjoy more freedoms than before. *Page 49*

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Cost no factor in war crimes cases: Marchi

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Citizenship and Immigration Canada appears to be backtracking on statements made to the president of Canadian Jewish Congress, indicating that the department considered legal action against Nazi war criminals too expensive.

Last week, Citizenship and Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi stated cost will not be a factor in determining whether legal action will be taken.

Congress president Irving Abella had been quoted in media reports as saying that Marchi had earlier told him the department was under financial siege and cutbacks had been ordered.

Abella told *The CJN* "I'm sure he's been told by his bureaucrats that there is no money" to prosecute suspected war criminals. "I fear it's another excuse to not do anything."

Immigration Department spokesperson Roger White attempted to scotch that perception, saying the department will announce its planned course of action in connection with suspected Nazi war criminals in the first week of February.

White said that since last summer, the immigration and the justice departments have cooperated on eight files developed by the Justice Department's war crimes unit.

"It's very much a front-burner issue with this department," he said. "Cost will not be a deciding factor. Our legal and moral obligations will be the major criteria."

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CHERNOBYL CHILDREN

Children in Kiev wait for a flight to Israel to receive medical treatment for the effects of radiation exposure thanks to a project begun in 1990 by Chabad Lubavitch.

CJN reporter meets with Arafat

Staff writer Sheldon Kirshner visited the Gaza Strip recently and met with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. Here are his impressions of his visit.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

GAZA CITY — There he was, a small, unprepossessing, unshaven, gimlet-eyed man wearing his trademark black-and white kaffiyeh and pale green military-style uniform. Looking exactly as he does in photographs and on television, Yasser Arafat greeted us with a warm smile and an outstretched hand.

I shook his hand, he muttered a welcome, and I withdrew, taking my place behind a long conference table in Arafat's office in Gaza City. For years, I had written and read about the PLO leader. Now, for the first time, I had met him in the flesh.

For the next hour or so, Arafat spoke extemporaneously, fielded questions, posed for pictures and answered personal queries.

I had intended to go to Gaza, the Bangladesh of the Middle East. And when I heard that an Americans for Peace Now delegation fresh from a trip to Jordan and Syria had been invited to Arafat's headquarters in Gaza City, I decided to accompany the group.

With the King David Hotel in Jerusalem as the departure point, we were driven to the Erez crossing point, the bustling gateway to Gaza. There we were met by Sofian Abu Zaida of the Israeli Affair's Department of the Palestine National Authority's Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation.

The nine of us got off the minibus, walked to the border, showed our passports to an Israeli soldier and piled into three cars with Gaza licence plates. A Palestinian policeman riding a motorcycle with the siren on led the way, scattering wayward cars, trucks and donkey carts. Palestinians on the side of the road stared, probably wondering whether we were VIPs.

We passed citrus orchards, scraggly fields and isolated farmsteads before we reached Gaza City, a grey, depressing vista of crumbling buildings and a jumble of majestic minarets piercing the skyline.

Within minutes, we reached a partially-finished, dilapidated concrete structure on the Mediterranean Sea near Gaza City's port, a building Arafat shares with the Palestine Broadcasting Authority.

As we stepped out, a horde of photographers and TV cameramen descended upon us. Armed guards — hard, mustachioed men cradling guns and rifles and clad in boots and sneakers — escorted us into awaiting room. The security was surprisingly lax. No one even frisked us.

Arafat is notorious for keeping guests cooling their heels for hours, but we were ushered into his presence in about 10 minutes.

Arafat's office was spacious. It was adorned with a black-enameled table with chairs, a brown credenza, a Philips TV set, a Palestinian flag resting against white curtains, an aerial map of Jerusalem and framed color photographs of the Dome of the Rock and of Arafat with two unidentified associates.

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CJN Community Contests

We are pleased to announced the inauguration of *CJN* Community Contests. The paper will sponsor four contests, each timed to a different holiday and aimed at a different segment of the community. For details, please see page 15.

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CANADA

BBC Leaders in China

TORONTO — Leaders of B'nai Brith Canada last week left for what is described as an unprecedented trip to China.

The delegation is to forge links with the ancient Chinese Jewish community and promote positive ties with Beijing.

Joining the trip is Ontario Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter.

As part of the mission, BBC will examine whether any of the current anti-Semitism in Asia has found its way to China.

CCRJ Trip to Israel

TORONTO — The outreach department of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism is presenting Israel Through Jewish Eyes, a trip to the Holy Land from March 12-23, 1995.

The trip will be led by CCRJ director Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb and outeach coordinator Jessie Caryll.

It will include touring of the major attractions in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, the Golan Heights, Haifa and other centres. Cost is $2,350 per person.

For details, call (905) 709-2275.

Heritage Front Hotline

ST. CATHARINES — The white supremacist Heritage Front has announced it intends to launch a telephone hotline in this southern Ontario city to recruit members and spread its message.

A similar hotline in Toronto was subject of complaints to the Canadian Human Rights Commission over messages that denigrated minorities.

Bill Livingstone, a spokesman for the Niagara branch of the Heritage Front, said the messages will be less controversial than those in Toronto.

However, Jim Millington, spokesman for the Niagara Region Race Relations Council, said the group will monitor the hotline and take legal action if its messages are offensive.

ISRAEL

Rabbi Riskin Apologizes

EFRAT — Rabbi Shlomo Riskin of the West Bank settlement of Efrat last week apologized for having called on American Jews not to donate to the United Jewish Appeal and instead channel money directly to Jewish settlements in the territories.

"I don't believe that we shouldn't give to UJA. If it came out that way, then I'm sorry," he said.

Rabbi Riskin added that his own Ohr Torah Educational Institutions in Jerusalem are beneficiaries of UJA funds.

At the same time, however, he repeated his view that American Jews should give directly to projects in the territories.

Russians 'Stigmatized'

JERUSALEM — There is no Russian mafia in Israel, but Russian newcomers are often stigmatized as criminals.

That's the main conclusion of the Knesset Aliya and Absorption Committee, which met last week to discuss media reports on organized crime, prostitution, and drug rings run by immigrants.

The number of Russian immigrants with criminal records "is probably only in the hundreds and not proportionately different from any other ethnic group of immigrants," said a police spokesman.

WORLD

Aid to Continue

WASHINGTON — Washington's top Republicans have assured Jewish leaders that the party intends to maintain aid to Israel at its current level.

New House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole and Senate Majority Whip Trent Lott delivered the message in separate meetings last week with leaders of the National Jewish Coalition, a group that supports Republican causes.

Israel annually receives $1.8 billion in defence aid and $1.2 billion in economic assistance. President Bill Clinton told Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin when they met here in November that the aid was safe at least through the end of the 1995 fiscal year.

Czechs Want Reparations

BONN — Victims of Nazi atrocities in the Czech Republic are demanding Germany grant them reparations for suffering during World War II.

But at the same time, representatives of the 3 million Germans who fled from the Sudentenland during the war demanded that the Czech government compensate them for their suffering. Many also demand to be repatriated.

Jacob Cermin, who reprsents the 16,800 survivors of Nazi persecution still living in the Czech Republic, warned recently that Germany's failure to compensate the Czechs could lead to "renewed hatred between the two peoples."

The Sarajevo Hagaddah

CHICAGO — Israel is negotiating to save the renowned Sarajevo Hagaddah, the *Chicago Tribune* reported recently.

The priceless volume, which dates to about 1350 CE, is kept in a vault of the embattled city's central bank. It has become, the paper says, a "hostage" of the fighting in Bosnia.

Other parties, including the auction house Sotheby's, are also said to have an interest in the hagaddah.

An offer of $1 million in cash plus weapons and fuel, in exchange for the hagaddah, was turned down by Bosnian officials, the paper reported.

Bukharan Jew 'Framed'

NEW YORK — The U.S.-based Union of Councils for Soviet Jews is charging that a 76-year-old Bukharan Jew has been framed for murder in Uzbekistan.

The advocacy organization charges that the trial of Iosif Koinov is part of an increasing climate of anti-Semitism in the former Soviet republic.

Koinov, an observant Jew, is accused of killing a 17-year-old tenant in his building, who was found murdered in bed on Sept. 29.

According to the Union of Councils, Koinov was in fact traveling at the time the murder occurred, and no traces of the victim's blood were found on the knife he allegedly used.

After being tortured by authorities, Koinov reportedly signed a false confession.

The trial began on Jan. 5, but was immediately adjourned, for reasons not reported.

Joe Slovo Dies

JOHANNESBURG — South African President Nelson Mandela declared last Sunday a day of national mourning for Housing Minister Joe Slovo, who died of cancer Jan. 5 at the age of 68.

Born Yossel Mashal Slovo in Obelei, Lithuania, Slovo was a longtime communist who devoted his life to the fight for full racial equality in South Africa.

He was the first white to be elected to the executive of the African National Congress and was one of two Jews to serve in cabinet after Mandela won the country's first all-race elections last April.

Medical Ethics Conference

SAN FRANCISCO — Physicians and nurses are invited to attend the sixth annual International Conference on Jewish Medical Ethics, to take place here Feb. 17-20.

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BB may fight entry of anti-abortion activist

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A B'nai Brith (BB) official says his organization may try to keep American anti-abortion activist Randall Terry out of Canada when a conference of 1,200 pro-lifers meets here April 19 to 23.

Terry, a leader of a U.S. anti-abortion group called Operation Rescue, was convicted of criminal contempt in a New York court in June 1993, said Stephen Scheinberg, past national chair of BB's League for Human Rights.

Terry is scheduled to deliver a keynote speech on April 22, at a conference of Human Life International (HLI), which claims to have branches in over 50 countries.

HLI leader denounced

HLI leader, Father Paul Marx, has been denounced by BB and by Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) for his past record of singling out Jews in the pro-choice movement.

Scheinberg said BB will have to see if they have enough to justify trying to keep Terry from entering the country.

"If we have enough, we will go ahead with it," he said.

HLI officials have reacted to the protests of Jewish groups by accusing BB and pro-choice groups such as Planned Parenthood of conducting a smear campaign.

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Romalis speaks out

By ARIELA FRIEDMAN
Special to The CJN

VANCOUVER — Dr. Gary Romalis wants everyone in the Jewish community to know that he is "absolutely overwhelmed" by the outpouring of support and concern for his well-being.

From Vancouver General Hospital, where he is still recovering from a gunshot wound that caused extensive damage to his leg, Romalis agreed to a recent telephone interview with the *Jewish Western Bulletin*.

Speaking calmly about the Nov. 8 shooting — his voice trembling with emotion only when reflecting on his family's and the community's support — the Jewish gynecologist, shot by an unknown assailant, said he is astounded by the backing he has received.

"I've been overwhelmed by the support from the Jewish community. People have been wonderful. There's no way to

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KOFFLER CENTRE LAUNCHED

Dr. Pamela Goodwin (left) and Marvelle Koffler take hammer in hand to officially kick off construction on the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto. They are joined by members of the centre's advisory committee. Scheduled to open in fall 1995, the centre will provide comprehensive services for women receiving breast care in a comfortable and pleasant environment. The new centre will offer an opportunity to bring together existing ambulatory breast care resources and to create new programs designed to enhance treatment.

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Separate Quebec would use French to unite groups: BQ

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Just as Israel used Hebrew as a common language to "cement" immigrants together, a separate Quebec will use French to do the same thing, Bloc Quebecois (BQ) whip Gilles Duceppe told delegates to the recent Jewish Students' Network convention.

Speaking in English, Duceppe praised the contribution of the Jewish community in shaping the history of the province. He sought to reassure the crowd that any person who lives in Quebec is a Quebecer.

Anglophones and cultural communities, he pledged, will have their "collective rights" fully recognized under sovereignty, including education, health and social services and cultural institutions.

But Duceppe also made a distinction between Quebec having a "multicultural" society, which he opposed, and a "pluricultural" one, which he supported.

The former, he said, risks building walls between communities and "ghettoizing" them.

The latter, by contrast, allows for cultural groups to maintain their roots but to be cemented together by a common language, he said.

Duceppe believes that the referendum on Quebec sovereignty will pass later this year.

He characterized secession as a process that will permit Quebec to control taxation, pass laws and sign international treaties.

He claimed sovereignty would be good not only for Quebec, but for Canada too, since the issue will finally be settled and each will be able to go its own way.

He also was confident Quebec could sign on to the North American free trade deal (NAFTA), "but you have to exist [as a country] first."

Fielding questions later, Duceppe said Quebec's working language "is, should be, and will [continue to be] French." Immigrants from outside Quebec who wish to send their children to public schools will have to send them to French schools, just as immigrants to France do.

Duceppe said Quebecers will also be able to keep "dual citizenship," and continue to use the Canadian dollar.

If the Quebec government loses the referendum, Duceppe said the BQ will have to "consider the reality and analyse the the situation," but he did not say whether BQ MPs would resign their seats.

Duceppe also said that as long as Quebec schools are divided along religious lines, Muslim girls should have the right to wear the religious scarf called the hijab.

But the right to wear the hijab — and even the Jewish kipah — would have to be debated if schools become language-based only, Duceppe said.

"We should not have religion in [language-based] public schools," he said.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer Fred M. Catzman has been researching their origins over the past few years. Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

FORGANG

Frances Halpern writes that her maiden name was Forgang, but does not know its meaning or origin. My interpretation will make her proud.

Forgang has several meanings, but the probable definition is model. A Forganger is a leader or precedent. Frances can boast of ancestors that were model parents and grandparents and by their exemplary character were recognized as communal leaders.

PIPIK

A correspondent who requested that his adopted surname should not be disclosed enquires about the origin of his father's surname — Pipik.

There are two possible sources for the name.

It is the Yiddish word for navel and it was adopted as a nickname for a small-sized and corpulent person.

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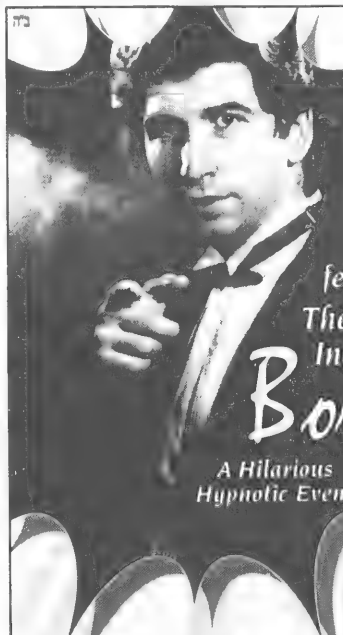

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Play for Jay tournament raises $15,000

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — More than 320 basketball players of all sizes and abilities turned up recently at the Play for Jay three-on-three basketball tournament at the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC).

They dribbled, dunked and passed the day away, all for a good cause. Together they helped raise about $15,000 for the Friends of Jay Feinberg Foundation. The money will help finance blood donor clinics for those stricken with leukemia.

Feinberg, who was diagnosed almost four years ago with the life-threatening disease, was too ill to attend.

Audey Stanleigh, who indirectly owes his life to Feinberg, helped organize the day-long event. Stanleigh, 19, received a bone-marrow transplant last July from a donor who was tested at a clinic organized by Feinberg's family to find a suitable donor for their son.

"The whole idea of healing through sports appealed to us," said Stanleigh, who with friend Ilan Meister, 19, conceived of the basketball fundraiser.

The BJC co-sponsored the event.

Out on the court in the BJC's main gym, dozens of spectators and friends buzzed around as athletes showed their wares. One highlight was a celebrity game between TSN, The Sports Network, and The Fan all-sports radio station.

Elsewhere, emotions ran high in what looked to be a grudge match as a group of high school girls took on a team of teachers. Spectators wondered, which would prevail, experience or youth, exuberance or savvy?

In the end, the 30-something teachers, who dubbed themselves "The Educators," humbled the youngsters and gloated all the way to their next match.

"We beat up on 'em good," said teacher Bonnie Chusid, obviously not a grammer instructor.

"We've still got it," said Daryl Starkman, savoring the thrill of victory. Sisters-in-law Shari Weinberg and Tina Weinberg voiced the feeling of many when they said "it's good fun for a good cause."

Altogether, 82 teams anted up $100 each to participate in the fundraiser. Additional sums were collected from donations, the sale of merchandise and admission fees.

Audey Stanleigh (left) and Ilan Meister.

The action was fast and furious in many of the matches at the Play for Jay tournament at the BJC. [Paul Lungen photo]

Staff from TSN and The Fan all-sports radio battle it out before an appreciative crowd. [Paul Lungen photo]

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Hamilton JCC hopes to put financial setbacks behind

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — The Jewish Community Centre (JCC) of Hamilton-Wentworth and area is looking to put financial setbacks behind it in 1995 and increase membership and programming.

"We've had a tough year, but we're going to make it," promised newly installed president Harvey Waxman at the JCC's recent annual general meeting.

Waxman, who served as JCC president for two years in the mid-80s, said federation has agreed to support the twin goals of increased membership and programming in an agreement "to help us get things going again," Waxman said.

Late last summer, mounting concern over the JCC's financial problems caused federation to step in with what outgoing president David Loewith termed "a wake-up call."

The JCC's financial problems are in large part due to non-payment of pledges made to the capital building fund when the JCC moved to its present location on the western outskirts of Hamilton in 1987, and to insufficient income from memberships.

According to financial statements presented by accountant Larry Matlow of Vine and Partners of Kitchener, there has been a small increase in JCC membership over the past year.

Other JCC woes are the failure to obtain the zoning changes necessary to remodel its 34-acre property and convert the former racquet club on the site for institutional use.

Ongoing zoning negotiations have been stalled because of opposition by neighbors, but vice-president Larry Szpirglas reported that the Niagara Escarpment Commission has approved the concept of a pool, one baseball diamond and possibly one other "multi-activity play area."

The JCC is planning to turn a former farmhouse at the western end of the property into an administrative building for the day camp.

Szpirglas said he hopes that Ancaster town council, under whose jurisdiction the JCC falls, will now approve the JCC's revised recreational master plan and "that everything will be completed by June."

The JCC will also continue its efforts to obtain an extension of the present bus route to the JCC property.

Past president Michael Kemeny installed the new board, which includes Susan Gilbert as treasurer and Howie Brown and former president Sandy Silver as directors-at-large.

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Jewish emigres top conference's agenda

MONTREAL — Jewish community professionals from across the country met recently to plan ways to help new immigrants find jobs in Canada.

Thirty community workers from Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Windsor, Toronto and Montreal met in November to coordinate vocational services for Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Susan Davis

"The Jewish emigres served collectively by these Jewish communities have a tremendous potential to become some of Canada's leading professionals in engineering, science and business," said Susan Davis, national executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) Canada.

Conference participants agreed to work towards a national Jewish vocational network and to pursue federal funding. "Such a network would make it possible for smaller communities to benefit from successful program models and services of the Montreal and Toronto JVS (Jewish Vocational Services) agencies," said Montreal JVS director David Mendelson.

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From coast to coast

Anoerexia, bulimia devastate life, families

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "When I die, I know I'm going to go to heaven. I've already been to hell here."

This is how Daniela Feldman describes coping with her youngest daughter Caron's eight-year struggle with anorexia and bulimia.

At 13, Caron was a happy, bright slightly overweight teenager. Now, at 21, a meagre 70 pounds is distributed over a 5 feet 4 inch body.

Her bodily functions are closing down, and family physician Dr. Eleanor Kopylenko has written in a letter shown to *The CJN* that "[in] the absence of treatment, Caron could die."

With the financial help of family friends, she is currently groping for what she realizes is her last chance — a $60,000 (US) course of treatment at the Radar Clinic in Los Angeles.

Anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa are high-profile diseases that, despite greater public awareness, generated in part by movies like *The Famine Within* and a recent *20/20* program, continue to rip apart families like the Feldmans and cause young women to die.

Dr. Allan Kaplan, head of the eating disorders program at the Toronto Hospital and associate psychiatry professor at University of Toronto, describes anorexia and bulimia as chronic psychiatric illnesses caused by factors which "put a young girl out of touch with her body."

The diseases, which affect women nine times more often than men, are characterized by an intense fear of weight gain, distorted body image and low self-esteem.

Anorexia is identified by drastic weight loss from excessive dieting. In bulimia, which may or may not accompany anorexia, the person suffers frequent weight fluctuations and periods of uncontrollable binge eating, followed by purging through vomiting and laxatives.

Anorexia occurs in just under one per cent of young adult women, and bulimia in just under two per cent.

Kaplan told *The CJN* that certain factors seem to put young women at risk: a self-esteem too closely linked to external considerations; being involved in activities where an undue focus is put on weight, such as modelling or ballet; depression or abuse.

Caron's struggle, according to her mother, began when her estranged father arranged for her to take diet pills at 13. It continued through her years at York Mills Collegiate in North York and at York University.

The rate of cure is not overly encouraging. Kaplan says one-half of those with anorexia or bulimia recover, although they are at increased risk for later problems like substance abuse and depression, along with residual health effects like a weakened heart and poor digestion.

Only half recover

Twenty to 30 per cent remain "somewhat ill," Kaplan said, while 10 to 20 per cent die, either from suicide or from starvation.

Treatment, which consists of individual or group therapy, hospitalization and behavior modification, is fraught with difficulty.

Therapist Rabbi Manny Klein began treating Caron nearly two years ago after she had seen a number of eating disorder specialists in Toronto. With her permission, he described to *The CJN* her troubled years filled with manipulation, family breakdown and the search for help.

Toronto student Caron Feldman before her illness.

Many anorexia and bulimia sufferers refuse to recognize their problem. Caron, for one, knew something was amiss although she lied to her family about her eating habits and wore baggy clothes to hide her skeletal frame.

Caron's mother and older sister tried to find help for her, but Caron claims nothing was effective. At one point she promised to eat if she was given a car, then when she got it ran away, her mother says.

Rabbi Klein and the Feldmans charge that treatment in Toronto is woefully inadequate. "There are long waiting lists first for assessment, then again for treatment,"

'Long waiting list for assessment'

Rabbi Klein said. "No one would tell us about treatment centres [in other places], and they weren't ready to pay for someone to be an in-patient."

Kaplan vehemently denies the accusations. "In Toronto we have probably the most comprehensive treatment facilities for anorexia and bulimia in the world. While there is a three-month waiting period for assessment, there is no wait for treatment."

While there are treatment centres in Canada, including those in Guelph, Ont., and Victoria, B.C., Los Angeles' Radar Clinic is the only place Caron and Rabbi Klein feel can she can get help. The full course of treatment could run to $100,000 (US), and is not covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan.

A group spearheaded by Esther Greenbaum is determined to raise the funds. An auction sale at Hava Negila club in Thornhill brought in $20,000, and the effort is continuing. Tax deductible donations to help Caron can be sent to CK Foundation, 249 Spring Gate Blvd., Thornhill, Ont. L4J 3G3.

Warning signs

Warning signs of anorexia and bulimia include excessive concern about weight, shape and calories; depression or irritability; guilt or shame about eating; feeling fat when not overweight; excessive exercising, and strict avoidance of certain foods, especially those considered fattening.

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Life in the first world

Constructive criticism from friends is always welcome; indeed, good advice, well intended, is consequential to friendship. But the criticism last week of Canada by an editorial writer in the *Wall Street Journal* as having "now become an honorary member of the Third World" was past constructive. It was a supercilious rebuke intended to chasten the federal minister of finance preparing his budget for next month.

The remark was too cavalier to sit well with us and too ironic to be ignored. The *Journal's* view of "life in the first world" is apparently not bothered by an estimated 30 million people living without medical health insurance of any kind, or by a landscape of violent and abandoned inner cities inhospitable to individuals and businesses, or by a growing cleavage between middle class and underclass.

Every level of government in Canada, of all political stripes, has acknowledged the serious dangers inherent in spiralling deficits. The issue for Canadian governments is not whether to attack their respective budgetary deficits, but how. And here is where most Canadians are thankful for the different philosophy of governing which distinguishes us from Americans.

Rights of property are fundamental; but the rights of humanity are sacrosanct. Canadians believe that government has important responsibilities to the governed in addition to ensuring a free and honest marketplace.

They are responsibilities which the Jewish community understands and cherishes. We are taught: "If your brother becomes poor, and his means fail, strengthen and uphold him." (Lev. 25:5), or, "If there are needy people among you...you shall not harden your heart or close your hand..." (Deut.15:11)

In our view, these responsibilities are the core of democracy because the uniqueness and importance of individual human beings are the very reason for democracy.

A process of many perils

Has there ever been a government in Israel that did not have to agonize over decisions of life and death? From the inception of the state, every decade has had its war, and every war has brought its suffering.

Now the government of Yitzhak Rabin tries to avert war through the possibility of peace. But decisions about peace have brought their own agonies.

Indicative of the mounting frustration with the peace process, Shlomo Riskin, the chief rabbi of Efrat, warned last week of virtual civil insurrection and called upon the Diaspora to stop contributing to the United Jewish appeal. His outburst was irresponsible and dangerous. He recanted later.

In this week's *CJN* we have reproduced two articles on our Perspectives page which typify the anguished debate surrounding the peace process. Everyone acknowledges that the process has many perils. But would there be fewer perils without the process?

As the debate intensifies, we implore leaders in Israel and in the Diaspora to be temperate in their language and exemplary in their actions. We must avoid "sinat chinam", baseless, fraternal hatred. History has warned us often enough of its mortal dangers.

An anxious Network

The Jewish Students' Network is a country-wide organization attempting to serve the needs of Jewish university students in Canada. As reported last week in *The CJN*, there is a feeling of anxiety among Network's membership regarding the future of the organization. Whether the anxiety is justified or not, it must be clearly addressed.

Over the past three years, the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), the main funder of Network, has been examining ways of developing a coordinated system of high quality services among the various Jewish youth groups on campus.

The national board of the CJF is convening in Toronto later this week. One of the items on their agenda will most likely be the issue of campus services for our young adults. We believe the board should take advantage of their meeting to allay student fears about the future of campus organizations, including Network. An appropriate pronouncement to that effect would be helpful.

Dry Bones

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Outlook brighter for leukemia patients

I am writing in regard to an article in the Jan. 5 edition of *The CJN*. As a medical oncologist specializing in the treatment of leukemia and in bone marrow transplantation, I feel it necessary to correct a gross inaccuracy about chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), which may concern readers with the disease, their family and friends. I will not comment on the unfortunate young man described, as he is not my patient, nor am I aware of any details of his case, but I will describe the therapy of CML in general.

The only therapy that appears to be curative is bone marrow transplantation. For the lucky 10-20 per cent with related donors who are eligible, survival at greater than five years is roughly 90 per cent. For those electing transplantation from unrelated donors if available, survival at two years is 30 to 40 per cent, due to the increased toxicity of this procedure.

For those not electing or not eligible for transplantation, therapy is probably not curative, but the result is not as bleak as described in your article. Prior to the introduction of a drug called alpha interferon about 10 years ago, the median survival of non-transplanted patients with CML was about four years. That means half survived less than four years but half survived longer — I can personally recall two patients surviving for 17 and 19 years. With the proper use of interferon, the median survival has doubled and for the best responding groups of patients (roughly 30 to 40 per cent), 80 per cent or more are alive at 10 years. This is far cry from "no record of a CML patient living more than 42 months without a transplant."

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Questioning establishment attitudes

I read with interest and sadness the article by Janice Arnold about education, income and intermarriage in the Jan. 5 edition. The sadness comes not from the statistics on intermarriage or the decline of the "mainstream" Jewish community, which is sad indeed, but rather from the establishment attitudes which it illustrates.

The first problem is with the study itself and not Ms. Arnold's reporting. If the article is correct, the study does not include among Jews those who have converted to Judaism. People who have undergone legitimate conversion have struggled much, have studied much and have adopted radical changes in their lifestyles. To exclude these people from our numbers is a gross insult to each of them personally, and is halachically unacceptable.

Even more disturbing is the review of the situation in our schools. I suppose there is some justification in breaking the numbers down linguistically, although I'm not sure what the justification is. But I cannot for the life of me understand why the ultra-Orthodox have to be in a distinct category.

To subtract and therefore to exclude any Jews from our midst for any reason at all seems to me to be totally unacceptable.

We are told that the second Temple was destroyed because of unwarranted hatred between Jews, and conversely one of the highest principles to strive for is Achdut Yisrael — the unity of Jewish people. Let us work to break down the barriers which separate us from each other and avoid using hyphens whenever we can. Converted Jews, ultra-Orthodox Jews, short Jews, tall Jews, skinny Jews! Let us emphasize the noun and not the adjective.

Brocha Shizgal
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Reconstructionism: a work-in-progress

The CJN article (Nov. 24, 1994 based on a JTA report), "Reconstructionist Movement at a Crossroads After 40 Years," left me with a curious mixture of disbelief.

I would not have characterized the gathering with the word "confusion." If any significant confusion was voiced, it had more to do with the failure of the movement to educate its members to the mission of the movement and to its role in the larger world of Jewish life. People wanted help in identifying more strongly with the distinctive approach and character of the movement that had brought them into the Reconstructionist fold. Given the growth in Reconstructionist affiliations over the past decade, and the remarkable acceptance of our innovations and insights, why did we not take an even more assertive approach toward congregational and movement growth?

What I found most glaringly absent from *The CJN* article was the very heart of the Convention's deliberations, perhaps the most extraordinary feature of Reconstructionist congregational life: By viewing Judaism as a "work-in-progress" rather than a finished product, we invite everyone to learn how to participate in the process of decision-making. Every aspect of our congregational life is (or ought to be) focused on helping Jews know how, when and why to make Jewishly informed choices. The goal is to present a way of being Jewish that is founded on Jews choosing to practise their Judaism with love, caring, and devotion in every possible context and on every possible occasion.

Rabbi Lawrence M. Pinsker
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Reader seeks missing relative

I am trying to trace my relatives. I am looking for a relative from Montreal who was born in 1915. He was Jewish and the outstanding thing about him was that he rode a motorcycle. He once had a friend, Vera Brown (Diamond), who lived around City Councillor Street.

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Perspectives

— The painful path to peace —

A choice between agonies

By GARY ROSENBLATT

Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein is not your typical rosh yeshivah. Though he heads Yeshivat Har Etzion in the Judean hills south of Jerusalem, one of the largest and most respected yeshivot in Israel, he is clean shaven, American-born and has a doctorate in English literature from Harvard.

During his recent impassioned defense of the religious imperative of sacrificing land for peace in Israel, Rabbi Lichtenstein, a recognized talmudic scholar, quoted passages from John Milton, Oliver Cromwell and Matthew Arnold, as well as a range of Torah texts.

The son-in-law of the late Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, Rabbi Lichtenstein is a living embodiment of the Torah u'madah (Torah study and pursuit of secular knowledge) philosophy that Yeshiva University espoused under his father-in-law's religious guidance.

A graduate of Yeshiva University, where he taught in both the secular and Judaic departments, Rabbi Lichtenstein made aliyah almost 25 years ago. Together with Rabbi Yehuda Amital, he heads the hesder yeshivah known as Gush, where Israeli young men combine intensive Torah study with active military service.

Shy by nature, Rabbi Lichtenstein has nonetheless taken bold positions on issues of religion, morality and politics in his assertion that the values of Orthodox Judaism can be compatible with the goals of the peace process, and that one's position on compromise of the land of Israel should not be a test of one's Zionism.

Speaking to more than 200 people at The Jewish Centre in Manhattan's Upper West Side, Rabbi Lichtenstein repeatedly referred to the "agonies of choice" regarding the peace process and said the decision comes down to carefully balancing a variety of factors. Chief among them are the mitzvah of holding on to the land of Israel, which is holy, and the mitzvah of saving lives and making peace, which are the highest priority.

Endorsing peace process

In a carefully reasoned talk, a kind of ideological endorsement of the process of peace rather than its results, Rabbi Lichtenstein said, "It is permissible, even desirable, to give up land, however painful that is," for the sake of averting war and achieving peace.

The talk was the first public program sponsored by Shvil Hazahav (the Golden Mean), a new organization calling on Orthodox Jews to participate in the peace process. Given Rabbi Lichtenstein's credentials as a halachic expert, his appearance was intended to encourage those supporters of Shvil Hazahav who feel embattled and outnumbered by those in the Orthodox community who oppose the peace process.

Addressing this defensiveness, Rabbi Lichtenstein said it is wrong to suggest that "the more hardline one is, the greater one's Zionism."

If you support the peace process, he said, "you are not one whit less a Zionist committed to territorial integrity."

The rabbi noted that there are serious risks in stonewalling Arab demands and maintaining the status quo in Israel, since the situation could deteriorate. But he was also highly critical of those Israeli leaders — presumably including Foreign Minister Shimon Peres — who seem motivated by economics as a reason for making peace, and who may feel that the settlements are an albatross they would gladly give up.

"Regardless of where one stands on the peace process," Rabbi Lichtenstein said, "one must feel a deep sense of pain." He said that while he would, regrettably, give up land to save human lives, he would not give up one square kilometre of the land to boost Israel's economy by increasing tourism or trade.

He compared giving up part of Eretz Yisrael to undergoing an amputation — a sad, painful process, only permissible if it becomes necessary to save the body.

Whatever one's views on the peace process, one came away from Rabbi Lichtenstein's talk impressed with the seriousness and thoroughness of his approach, his respect for those with differing views, and the deep anguish of the Jewish scholar applying halachic principles to a vital and painful situation.

In the tradition of the rabbis of the Talmud, Rabbi Lichtenstein said that the process itself of approaching and weighing an issue is as important as the conclusion — and that the process informs the decision. That is why he dismisses those on either side of the Mideast peace debate who view it as a simple black or white issue and why he pleads for civility in the discussion.

By all means engage in the debate, he said, but be prepared to not only hear your opponent, but to really listen with care and compassion.

Students say that in his own yeshivah, if Rabbi Lichtenstein speaks out on an issue, he invariably schedules a rabbi with another view to speak, so that students can be informed of both positions.

How many other rabbis or Jewish leaders in America or Israel are prepared to present an opposing view, on this or any other issue? That is what makes Rabbi Lichtenstein not only a man of letters, and a man of Torah, but a man of moral integrity as well.

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Negotiating under the gun

By HILLEL C. NEUER

In Cairo and Washington, Israel's negotiators meet with Arab representatives to determine how much land Israel will surrender, and how soon. In exchange, Israel primarily seeks assurances of security: from the Syrians, demilitarization; and from the Palestinians, a commitment to fight terrorism. Yet, as the Arab spokespersons sit at the negotiating table calmly spelling out the manner and form in which they pledge to guarantee Israeli security, back home their leaders are tacitly — and sometimes actively — encouraging a campaign of terror and bloodshed against Israeli soldiers and civilians from the mountains of southern Lebanon to the coast of Tel Aviv. In a region where actions speak louder than words, Israel might wish to consider the value of the intangible promises it is now being offered and the wisdom of negotiating with a gun to its head.

Prime Minister Rabin explaining a point to Yasser Arafat while Shimon Peres listens.

For the past several years, and increasingly over the last few weeks, young Israeli soldiers defending Israel's northern communities from terrorist incursions have been returning home on stretchers and in body bags. The reaction of Israelis, who mourn as one large family, to the bloody sights on television naturally brings pressure to bear on the government to do something. The way Syria's President Hafez al-Assad apparently sees it, that "something" will be greater political compromise on withdrawal from the Golan Heights. The Syrian dictator assumes, not without justification, that if Hezbollah silenced its Katyushas and Kalachnikovs, Israelis might see little reason for giving up the strategic heights.

After all, the likelihood today of actual war with Syria is a fairly remote danger, almost negligible given Syria's loss of its erstwhile Soviet patron and the concomitant emergence of America as the world's only superpower. It is no wonder, then, that Assad feels the need to play the Hezbollah card, essentially waging a proxy war of attrition against Israel, while seemingly appearing peaceful by maintaining quiet along the Golan border.

As Ori Orr wrote recently in *Al Hamishmar*, although Hezbollah does not take orders from Syria as to the details of its attacks, it has always been clear — confirmed recently by Hezbollah itself — that the Iranian-funded terrorist group could do little without the Syrian green light. That Syria can shut down Hezbollah at will was evident from the false quiet imposed during U.S. President Bill Clinton's visit to Damascus.

The Palestinians also benefit through violence. Though Yasser Arafat may not be directly responsible for the current wave of terrorism, it is impossible for him to ignore the fact that the Israeli cabinet's response to terror thus far has been to accelerate transfer to the PLO of both money and legislative powers. Nor can he be unaware that when terrorism is directed against targets in the territories, Israeli cabinet members instinctively rush to badmouth the settlers, and call for the immediate dismantling of their "provocative" communities.

Crusade of brutality

Whether we term Arafat's blatant indifference to the Hamas crusade of brutality as criminal negligence or wilful blindness, his flagrant breach of the fundamental Palestinian obligation in the Oslo agreement — to fight terrorism "to his utmost ability" (to quote Rabin) — is sufficient to make one wonder if Arafat, like Assad, is shrewdly trying to create a context of pressure, in order to weaken Israel's negotiating stance.

That veteran thugs like Arafat and Assad are talking peace while practising the opposite should surprise no one. What is troubling, however, is that Israeli leaders are hardly speaking a word in protest, instead mumbling platitudes like "Lebanon can only be solved by a political solution with Syria." or, "Even we failed to eliminate terrorism when we controlled Gaza."

Of course, it is indeed true that Israel has been unable to militarily solve the problem of Lebanese terrorism and that a political settlement with Syria is likely the only route. But in the wake of a Hezbollah attack, would it not make more sense to step up international pressure on Syria, to demand a minimum standard of good faith during peace negotiations? To respond instead by calling for intensification of the talks is to fall right into Assad's trap, encouraging more of the same attacks in the future.

Defending Arafat's behavior with respect to Hamas makes about as much sense, and has the same encouraging effect. Furthermore, it is disingenuous for cabinet ministers to justify Arafat's failure to combat Hamas — even assuming he's trying — by pointing to the limitations experienced by Israel during its administration of Gaza. The Palestinians are *not* Israel; indeed, the whole point of the accord as it was trumpeted was precisely that the Palestinians were supposed to be able to do — Israel's liberal government was not concerned with the means — that which the Israeli army could not accomplish. If the solution of Oslo is that everything stays the same (or gets worse), where is the solution?

To be sure, the Israeli government would never reach the negotiating table if it held out for perfect conditions. But it might want to remind its unsavory interlocutors that both Egypt and Jordan got what they wanted by negotiating in peace and in good faith, and to remind itself that peace talks ought to be providing an end to violence, not an obstacle to its prevention.

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Opinions

The debunking of Israel's heroes

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

In a recent book which has received wide attention, author Stephen Carter claims we now live in a "culture of disbelief." This disbelief ranges from theology to just about everything that composes the common weal, and has significantly contributed to the insecurity which so many people feel.

Now, apparently, this latest culture virus has spread to Israel as well, and the Dec. 29 cover story of the *Jerusalem Report* devotes itself to the matter.

The new culture is aired on Israeli TV, seen in the theatre, and read in new books. Taken together they seem to say: What you have thought in the past was Zionist-Israeli history really wasn't so, and your presumed heroes were anything but.

Just about everybody who was anybody has fallen victim to the assault on national hero worship, from David Ben-Gurion to Moshe Dayan, Golda Meir, Hannah Szenes and even Theodor Herzl.

In a trenchant and disturbing article, Calev Ben-David identifies the old and new views; a popular idea of the person on the one hand, and the revisionist view suggested by a new class of debunkers on the other. Here are some examples:

In the heroic view, Ben-Gurion was, in a modern sense, a kind of prophet who felt he was destined to create an exemplary Jewish state. The revisionist view: Ben-Gurion and his colleagues are to be blamed for having done too little regarding the Holocaust. Aspects of the Ben-Gurion brand of socialism still get under the skin of most Israelis. He knew all about the massacre at De'ir Yassin.

Regarding Moshe Dayan, the accepted view was that he was a politician, military commander, archaeologist and patriot. The new view is that he was a womanizing, archeological grave-robber and scheming megalomaniac. He is also accused of deliberately sacrificing Israeli lives during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

A traditional view of Golda Meir is that out of her strength she helped to create a nation, out of her spirit she helped mold a people. Revisionist writers call her stubborn, inflexible and say that because of that trait she made any peace with the enemy impossible.

Herzl, the man who created political Zionism, is now seen as "highly narcissistic," fathering children who became drug addicts, psychotics or suicides, and that in fact "he achieved nothing tangible politically."

So it goes. It appears to many observers that this latest development of Israeli culture is at bottom an attempt to be done with the concept of Israel as a special people. Rather, so the new historians seem to say, let us consider ourselves a people like any other people with all the warts and failures that other nations have.

No doubt some of this assault on memory has its healthy and important aspects. All these heroes were human beings with their strengths and their foibles. But I also believe that all of this is a phase of growing up, and in the end, the nation will have its heroes after all and cherish them, not as idealized figures, but rather as human beings who made an enormous impact on their people and raised it to a new level of vision and achievement.

"Heroes are the essential and healthy aspect of the psyche, not only of individuals, but of an entire society," says an Israeli psychiatrist. "They are beacons of identity on which we project our highest aspirations and goals."

Cataract surgery a 'miracle' for seniors

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

I no longer have any use for 15 pairs of glasses, the first of which I got at the age of 12 when I couldn't see the black board at Central High School of Commerce — 61 years ago.

I can see better now than when I was in high school, thanks to cataract extractions and implants on both my eyes, the eye operations which have performed the same miracle for thousands of other senior Canadians.

Even more seniors in our aging population will benefit in the future, because modern surgical techniques do not require a general anesthetic which poses risks for some elderly people. It is not unusual for people in their late 80s to have the operation.

Before the cataracts were taken out, I couldn't find my way to the bathroom without glasses, and even with glasses, I couldn't see the ball well enough to play indoor tennis under the lights. Not only did the operations liberate my winter tennis, I no longer had to wipe the sweat from my glasses in summer. And I drive with more confidence at night because I can see better.

Ben Rose: I can see clearly now

My ophthalmologist said a high percentage of people will no longer need glasses after cataract operations, although some will.

When I covered a seminar at Bernard Betel Centre last year on what young people think of seniors, I was amazed at how negative they were, saying that elderly people were lonely, handicapped and full of nostalgia. They were relatively unimpressed when I pointed out to them that many seniors have active lives and some have better eyesight than they ever had and lead fuller lives.

My first implant was in my left eye in 1989 and I needed a laser repair about a year later because the lens was a bit cloudy — a not unusual occurrence. When the cataract in my right eye was ripe enough for an operation earlier this year, the doctor booked me into hospital for day surgery. I also required a minor laser repair a few weeks later.

The beauty of today's cataract surgery is that the operation only takes about 20 minutes, it can be done in outpatient day surgery, and you are home within a few hours. Gone are the days when you had to stay in hospital for a week, your head between sand bags to prevent movement.

Over the years I acquired so many glasses because, as my eyes changed (my work as a journalist required lots of reading), I needed new lenses (some of them very thick ones). And this was in the days before some health plans covered the cost of glasses. I also needed prescriptioned sun glasses, which were the most expensive of all. What a relief it is today to wear non-prescriptioned sun glasses which can be replaced at little cost.

The demand for the cataract operation in the Toronto area today is such that a wait of from four to six months may be necessary before a day surgery bed becomes available.

Cleaning is not a four letter word

By Erica Meyer Rotstein

Let me say, first, in my own defense, that I have always done the cooking. I like to cook. It's creative, and when you're done, you get to eat. As household chores go, it's not so terrible.

On the other hand, I have always been willing to scrimp on some other expense so that I could pay someone else to come in periodically to clean up my house and do my laundry. I have never been a good cleaner, laundress or tidier-upper. And I have never cared. Until now.

This weather change came over me gradually.

First, I read a copy of Martha Stewart's pretty magazine at the doctor's office. Softly lit table settings, beds covered in crisp cottons, gleaming candlesticks with beeswax tapers, the magazine showed a dream world of perfection. But look, there was Martha, her cashmere sweater knotted over her button-down shirt. She was doing it. But could I?

It began with little steps. A flower arrangement updated. A few sea shells dusted.

Then, one morning, driven by impulse, I took all the junk — baskets of onions and garlic, vials of children's medicines, stray lids and kiddy art projects — off the wide window-sill in the kitchen. I dusted it. I lowered the white louvered blind and dusted that too. Then I put a row of colored bottles on the window sill in pristine display. The sun glinted through the stained glass. I was hooked. Somewhere, Martha chalked up another one.

A few days later, I bought new bedspreads and changed the look of my son's room. The next night, I stayed up late rearranging my daughter's closet.

I might have been able to brush off these domestic events as passing aberrations if Judith hadn't gotten sick. Judith is the lovely person who comes in periodically to do the floors, straighten up the house, dust, tidy and manage the laundry. She has pneumonia. She'll be back, her husband told me, in just a few weeks. A few weeks. It might as well be a decade.

He gave me this news on a Friday morning. Guests were coming for Shabbat dinner and I had believed that my only chore was to cook for them. When I learned I had to clean up for them, too, every spoiled-rotten bone in my desk-chair-shaped body protested. But, somehow, when they walked up our front path, my candles were lit, my table was set, the floor was clean (okay, it was streaked, but it was clean) and the house smelled like pine cleaner and chicken soup. If the guests had opened a single closet door, the falling debris would have ruined their hairdos, but as long as concealed clutter remained concealed, my house looked tended and tidy.

What an illusion.

Except, as the days have passed, the illusion is coming true. I'm on the do-your-own-heavy-cleaning diet. Mopping is aerobic exercise, I'm sure of it, and if it isn't, should be. I have burned calories neatening my kids' rooms. I have survived an entire lift-stoop-and-toe laundry cycle: collect it, wash it, dry it, sort it and restore it to its original location. I have become a matchmaker to stray socks. I've even gathered up a bundle of shirts I intend to iron, if things should come to such a pass.

To me, this is an amazing transformation. I have spent years avoiding domestic tasks whenever possible. I'm sure this great change would bear further analysis, but if you'll excuse me, the top edges of the picture frames need dusting, the sidewalk should be scoured, and I feel a sudden irrational need to go alphabetize my spices.

Features

Economic cooperation needed

Reporting from Tel Aviv, Sheldon Kirshner describes a think-tank which creates models for future Arab-Israeli collaboration.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

"We are witnessing the birth of a new Middle East," Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres optimistically intoned at a recent conference in Casablanca, Morocco, designed to foster economic cooperation between Israel and the Arab world.

Time will tell whether Peres' prognostication was piercingly prescient or merely premature. But in the meantime, Gideon Fishelson — a Tel Aviv University economist — can take solace from the fact that fully half of the Israeli proposals presented at the historic meeting, the first of its kind, were originally conceived by a think-tank of which he is an integral member.

The Armand Hammer Fund for Economic Cooperation in the Middle East, with which Fishelson has been associated for the past decade, was established in 1980, following Israel's peace treaty with Egypt.

Haim Ben-Shahar, then president of Tel Aviv University, presented the idea to Armand Hammer, the late president of the Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

An astute businessman with interests in the Mideast, Hammer (and his friends) responded positively by providing a substantial operating grant. Like Shahar, he strongly believed that joint planning of economic relations between former enemies could serve as a catalyst for a peace settlement, and that once peace was a reality, economic cooperation could stabilize and enhance it.

To this end, the fund has published a series of monographs and books, and sponsored a number of lectures and conferences, to identify areas of mutual Arab-Israeli economic interest. Among the books published under its auspices have been *The Economics of Peacemaking* and *Water and Peace*.

Alive to its suggestions, the Israeli Foreign Ministry drew heavily on projects dreamed up by the fund's scholars and researchers. "These are our babies," said Fishelson, sounding much like a proud father.

Ticking off some of the proposals recycled by the Israeli delegation in Casablanca, Fishelson mentioned regional development projects, joint economic and business ventures and inter-country cooperation.

A practical man who eschews pie-in-the-sky economics, Fishelson cautioned that some of the projects approved by the fund are not yet strictly economical. As he put it, "They require further in-depth analysis."

What's more, he warned, the success of the Casablanca conference should not be exaggerated.

"Casablanca was more of a public relations exercise, an exploratory introduction to a new era in the Middle East. And its effect can only be judged in five or 10 years."

Nevertheless, he added, Casablanca effectively spelled the demise of the secondary and tertiary Arab economic boycott against Israel.

"Chief executive officers of multinational companies have already begun visiting Israel, which was practically unheard of several years ago. But the wheels won't begin to turn for at least several years."

According to Fishelson, a visiting professor at the University of Alberta in 1991, the fund has also made itself felt in related forums.

It had, and still has, a considerable impact on (1) a follow-up economic conference held in Jerusalem and attended by 3,000 participants from the Middle East, Europe, Africa and the United States; (2) the economic agreement signed by Israel and the PLO in Paris last spring; and (3) the current multilateral talks dealing with such topics as water resources and the economy.

Fishelson, a member of the fund's steering committee, has contributed several papers on future Arab-Israeli cooperation.

His interests run the gamut from regional water projects (involving Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria) to a Red Sea Riviera in which Israel, Jordan and Egypt would participate.

In addition, he has written about the building of a joint Israeli-Egyptian electricity generation and water desalination plant and the construction of an oil pipeline from the Persian Gulf to the Gaza Strip.

Water, being so relatively scarce in the Middle East, is high on his agenda.

Peering into the future, he recommends an agreement between Israel and Egypt under which water from the Nile would be piped to Israel and the Gaza Strip (which is partially under Palestinian control). And he calls for an accord in which Lebanon would sell surplus water from the Litani River to Israel.

A new border crossing linking Israel with Jordan was opened last autumn, highlighting the possibilities of trade between the countries.

Regarding Jordan, with which Israel recently signed a peace treaty, Fishelson said it is of the utmost importance that the two nations agree on joint management of the Jordan and Yarmuk Rivers.

Every year, upwards of 500 million cubic metres of the Yarmuk winter floods flow into the Dead Sea via the Jordan River and are wasted by evaporation.

Fishelson is fairly sanguine that Israeli commerce with Jordan will grow. The annual trade volume, he observed, could reach the $100 million (US) mark. (In a study released last December, the Israel Export Institute claimed the figure could be as high as $120 million within three years.)

With regard to Jordan, Fishelson envisions joint projects in textile manufacturing and in the tourist sector, particularly along the shores of the Dead Sea and the Red Sea.

"Jordan," he said, "can be the link between Israel and the Arab world."

The fund is bullish that Israel and its other Arab neighbors can and should engage in open, mutually beneficial trade.

Despite four decades of strife and bloodshed, Israel and its Arab opponents are alleged to have traded secretly through third parties. This clandestine connection has, at a minimum, generated trade worth tens of million of dollars annually.

But if Israel can end its dispute with the Arab world, the fund estimates, Arab-Israeli trade could theoretically skyrocket into the billions.

A monograph published by Meir Ben-Chaim, an Israeli scholar, envisages a yearly trade volume of $3.2 billion (in 1988 terms), representing 13 per cent and 3.7 per cent respectively of Israel's and the Arab world's exports. For the purposes of his evaluation, the Arab countries included in the study were Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

As Fishelson sees it, Israeli entrepreneurs will have an easier time adapting to the vicissitudes of the Arab market than their European and American competitors.

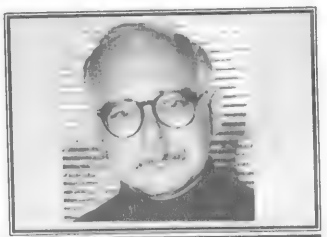
But having said that, he issued a stern caveat intended for his fellow Israelis. "We know little about Arab markets. We have to learn what they want. Otherwise, there will be tremendous failures."

And there is a danger, he elaborated, that overly aggressive Israeli entrepreneurs "will go too fast" and thereby foster a negative image of Israeli business practices.

"We don't want 'ugly Israelis' ripping off Arab citizens. Neither do we want, for example, to send Jordan Israeli rejects."

Israelis, Fishelson stressed, will have to treat their Arab colleagues as equals and to refrain from displaying a condescending we-know-it-all attitude.

If they can incorporate this sensible business etiquette into their sales pitch, they may well succeed where others have failed.



Jewish World

By Sheldon Kirshner

The centenary of the Dreyfus Affair was marked last year. It was an event of great historic import and one of the most painful episodes in the annals of modern Jewry.

It unfolded in three distinct stages: 1894-1897, 1898-1900 and 1901-1906. To this day, its lessons and implications still echo.

In the final analysis, public opinion shaped the affair and determined the fate of its main protagonist, Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, an Alsatian Jewish officer unjustly accused of espionage and high treason, stripped of his rank, tried and found guilty and sentenced to life on Devil's Island.

What had started as a minor military legal proceeding turned into an ideological civil war that rocked France to its very foundations.

Dreyfus' trials and tribulations are highlighted in a new exhibition at Beth Hatefutsoth, the Museum of the Diaspora on the campus of Tel Aviv University. It is entitled The Dreyfus Affair — The Battle for Public Opinion, and it runs until Feb. 26.

A captain in the artillery corps, the assimilated Dreyfus was the first Jew to serve on the French general staff. In November 1894, the anti-Semitic Parisian newspaper *La Libre Parole* claimed Dreyfus was the officer who had leaked secret documents to the German Embassy in Paris. Its headline screamed: "The Jewish officer A. Dreyfus is arrested."

Nearly everyone believed the calumny planted by a French officer and German spy named Walsin Esterhazy. Even Theodor Herzl — the Viennese journalist whom the affair ultimately converted into a Zionist — believed Dreyfus was guilty.

But Dreyfus had his defenders, notably Bernard Lazare and Emile Zola, whose pronouncements galvanized a nation and triggered a chain of events which exonerated the hapless Dreyfus.

As the exhibition makes clear, the chief combatants in the affair were intellectuals of the left and right — journalists, writers, academics and artists. Their principal weapons were the written word and the graphic arts. Their battlefield was largely the press.

In line with the exhibition's theme, the affair is filtered through the medium of lithographs, engravings, front page newspaper facsimilies, posters, postcards and photographs.

Perhaps the most famous single exhibit is Zola's legendary polemic in *L'Aurore* headlined J'Accuse, in which he blasts Dreyfus' enemies. A lithograph which rouses the emotions shows Dreyfus as he is demoted and disgraced, his sword broken by his fellow officers.

The major figures in the affair are portrayed in a series of engravings. Among them are Georges Clemenceau, Georges Picquart and Jean Jaures. Anti-Dreyfusard posters call for Dreyfus' execution. Anti-Semitic posters conjure up scurrilous conspiracies. A selection of six stark photographs depict his reinstatement in the courtyard of Ecole Militaire.

Beth Hatefutsoth's survey of the affair is succinct and sharp. It opens up new vistas of understanding about an affair that still resonates.

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Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

Yitro, this week's parshah, contains the Torah's first rendering of the Ten Commandments. With tongue in cheek, American country and Jewish singer Kinky Friedman once referred to them in a piece called, *The Top Ten Commandments*.

Every age raises up its own top 10 mitzvot. Emil Fackenheim, in proposing his 614th commandment, not to give Hitler a posthumous victory, elevates commandments of Jewish survival into the ranks of chief concern. Arthur Hugh Clough offered a different sort of ethical commentary in 1862, with his biting poem *The Latest Decalogue*.

Thou shalt have one God only; who
Would be at the expense of two?
No graven images may be
Worshipped, except the currency.
Swear not at all; for, for thy curse
Thine enemy is none of the worse.
At church on Sunday to attend
Will serve to keep the world thy friend.
Honor thy parents; that is, all
From whom advancement may befall.
Thou shalt not kill; but need'st not strive
Officiously to keep alive.
Do not adultery commit;
Advantage rarely comes of it.
Thou shalt not steal; an empty feat,
When it's so lucrative to cheat.
Bear not false witness; let the lie
Have time on its own wings to fly.
Thou shalt not covet, but tradition
Approves all forms of competition.

Such rewordings as Fackenheim's and Clough's remind us that no matter how the Ten Commandments tower in our consciousness, their repetition over the centuries tends to make them commonplace, just as any oft-reiterated statement loses its force.

Another way to lend the Decalogue (Aseret HaDibrot) the vigor it deserves is to analyze every word of the commandments, searching for inner meanings which the plain text may not reveal.

For example, why do the Aseret HaDibrot begin with "... who took you from the Land of Egypt"? After all, remarks Judah Halevi, the Spanish Jewish poet and author of the *Kuzari*, it's a much greater achievement to have created heaven and earth than to have taken the Hebrews out of Egypt. Shouldn't the text begin, "I am the Lord your God who created heaven and earth"?

This poet and philosopher answers his own question, explaining that people believe their own eyes. No human eye saw the creation, but the Torah tells of the myriads who stood at Sinai witnessing the giving of the Law. Halevi asserts that we, too, can believe a moment of revelation reported by so many. So the Ten Commandments gain power when we sense God's connection to us Jews through the moment they were given.

Yeushzon quotes Shaar Bat Rabim in asking another question. Why does the Decalogue forbid images of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below? Wasn't it enough just to forbid images?

The phrase reminds us that, in spiritual matters, we should look up and learn, not of images for idolatry, but of proper behavior as manifested by those people, made in the image of God, who are above us in higher qualities. When we look down to the earth, we should remember that, regarding matters of the body, there are those less fortunate than we. Rather than give our attention to images, we should care for those made in the divine image who suffer.

Every age revitalizes the Ten Commandments in its own words and actions. May we take our turn in so doing.

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Jackson-Vanik amendment turns 20

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Activists marking the anniversary of U.S. legislation that helped open the gates for Soviet Jewry say there is still much work to be done for those in the former Soviet republics, as well as for those who left.

Some 500 former Refuseniks, Prisoners of Zion and Western activists gathered in Jerusalem last week to mark 20 years since the Jackson-Vanik Amendment was signed into law on Jan. 10, 1975 as part of the Trade Reform Act.

Sponsored in the Senate by the late Henry "Scoop" Jackson (D-Wash.) and in the House by Charles Vanik (D-Ohio), the amendment made the granting to the Soviet Union of Most Favored Nation trade status contingent on free emigration.

Participants at the three-day conference agreed that the amendment, which was mostly the work of Jackson, was an important landmark, if not the turning point, in the struggle for Soviet Jewry.

It came as the Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford administrations were seeking detente with the Soviet Union. And it put the muscle of American law behind the efforts of a number of grass-roots organizations seeking to keep the issue of free emigration alive.

Activists say it was Jackson-Vanik which made the Soviets backtrack on crippling taxes designed to keep Jews from leaving.

The conference's chair, former Prisoner of Zion Natan Sharansky, stated that while in jail, "One of my interrogators claimed that amendment had cost the Soviet Union $20 billion, and asked me, 'Do you think you can pass this amendment and not suffer?' "

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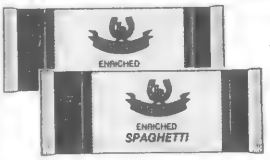

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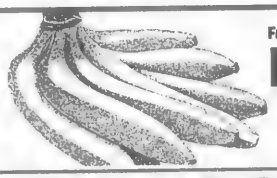

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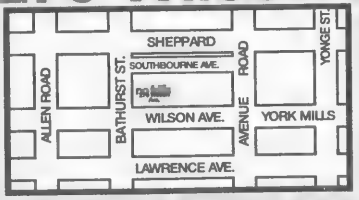

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Learning fire safety in highrise apartments

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In the wake of a deadly highrise fire in North York fire officials are urging apartment dwellers to review their fire safety procedures.

"Unfortunately, it takes a tragedy like this to make people aware of fire safety," said Bev Gilbert of the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office.

Six people died Jan. 6 in a fire at 2 Forest Laneway in downtown North York. They succumbed to smoke while trying to reach the roof of the 30-storey building. The doors to the roof were locked according to regulations.

The deaths have focused attention on highrise safety in the province. The Ontario Fire Code was amended in October 1992 to bring older buildings over seven storeys up to improved fire safety standards. Those built before 1975 were given two years to comply with the changes, which became law last Oct. 9.

Bernie Silvestri, an engineer with the fire marshall's research and standards section in Toronto, told *The CJN* there are an estimated 220,000 highrise units in Toronto that need to be refitted under the new law.

Across Ontario at least 30 per cent of the refits have been inspected and approved, he said.

The changes include installing self-closing doors to keep fire from spreading into corridors, smoke alarms in every units, emergency lighting, and public address systems to relay instructions in buildings over 12 storeys.

Some building owners have applied for a two-year extension to complete the work, which can be lengthy, according to Silvestri.

The fire marshall's office has issued instructions for apartment tenants in case of fire:

- Never use an elevator.
- Feel suite door with the back of your hand; if warm place wet towels around door to seal cracks and remain in apartment. Call fire department. Remain calm.
- If you leave, close doors behind you but do not lock. Exit building via stairs.
- Do not go to roof.
- Practise escape plan once a year.

Romalis active in Jewish community

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thank each one for all their good wishes. The number of people who have made contributions and sent me messages and expressed an interest in my health has been overwhelming."

Romalis is an active member of Vancouver's Jewish community. He chaired the 1992 Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver Combined Jewish Appeal.

Though he is still recovering from the wound that at first was life-threatening, Romalis said he is "getting better. I hope to go home very soon, but I have a long rehabilitation. It will take me a long time before I can resume my activities. I expect to eventually be able to do everything that I used to do before I got injured."

He attributed a great deal of his recovery to his family.

"They have been strong and supporting. No one can be more supportive than they are," he said, his voice cracking with emotion.

Considering everything that happened, Romalis said he's "one very lucky guy."

"I wasn't lucky to get shot. But after that, everything was lucky. I was lucky to live. I was lucky to have my leg saved. I was lucky to live in a community that has tremendous medical resources. I'm lucky that I have such support from the medical community, the Jewish community and former patients."

Though he remembers every detail of the shooting, which occurred as he was eating breakfast in his kitchen, he prefers not to rehash the moment.

He does not believe though, that the person who shot at him was a professional hitman, as has been suggested in some media reports.

"I don't know why he picked me. If he was a professional hitman, I would have been killed. I wouldn't be speaking to you," Romalis said matter-of-factly. "He was shooting to kill. You don't use a weapon like that (an AK-47 assault rifle) to scare someone."

Reflecting on speculation that there may be an anti-abortion/right-wing extremist link to the shooting due to the fact that Romalis is both Jewish and performs abortions, he offered, "I don't think I was shot because I was Jewish. I feel the press has fleshed out a lot of fringe people and given them a lot more credibility and press than they deserve.

"We don't know why he shot me," Romalis said. "We assume, based on an intelligent guess, that he shot me because I'm a doctor who does abortions."

The B.C. government has taken the possible link to the far-right seriously. The province's attorney-general recently set up a special police unit to probe ties between the extremist right and the anti-abortion movement [*CJN*, Jan. 12].

And the B.C. Medical Association (BCMA) announced in December a $100,000 reward for information and answers to what association president Dr. Mark Schonfeld called an "unacceptable violent act."

However, Vancouver Police spokesperson Const. Anne Drennan told the *JWB* that there have been no new leads and no tips in the case.

"We're in the same position as at the time of the shooting," she said.

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From coast to coast

Arafat: 'We are paying price of peace'

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After a moment's silence, Arafat launched into an exposition on the current situation. Two aides sat beside him, one taking notes. "I am sorry to say," he began, "but we are paying the price of peace."

Speaking in broken, unidiomatic English, Arafat fired off a litany of complaints. Contrary to the Declaration of Principles agreed upon in Oslo in 1993, he said, Palestinian elections had not been held, nor had there been a redeployment of the Israeli army. Furthermore, he added, donor nations had channelled less than 10 per cent of the $700 million in development funds they had solemnly pledged to the Palestine National Authority for 1994.

Sheldon Kirshner meets Yasser Arafat in Gaza City.

A promise to disarm fundamentalists

Turning to another topic, Arafat promised to disarm the Islamic fundamentalists of Hamas and Islamic Jihad — the "enemies of peace" — who oppose the Oslo process and Israel's very existence. He charged that the Shin Bet, Israel's internal security agency, had flooded Gaza with arms in a bid to weaken and discredit the Palestine National Authority.

As he meandered on, his aides nodding in agreement, he alternately flashed an amiable smile, grew visibly tense and angry and jabbed a finger into the air.

When the session was over, I approached Arafat. I conveyed one message: Israelis I knew were growing impatient and disillusioned with the Palestinian peace track because of the upsurge of terrorism, largely perpetrated by Islamic fundamentalists. As I elaborated upon my theme, he took my right hand, clasping it firmly in a friendly gesture.

Arafat nodded, saying he understood my concern. He quickly changed the subject, chiding Israel for not releasing thousands of Palestinian prisoners or agreeing to let him call democratic elections.

We filed out of Arafat's office, flanked by a phalanx of watchful security men. Outside, in the sunshine, we were photographed yet again.

Revving up his engine, the Palestinian outrider led us to our next appointment before escorting us out of Gaza.

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From coast to coast

Loving family the secret to matriarch's long life

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "I did it, I feel fine, and I'm not senile," said Goldie Grafstein on being reminded of her wish to make it to 100, expressed in a *CJN* interview four years ago.

Several weeks before her recent 100th birthday party, Grafstein already had her speech written. "I wish I had some good wisdom or advice for you all," she told her family on the festive occasion at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. "I guess the secret is being lucky enough to have had nine children and being surrounded by love all my life."

With 78 direct descendents, including five great-great-grandchildren, Grafstein is not only a matriarch but, through her letter-writing, a mainstay of her large, extended family.

Last year, a book of reminiscences was published for her family. She wrote it while in her 90s, and two granddaughters edited it.

"I left home almost 50 years ago, and every week Mother has written me wonderful, warm letters and kept me in touch with most of the [150] people in this room," said daughter Tilley Levine of Vancouver at the party.

Grafstein corresponds regularly with a number of relatives, including her 96-year-old sister in Reno, Nevada, who travelled to Toronto for the celebration. A cousin from London, England, Grafstein's birthplace, represented the English branch of the family, with whom Grafstein also corresponds.

A copy of Grafstein's birth certificate, reproduced on the cover of the party invitation, shows that she was born Goldina Adelaide Gollom on New Year's Eve, 1894, at 56 Settles St. to Sarah and Michael Gollom. As a kindergarten student she received a keepsake postcard from Queen Victoria, who visited her kindergarten class.

She immigrated to Toronto at age 15 and worked in a coat factory before marrying Moishe Grafstein, a Polish-born entrepreneur, when she was 19.

An accomplished seamstress and baker, Grafstein was constantly tending to her growing family: Pearl (Kaplan), Sarah (Solomon), Rose (Dolgy), Molly (Brown), Rickey (Hoff), Tilley (Levine), Chippie (Feldman), Sonny (their only son, who died of cancer in 1984), and Budgie (Frieberg).

"In those days it was hard. Today children wear jeans, but I had to make petticoats," she said.

"Every day at 3:30 or 4 there would be half a dozen freshly baked pies," recalls Budgie Frieberg, Grafstein's youngest daughter. "We would think nothing of coming in with three or four friends."

Moishe would often bring guests home for dinner, including the staff of his silk store and, once, an American tourist who had asked him where he could get a good kosher meal.

"When you find your right hand cleaning up the kitchen, while your left hand is still cooking, you know your life has been influenced by her," said MC David Frieberg, her 18th grandchild, who exchanges weekly letters with Grafstein from his home in New York. "Or [when] you see an overripe banana as an opportunity...or when you learn to shrug off adversity or pettiness and just get on with living."

About a decade ago, Grafstein, who was widowed in 1968, wangled a job for herself baking banana cakes with chocolate fudge icing for Just Desserts. On a visit to the cafe, she had tried their banana cake and told the owner that her own cakes were much better.

Grafstein maintains an active interest in the outside world and reads the *Toronto Star* and *The Canadian Jewish News* regularly. "I like to know what's going on in the world," she says. "It could be a lot better. All these guns, knives and shooting, and a woman drowning her children."

A longtime Liberal voter, Grafstein approves of Jean Chretien as prime minister. "He seems very honest."

While in her 90s, Grafstein campaigned for her grandson, veteran Liberal politician Bob Kaplan. Her daughters still remember the speech she made at a senior citizens' home, telling the residents how lucky they were to be living in Canada.

Grafstein lived in her own apartment until last February, when she entered Baycrest Hospital following abdominal surgery.

She credits her longevity to keeping busy and going to bed early every night.

Goldie Grafstein reads her speech at her 100th birthday party. Grandson David Frieberg is holding the microphone for her. [Frances Kraft photo]

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From coast to coast

Sports chain to open store in Lawrence Plaza

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A major American sports chain set to open a giant retail store in the heart of Toronto's Jewish community is just one of many new developments in the Lawrence-Bathurst area.

The 50,000-sq.ft. Sport Mart, occupying part of the vacant Bay store in Lawrence Plaza, will open in late spring, according to an official of Frum Development Group. Renovations to the former department store have begun.

The Sport Mart will be at least three times the size of any sporting store in Toronto.

But not everyone is happy with the prospect of the mega store. Located at the busy corner of Bathurst Street and Lawrence Avenue, the store is a "major traffic concern" for neighborhood residents, said David Nitkin, president of the Four Quadrants Neighborhood Alliance, a residents group.

Nitkin told *The CJN* that because the plaza's parking lot is now three-quarters full, extra cars will only spill onto surrounding streets. "There is not much we can do, no zoning changes are needed," he said.

The Sports Mart lease is for eight years, a Frum official said, and the new store will occupy the ground floor and a portion of the basement of the now-vacant Bay building.

A planned 12-storey office tower for the site has been deferred, and a supermarket in the plaza's southwest corner is also on hold, but the alliance would like to see a full-range food store, hardware store, dry cleaners, shoe repair and barber shop in the plaza.

The residents' group is happier with another Lawrence Plaza development project, which has seen two 12-storey condominiums planned for the north side of Covington Street replaced by two seven-storey condo buildings.

"The project represents a much nicer and more compatible scheme than its predecessor, which had to be cancelled with return of down-payments," an alliance newsletter states.

Construction of the first 87 units in this project will start in mid-April and 60 per cent of the units have been sold, said Alan Saskin, president of UrbanCorp Group. The two- and three-bedroom units, known as Homes of Lawrence Park West, range in price from $130,000 to $195,000 and will be ready for occupancy by fall, Saskin said.

About half the purchasers are first-time home buyers who want to live in the area, and the other half are retired people who have sold their own homes in the neighborhood.

The 85-unit Willmar Eight Housing co-op at the corner of Covington Road and Brucewood Crescent is now fully occupied. About half the residents work at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Visa data processing complex on Lawrence Avenue West. The co-op residents are a mix of families and singles, from all ethnic and economic backgrounds.

NEW OTTAWA NURSERY SCHOOL

As of this year, the Tiny Treasures Playgroup in Ottawa is now a fully licensed nursery school, offering both a junior and a senior program designed to familiarize Jewish children with their religion, heritage and traditions. Children take their craft work seriously at Tiny Treasures Nursery School. For further information call (613) 729-7712 or (613) 729-1619.

Sephardi studies get boost with new learning institute

TORONTO — Several hundred enthusiastic members of Toronto's Sephardi community recently celebrated the opening of The Sephardic Institute of Torah Study.

The institute, also called the Medrash Torah Vehayim, offers a wide variety of courses and lectures on Torah subjects that will appeal to Sephardim from all backgrounds and affiliations.

Courses are offered Sunday mornings and Monday to Thursday evenings at 7000 Bathurst St., in the Main Exchange Mall at Steeles and Bathurst.

A press release said that "it will offer individuals a Sephardi alternative to the existing worthy institutions [in Toronto]."

Rabbi Amram Assayag, spiritual leader of Petach Tikva Anshei Castilla synagogue and founding head of Medrash Torah Vehayim, said he founded the institute to unite the Sephardi community through the study of Torah.

"We come from a proud and rich culture. We have a duty to be the transmitters of the past. We must preserve our history."

Rabbi Amram Assayag

Courses include an examination of world events and issues from a Torah perspective; the weekly parshah; prayer; Talmud and Halachah in daily life. Sephardi customs, traditions and outlook on the world are stressed.

Some courses are mixed, while others are for either men or women.

The Sephardi community of Toronto has about 2,000 families, the release says.

For more information on the institute, call the Medrash information line, 636-2313.

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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Saturday, Jan. 21

RABBIS, RIFLES AND RICE

Rabbi Mordechai Becher, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach: Thornhill speaks on the topic Rifles, Rice and Rabbis — A Rabbi's Experiences in the Israeli Army, 8:30 p.m., 613 Clark Ave. W. Make your own ice cream sundaes at the melava malka. Cost, $8. For reservations and information call 905-886-5730.

SYRIAN JEWRY

Judy Feld Carr, chair, Canadian National Task Force for Syrian Jews and Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arabs Lands, will address the congregation on The Canadian Rescue of Syrian Jewry — The Untold Story, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Services, 8:45 a.m., sisterhood kiddush lunch following, members $5, non-members $8. Tickets must be purchased from the synagogue office. Call 633-3838.

ANNIVERSARY SHABBAT

Women's League Anniversary Shabbat by Adath Sholom Sisterhood, 9 a.m. at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Guest speaker, **Elinore Caplin**. Kiddush following; everyone welcome.

DOWNTOWN REFORM MINYAN

Shabbat services will be held 10 a.m., Bloor JCC. Kiddish following, everyone welcome. For pre-recorded message call 905-844-4185.

COUNTRY SHUL

Rebbetzin Faige Twerski will talk about Charting a Sane Course in an Insane World, 8 p.m., The Country Shul, NE corner of Bathurst and Carville, Richmond Hill. For information call 905-764-6400.

Sunday, Jan. 22

FAMILY HARMONY

Join **Rabbi Michel and Rebbetzin Faige Twerski** as they explore issues regarding greater harmony in marriage and family, 7:15 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the offices of the Promenade, Suite 303. $7 advance registsration, $10 at the door. Call 636-7530.

BEIT RAYIM SYNAGOGUE

Adult education breakfast, 9 a.m. features **Rabbi Sol Tanenzapf**, who will speak on Will the Messiah Come by Year 2000. Synagogue located at 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill. Call 905-770-7639 to RSVP.

ELDER ABUSE

The Awareness Project Players of Bernard Betel Centre present two plays on elder abuse at Temple Sinai's adult education program. Services 9:30 a.m., breakfast 9:50 a.m. Breakfast charge $2. Program, 10 a.m., free.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

Maxine Blendis will give a lecture on the Art of Haskalah and Emancipation, 10 a.m.-noon, St. Andrew's School, 131 Fenn Ave. $5 non-members. Call 463-8909 for information.

Monday, Jan. 23

INSIGHTS ON JEWISH MARRIAGE

Gain practical insights on Jewish marriage with **Dr. Alex** and **Mrs. Sandy Pister**, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, offices of the Promenade, suite 303. Free admission.

JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

Ellen Keillman will discuss Mixing Politics and Pleasure in American Yiddish Periodical Fiction, 4-6 p.m., Tanz Neuroscience Building, 6 Queen's Park Cr. W., Room C. Sponsored by Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Toronto. Call 978-3143.

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

Next meeting of the Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., activity room, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. For information in confidence call 763-9111.

ISSUES AND INSIGHTS

The New Leadership Division of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University presents the third lecture in the Issues and Insights series, 7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. **Rabbi Elliot Dorff**, professor of philosophy at University of Judaism, Los Angeles, and **Rabbi David Novak**, professor of religion University of Virginia, will debate the issues of sex within marriage, non-marital sex and homosexuality. Tickets $22, students $20. Call 485-8000.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

SELECTIONS FROM MAIMONIDES

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks of Kehillat Shaarei Torah continues the series, Classical Selections from Maimonides with a class on the Ethical Standards of Leaders, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave.

JEWISH CONVERSOS

Libby Garshowitz, department of Jewish Studies, University of Toronto will talk on The Legal Problems of Female Jewish Conversos in 15th century Spain, 7:30 p.m., School of Theology, 47 Queen's Park Cres. E. Free admission.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

JEWISH MESSIANISM

Beth Tikvah adult education committee continues its lecture series on Jewish Messianism: Past, Present and Future, featuring **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum**, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Members free, non-members $3.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement features **Barry Campbell**, MP, St. Paul's, who will speak on One Year in Government — Looking Back, Moving Forward, 12 noon.

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JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Paul McIlroy, genealogical archivist of Ontario archives will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada's next meeting, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Call 256-1985 for information.

KOLLEL PROGRAM

The Or Chaim Kollel Program, 159 Almore Ave. features **Rabbi Benjy Jacoby**, University Resource Rabbi. Guided learning 8 p.m., lecture 9:15 p.m. For information call **Jay Kelman**, 630-6772.

DYSAUTONOMIA FOUNDATION

Annual fundraising event of Toronto chapter, Dysautonomia Foundation was held recently at the home of Sarah and Jack Cogan. Proceeds go to continuing genetic research and medical care for people with this rare genetic disease found mainly in Jews of Ashkenazi descent. Seen from left are Esther Moldofsky, Tova Israeli, Sarah Cogan, Bertha Lapidus, Dena Weiman, Evelyn Pelman.

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BACK TO BASICS

Beth Tzedec Synagogue sponsors a Beth Midrash Program for Jewish Living, Tuesdays, Jan. 24-March 14. Participants may enrol in one or two of the courses that include What is Jewish Prayer, 7:15-8:15 p.m.; From Holidays to Holy Days, 7:15-8:15 p.m.; Turn Friday Night into Shabbat, 8:30-9:30 p.m.; Torah Trop, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Also on Tuesdays, The First Step: Basic Hebrew Literacy, 7:30-9:15 p.m. Call 781-3511 for information.

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A reunion of students who attended Ogden School from 1930-45 will be held in May. For information call **John Wright** 225-0371, **Izzie Grossman**, 905-764-6160 or **Lil Davidson Cutler** 223-4909.

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUPS

JEP/Ohr Somayach Toronto presents The Writings of Rabbi Eliyahu Dressler with **Rabbi Yaakov Kerzner**, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. from Jan. 17, 2939 Bathurst St. Call 785-5899.

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The next monthly service of Friends of the Sabbath will be held Jan. 20. Weekly Torah portion is discussed from a humanistic point of view, and traditional melodies and selected readings take place in an informal setting where basic Judaism is discussed under qualified leadership. Call 488-0688.

MEZUZAH MONTH

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Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following courses: Taking Care of Aging Parents, begins Jan. 26; Grandparenting through Divorce begins Jan. 24; Widows/Widowers begins Jan. 19; Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work begins Jan. 30; Single Parent Challenge begins Feb. 1; Successful Step-parenting: Learning to Step Together begins Feb. 6; Living with Teens begins Feb. 2. For more information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

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Five-week crash course in Hebrew reading with **Lorne Robbins**, Tuesdays 8 p.m. beginning Jan. 24, 2939 Bathurst St.; six-part series on How to Respectfully Raise Respectful Children with **Sarah Chana Radcliffe**, Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m., B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. For pre-registration and fees call 785-5899.

KOLEL NIGHT

The Kochvei Ohr Learning Centre invites the public Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. for a shiur and chevrutah program with **Rabbi Meir Gottesman**, Emunah Shleima Synagogue, 4120 Bathurst St. Maariv is at 7 p.m.

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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Special events workers are needed by the Arthritis Society for its Skate-a-thon to be held Sunday, Jan. 22, Mel Lastman Square. Volunteers will sell snacks and raffle tickets. Call Volunteer Centre — North York, 631-6117.

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at the JCC/BJC

BJC Senior Adult Services continues its learning experience program with Bonsai Trees, Tuesday Jan. 24, 1 p.m. Call **Yvonne**, 636-1880, ext. 259 for information.

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for seniors

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Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., resumes North York Board of Education classes including yoga, exercise and line-dancing in January. For information on programs and trips call **Ruth**, 224-5923 or **Lena**, 785-5773.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club Sunday dance with live band, Jan. 22, 7:30-10:30 p.m. in community centre. Members $4, non-members $5. Saturday dance in clubhouse, Jan. 21, 7-10 p.m. Movie, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m., *The Harvey Girls*. Atlantic City trip is scheduled for March 6-9, members $315 per person, double occupancy; non-members $325. All courses offered in conjunction with North York Board of Education are in full swing. For information on upcoming events and trips call 395-7881.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities, Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., celebrates Jewish Music Month, Thursday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m. with **Cantor Louis Danto**. Admission free. Early reservation requested. Call 785-1511.

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Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna** for information.

Friendship Circle for people 55-plus meets every other Thursday. Jan. 26 features the songs and music of **Mike Khinkis**. Refreshments 2 p.m., Concert 3 p.m. Call **Anna**.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre is holding an Osteoporosis Support Group, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1:30 p.m., Cultural Room. Call **Sandra** or **Sharon**, 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute sponsors the following programs: Creative Writing with **Sylvia Warsh**, Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-noon.; Book Club with George Brown College instructor, **Mike Kilpatrick**, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m.; World Religions with **Janet Wesselius** meets Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-12 noon; Poetry Lovers group meets Tuesdays, 1 p.m.; Study group with **Dr. Ruby Newman**, professor of English, York University runs 4 sessions beginning Monday, Jan. 23, 1-2:45 p.m.

Call 225-2112 for information on fees and registration for all courses.

Al Jolson Story will be screened Jan. 22, 2:30 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

Wednesday afternoon social meets 1:30 p.m. Jan. 25 features entertainment with **Lilian Kelts**. Members $3, non-members $4.

SOLDIERS OF ISRAEL

Jack Muskat, Toronto branch chair of Association for Soldiers of Israel is shown presenting a plaque in appreciation to Rose Wine of the Stopnitzer Young Ladies for her outstanding efforts on behalf of the men and women of the Israel Defense Forces.

TEENS GATHER FOR FIRST KALLAH

Participants in Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's high school outreach program for teenagers living in small communities, ranging from Timmins to St. Catharines, get together at their first kallah (conclave) in Toronto. This is the beginning of the fourth three-year cycle of the education project, which culminates in the final year with five weeks of study and travel in Israel. At this initial gathering, CJC staff and volunteers led the youngsters in three days of activities focusing on "the Jewish experience" through the ages. [Susan Jackson photo]

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Toronto-born goalie rides sport's highs and lows

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's been a year of ups and downs, with good luck following bad for Toronto-born goalie Erik Goldhar.

Last season he was riding high, backstopping St. Michael's Buzzers, one of the prestige teams in Metro Junior A hockey, and earning his third annual appearance in the league all-star game.

So impressive was his puckstopping ability that after St. Mike's was eliminated in the playoffs, rival teams, first from Wexford and then from Caledon, acquired his contract to help them in their hunt for the Centennial Cup.

Scouted by high-profile U.S. colleges for a couple of seasons, Goldhar chose to join the hockey program at the NCAA Division 1 college, Kent State. The 5 foot 11, 170 lb. goalie was anticipating the move to Ohio when he learned in May that the hockey program at the school had been cancelled.

Ouch. With most top colleges already set in goal for the upcoming season, Goldhar and his father, Mel, were left scrambling to find a good alternative.

Enter the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), a Division 2 school that made it to the league finals last year. Offered the chance to pursue his studies in criminal justice while tending the twine, the 20-year-old netminder accepted the last-minute offer.

He set out for Rochester with the expectation that, as a freshman, he'd probably spend most of the 28-game season riding the pines as a backup. Instead, the southpaw goalie has started in eight of the Tigers' first 10 games, posting a 4-4 record for the .500 team. His goals-against average is 4.1 and he sports a respectable .863 save percentage.

Erik Goldhar was a three-time all-star with St. Mike's Buzzers in the Metro Junior A league.

Tigers' assistant coach Thomas Masaschi said Goldhar's quickness and wealth of junior experience have given him an edge in earning the starting assignments.

"He has a quick glove hand and is a relaxed and confident goalie. He has a lot of respect from other players," Masaschi said.

Despite that solid recommendation, Masaschi believes Goldhar's potential is still untapped. Considering he's a freshman living in a new environment and has a four-year college career ahead, Masaschi expects Goldhar to continue to improve his game.

For Goldhar, making the transition from junior hockey hasn't been a piece of cake. "It's a lot faster [in college]" and the work regime is a lot more demanding, he said. Practices are held from Monday to Thursday and afterwards it's into the gym for weight training. On weekends the team plays two games and then the cycle starts all over again.

Division 2 hockey doesn't get the notice garnered by the higher profile Division 1, but Masaschi said the calibre is not that different. Goldhar believes that Division 2 is home to more grinders and muckers than Division 1, but it is good enough to attract the attention of minor league scouts, looking for future prospects for the International, American, East Coast and Colonial leagues.

Looking ahead, Goldhar said he wants to finish his college career and then get a crack at a professional minor league team. From there, who knows?

In the meantime, Goldhar is hitting the books and minding the cage, working on his butterfly style and keeping his goals focused on the next step in his hockey career.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad, please call Sharon at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

A.Y.J.A. presents a discussion with Bernie Farber, on **Anti-Semitism in the '90s.** at Adath Israel Synagogue 37 Southbourne Ave. 7:30 p.m. Monday Jan. 30. Admission $5. Refreshments will be served. For more info call 760-4149.

Mayfair West Raquet and Fitness Club is having our next Singles Party Saturday January 28th. The action begins at 7p.m. with a Tennis Round Robin, and Dance following at 10. Cost for tennis & dance is $20, for dance only $10. Reservations are a must for tennis, call Marcia at 416-658-1010

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From coast to coast

BB may fight entry of anti-abortion activist

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They say that Jews are active in HLI and that HLI singled them out to show that the victims of one holocaust should not be complicit in another [against the unborn] and contribute to their own destruction.

One recent report quoted Father Marx as saying that HLI, which he founded 14 years ago, will also be opening an office in Israel and will have rabbis speaking at their conferences.

Scheinberg, however, remained unconvinced.

While it is possible that Jews have participated within HLI — among the names listed for the Montreal conference are Dr. Bernard Nathanson and Judith Reisman — Scheinberg believes they may be sincere but unwitting dupes.

At writing, Scheinberg said he was disappointed that BB had not yet received a formal response to a letter it sent to Cardinal Jean Claude Turcotte, asking him to rescind permission for HLI to use the Notre Dame Basilica for an opening mass.

CJC sent letter

CJC sent a letter to the conference's host hotel to make it aware of Father Marx's history.

Last week, Msgr. Neil Willard of the Montreal archdiocese indicated that the Church will allow the mass to take place.

He was quoted as saying that although Father Marx's past comments were "unacceptable," HLI is not necessarily anti-Semitic, since it attacks all groups it considers "anti-life."

The main objection BB has had to the Church's allowing the mass, Scheinberg said, was that an impression would be left that it shares HLI's "hatred" for individuals who are pro-choice.

"The Catholic Church has always hated the act [of abortion], but not the actors," he said. "HLI spreads hatred for the actors."

CORRECTION

The article, "Shaare Zedec Foundation starts campaign," (*CJN* Jan. 5), should have indicated that the Neonatology Department of Shaare Zedec Hospital treats approximately 500 babies a year. The unit can accommodate 26 infants at one time.

The CJN regrets the error.

Silverman's Bakery founder dies

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Elias Silverman, founding owner of Silverman's Bakery, died last month at the age of 78, after a brief illness.

The bakery, which was located on Bathurst Street south of Glencairn Avenue, was one of a handful of kosher bakeries in Toronto. For almost 30 years until his retirement in 1988, Silverman supplied many local synagogues with challah and other baked goods.

Elias Silverman

Silverman's was a popular destination for schoolchildren who stopped in for doughnuts or chocolate "Kokosh" (a yeast-based cake) said Silverman's daughter Barbara Gerskup. Small children were always treated to fresh-baked cookies. "They didn't have to ask; they just had to smile," she recalls.

"It gave him pleasure to bring pleasure to other people," said Silverman's son Albert. "He used to insist on opening for Pesach because he felt a responsibility to the community."

Until last Rosh Hashanah, Silverman baked challah and chocolate chip cookies every week for each of his four children and their families.

Born to an Orthodox family in Chmelow, Poland, where he married his wife Dora 52 years ago, Silverman worked in his family's flour mill and cooking oil factories as a young man.

He and his wife survived the Holocaust — separately — in concentration camps. They were reunited in Germany when the war was over. Both had lost their immediate families, but Silverman harbored no bitterness about the past, Gerskup said. "He was always smiling, always happy."

A founding member of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, Silverman was an unassuming man who supported many charities.

"He was completely devoted to his wife, children and grandchildren," said Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah. "He ensured the Jewish continuity by educating his children in the path of Torah."

Silverman is survived by his wife Dora, children Albert, Murray, Susan Jutcovitch and Barbara Gerskup, and 13 grandchildren.

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CJC seeks meeting with Art Eggleton

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Peter Kremer, head of the war crimes unit, said Justice will participate in the announcement with Immigration. "It's a question of semantics if [the announcement] is major or not," he said. "It will clear the air [and state], 'Here's what we're doing.' "

Kremer suggested that the war crimes unit has all but given up on laying criminal charges against suspected war criminals. Instead, the unit is focusing on the denaturalization and deportation remedy.

White acknowledged that proceedings under the Citizenship Act can cost $150,000 per case.

Meanwhile, Abella said Congress will not withdraw its request for a meeting with Art Eggleton, president of the Treasury Board, which funds government departments.

"It's an opportunity for Eggleton to make clear that the government is supportive of prosecutions and the departments of Justice and Immigration can count on the appropriate funding," Abella said.

"We know there have been constraints and cutbacks," he continued. "We're just not prepared to accept cutbacks beyond this administration. It's not something they can delay."

In a news release issued late last week, B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) reacted angrily to the report that it may be too expensive to bring alleged war criminals to justice.

"Justice has no price tag and Mr. Marchi's reported statements are unacceptable," said Frank Dimant, BBC executive vice-president.

For several years, Jewish organizations including Congress and BBC have been urging prosecutors to switch their focus from criminal cases to denaturalization and deportation proceedings. (Kremer said investigators always consider all remedies when examining files.)

Since its inception in 1987, the war crimes unit has launched four criminal cases. In three, charges were dropped; in the fourth, former Hungarian gendarmerie captain Imre Finta was acquitted of charges of robbery, forcible confinement, kidnapping and manslaughter in connection with the 1944 deportation of 8,617 Jews.

The unit's only success came against Jacob Luitjens, a former Dutch Nazi collaborator whose Canadian citizenship was stripped and who was deported to Holland in 1992, where he was jailed.

Kremer told *The CJN* that "given the difficulties in proving a criminal case, which were identified by the majority of the Supreme Court of Canada in Finta, given the evidence in investigations we have now completed, we've made the decision that criminal prosecutions are not viable ... At this time there are no cases in the inventory where the investigation is completed that would justify criminal [proceedings]."

Kremer said the war crimes unit has more or less met its target of completing investigations in 20 high priority cases.

Ouellet delays trip to Israel

OTTAWA — Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet has rescheduled his visit to Israel, a ministry spokesman said last week.

The visit, originally planned for next week, has been put off until later this year, spokesman Rodney Moore told *The CJN* on Friday.

Ouellet's trip to Israel was not postponed or cancelled, Moore stressed. "Scheduling difficulties" on both sides made a trip this month impossible, he pointed out.

A precise date for a visit to Israel and not been worked out yet, Moore said.

Ouellet was to visit Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. The itinerary has been pared to Kuwait and Lebanon from Jan. 25-28.

The minister is scheduled to hold talks with officials and to re-open Canada's embassy in Beirut.

Domestic violence forum

TORONTO — Women's concerns regarding domestic violence will be addressed in a Hadassah-WIZO Women for Women breakfast program on Jan. 22 at the Richmond Hill Country Club.

The panel will discuss Domestic Violence: How Can We Break the Cycle?, focusing on the recognition and early prevention of this pervasive problem. This will also be an opportunity to learn how the work done in Israel links with events in the local community.

Speakers will be Catherine Fox, Yellow Brick House Women's Shelter; Mary Lou Fassel, Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic; and Joan Hurley and Blanche Wiseman, Jewish Family & Child Services.

Hadassah-WIZO supports shelters for battered women, 24-hour hotlines, rape crisis centres, legal advice bureaus and information centres.

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SHAHAK TAKES OVER

The Israel Defence Force's new Chief of Staff, Maj.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak (right) drinks a l'chaim with his immediate predecessor, Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak. Shahak's four-year term started Jan. 1. [IPPA Photo]

Israel tourism sets record

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — By at least one account, tourism to Israel set a record last year, with far more Christians visiting than Jews.

According to the Tourism Ministry, the number of tourists to Israel in 1994 topped 2 million for the first time.

But the Central Bureau of Statistics put the number at 1.8 million.

The discrepancy is because unlike the ministry, the bureau does not count as tourists those who arrive by ship. The seafaring are considered mere visitors.

Depending on which figure is used, tourism to Israel rose in 1994 by between eight and 11 per cent over 1993.

Not in doubt is the fact that Christians represented 63 per cent of all tourists, with Jews comprising 26 per cent.

Over 60 per cent of tourists were first-time visitors. Each tourist spent an average $1,250 while in Israel.

The country sending the most visitors was the United States, with about 385,000. Other nations topping the list were Germany (200,000); Great Britain (190,000); and France (162,000).

The past year showed an increase in tourism from Eastern Europe, Asia and Egypt.

The number of tourists entering after visiting Jordan jumped 49 per cent, to 96,800, due to the opening of the Arava border crossing in August and the Jordan River crossing in November. Tourists who came after visiting Egypt rose 17 per cent, to 182,200.

Rabin says top priority is 'united Jerusalem'

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin repeated his government's commitment to "a united Jerusalem, that is the eternal capital of the State of Israel" during a much-awaited tour of the Israeli capital last week.

"The top priority for all of us is a united Jerusalem, under Israel's authority," Rabin said.

Later he explained that his commitment was to Jerusalem within its present borders and not necessarily to "greater Jerusalem," which includes nearby settlements.

"I have always opposed, and continue to oppose, a return to the '67 borders," Rabin said. At the same time, he said he was against annexing areas that would endanger the state's Jewish majority.

Rabin stopped short of approving increased funding for the city, which Mayor Ehud Olmert says is needed to give the government's commitment real meaning.

Olmert asked Rabin to give Jerusalem the tax breaks and additional state funding given "front line communities." The mayor also asked for millions of shekels in funding for new infrastructure, roads, housing, and education in Jerusalem. The additional development is needed to "ensure that Jerusalem remains unified."

Olmert spent much of the visit pushing for increased funding for Arab neighborhoods, on grounds that continuing to ignore the needs of the Arab population hurts Israel's claims to the city.

Rabin said his government would move to strengthen the unification of Jerusalem through development within the city's boundaries.

But he hinted that such expansion could mean slower development of outlying communities east of the capital, including the Gush Etzion settlement bloc in the West Bank.

His remarks came in the wake of this month's controversy over the expansion plans of Efrat, a Gush Etzion settlement. The government decided to stop Efrat's plans to build at a designated site after Palestinians threatened that the move could halt the peace process.

Instead, the government worked out a compromise with the community to build on another site.

During his tour, Rabin said Jerusalem must be given priority in housing and other public services.

But "the other areas on the periphery are a different issue."

For Rabin, who oversaw the capture of the eastern half of the city in 1967 as the Israel Defence Force Chief of Staff, the visit he made to the Old City was his first during his current term as prime minister.

He was accompanied by Olmert and by Housing Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer, who described plans to build 30,000 apartments in the city over the next five to six years.

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Commision to probe missing Yemenite kids

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel's cabinet has agreed to appoint a state commission of inquiry to investigate the disappearance of Yemenite children in the 1950s.

The children had been part of a massive airlift, known as Operation Magic Carpet, that brought tens of thousands of Yemenite Jews to Israel from 1948 to 1950.

Some leaders in the Yemenite community have alleged that Israeli authorities at the time abducted the children and sold them for adoption in Israel and abroad.

The cabinet's decision came four weeks after another committee — headed by retired Judge Moshe Shalgi and appointed six years ago to investigate the matter — issued its findings.

That committee examined 505 cases, and determined that in all but 65, the children died of various illnesses.

The committee also concluded that the children for whom no documentation was found had also probably died of disease.

It found no evidence supporting allegations by some leaders in the Yemenite community that the children were sold for adoption.

In March of last year, about 10 heavily armed members of a Yemenite sect led by Rabbi Uzi Meshulam holed themselves up in a fortified house near Tel Aviv,

Rabbi Uzi Meshulam

protesting what they described as the "disappearance and sale of thousands of Yemenite children."

They demanded the Knesset conduct an inquiry into the fate of an undetermined number of Yemenite babies who disappeared during 1949 and the early 1950s.

Rabbi Meshulam's followers were dispersed following a massive police raid, and several sect members were arrested.

Doctors who recall the period, when tens of thousands of Yemenites arrived in Israel, say hospitals were ill-equipped in the development towns to which the immigrants were assigned. Many children died and many were taken into hospitals without being properly registered.

Labor Knesset member Avigdor Kahalani, who joined other MKs in drafting a bill to set up a state commission, welcomed the government's decision.

He said it was an important gesture toward the Yemenite community, for whom the fate of the children is a painful episode in their history.

"This commission will give the feeling to the families that somebody cares about them," he said. "I think maybe we will find new documents, meet new people that didn't speak to investigators before and I think we will find more facts."

In December, after receiving the Shalgi committee report, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin described the disputed disappearances as "one of the most painful periods in the history of the State of Israel."

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

The disposable divorce era

A certain Rabbi was giving marital counselling in accordance with the most noble of Jewish Tradition. He turned to the wife and told her that she was overly emotional, unreasonable and unfair. He then turned to the husband and said: "Do what she says". Perhaps only a married person can understand this advice.

In the era of the disposable diaper, disposable marriages have become trendy. If you don't like something, get rid of it. So, if someone irks you, get rid of her/him. When's the last time you darned your socks? Since the Divorce Act was amended in 1985, divorce is virtually automatic after one year of separation even if the income-earning spouse deserts his family.

At the time, many thought these amendments would herald freedom for women chained to their husbands. Unhappy spouses could leave their relationships and remarry after one year of separation, rather than the previous three year wait (or five years if you deserted your spouse). Indeed, there is no doubt that the divorce rate has increased dramatically since these changes helped fashion the disposable relationship. Moreover, recent Supreme Court of Canada decisions (such as *Moge*) have legally confirmed that women after divorce fare far worse than men economically. Indeed, the increase in divorce rates has given us new phrases such as "the feminization of poverty", and "Orthodox Jewish Singles". The number of *poor* women and children has risen dramatically across Canada since getting divorced was made easier. (Sorry, I hate the word "underprivileged"; euphemisms cloud reality).

Please don't misunderstand me. No one who is the victim of spousal abuse or who truly needs to be free should have to wait three years just to remarry. (Indeed, in Jewish law, there is usually no waiting period when both parties consent to a divorce). That is not the type of case to which I refer. Rather, I mourn those relationships that ended because they were "boring" and someone didn't bother trying a little harder. Changes in law affect moral behaviour, if only because the perception of moral reality changes. And the liberties we seek can create unforeseen hazards, once obtained. As Shakespeare said in *Hamlet*: "Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind".

Fortunately, many lawyers take Section 9 of the Divorce Act very seriously. A lawyer must urge a spouse to seek marriage counselling, unless the circumstances of the case are of such a nature that it would clearly not be appropriate to do so.

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Yad Vashem is no longer a must for guests

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel's foreign ministry will no longer require its guests to visit Yad Vashem, and visitors wishing to tour the Golan Heights must now request a visit.

The ministry will now only recommend that first-time visitors visit the Holocaust memorial.

A ministry spokesman said the new guidelines were issued by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin earlier this month, after convening ministry officials to discuss Israel's standard itinerary for guests.

Efraim Zuroff, Israel director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, attacked the new Yad Vashem policy.

"It is patently absurd that the foreign ministry is only recommending that first-time visitors go to Yad Vashem. Any person who wants to understand why the existence of the Jewish state is so important has to understand the Holocaust and its implications."

In a statement, B'nai Brith Canada decried the move, saying it's "unbelievable" and an "insult" to Holocaust survivors, and called on the government to reinstate the visits.

Ministry sources admit the new policy on the Golan is tied to Israel's willingness to withdraw from the region.

While there seems to be agreement that visitors usually return from the Golan impressed with the security value of the area, some sources say the move is a way to blunt lobbying against Israeli government compromises.

The Golan Residents Committee expressed shock over Beilin's new orders. The committee said that despite the move, it would find ways to bring visitors to the Golan Heights.

The Week in Israel

Jan. 8:
• El Al said it is resuming service to Moscow and St. Petersburg following the resolution of a dispute with Russian authorities over whether El Al security agents could carry arms.

Jan. 9:
• Officials of Peace Now charged the government with approving plans to expand 11 Jewish settlements on 1,000 acres in the West Bank. The group said the plans are a violation of the Palestinian self-rule accord.

• Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin denied a report in *Time* magazine that his Labor party commissioned a secret poll, which showed that if elections were held now, Labor would win 27 seats, to Likud's 47.

• A rigged donkey cart filled with oranges exploded near Kfar Darom just as a school bus carrying children from the settlement was passing by. There were no injuries or damage.

Jan. 10:
• Six armed Palestinian security agents in civilian clothes tried to force their way onto a bus carrying Jewish schoolchildren in the Gaza Strip, but were blocked by a joint Palestinian-Israel patrol.

Jan. 11:
• The Gulf state of Oman said it will delay establishing low-level relations with Israel for several months. Officials say the decision will likely influence the government of Qatar to delay a similar move.

Jan. 12:
• Palestinian terrorists armed with axes and knives attacked two Jewish settlers in Hebron, wounding both. One of the Israelis fired back, injuring two attackers. One settler and one Palestinian were reported in serious condition.

• Meeting in Amman, Prime Minister Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein decided to speed up implementation of their nations' peace treaty, signed in October.

Jan. 13:
• Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq al-Shara said talks in Washington between Israel and Syria will not resume in the near future because they have produced no progress.

Jan. 15:
• Jews in the West Bank banned U.S. diplomats from entering their settlements without advance notice. Settlers said American officials are been "sneaking" and "snooping" to check on expansion plans.

Air Canada to fly to Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The skies over Tel Aviv just got a little more crowded.

Late last week, Air Canada, the country's largest airline, announced it will inaugurate twice weekly, year-round flights from Toronto to Israel beginning June 20.

The move is expected to put added pressure on El Al, Israel's national airline, because of new competition on the Canada to Israel route.

Earlier, Sunquest Vacations Ltd. announced it too will offer flights from Toronto to the Jewish state from May to October.

Air Canada's decision to fly to Israel was based on a number of international developments, said Kym Robertson, the airlines's manager of corporate communications for central Canada.

"The market has come back in air travel," she said, citing recently inaugurated and lucrative services to India, Korea and Japan. In addition, the prospect of free trade with Israel and the recent moves towards peace have "made it a good time to go in there."

Air Canada will fly its Boeing 767-300 extended range aircraft to Israel, configured to include business class seating. That reflects the success of Air Canada's "executive first service," which offers first class service at business class prices.

With the potential for growth in business links between Israel and Canada, Air Canada forecasts a market in business travellers, in addition to its leisure market, Robertson said.

Competition may force fares down

The aircraft also has the capacity to carry 15 tonnes of cargo, reflecting Air Canada's belief that trade, particularly hi-tech, will grow in the future, Robertson said.

Walter Arbib, director and CEO of Skylink, a wholesale ticketing company, said the addition of Air Canada and Sunquest to the Israel route will likely push down air fares even more. "They're going down now," he said. "El Al will have to sharpen their pencils."

Arbib suggested Air Canada might cut into El Al's U.S. business as well, with passengers from as far as Los Angeles flying to Israel through Toronto.

Air Canada's announcement will not affect Sunquest's decision to fly to Israel, said Jill Wykes, vice-president of corporate affairs for the charter company. However, Sunquest spokespersons have confirmed that Royal Airlines will not serve as Sunquest's carrier to Israel. The charter company is seeking another air carrier.

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Holocaust education foe gets the axe

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — The rise and fall of the U.S. House of Representatives historian who opposed funding a Holocaust education program for not reflecting "the Nazi point of view" may well strengthen the hand of Holocaust education, advocates say.

And new Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich has garnered widespread support for his quick decision to dismiss Christina Jeffrey, who had opposed the curriculum, "Facing History and Ourselves," while serving as an Education Department consultant in 1986.

Gingrich fired Jeffrey, his handpicked choice for the post, last Monday, just hours after learning she had labeled the Holocaust curriculum biased.

"The program gives no evidence of balance or objectivity," Jeffrey wrote at the time.

"The Nazi point of view, however unpopular, is still a point of view and is not presented, nor is that of the Ku Klux Klan," she wrote.

In a letter to the speaker, the U.S.-based Anti-Defamation League (ADL) was among the first of many Jewish groups to praise Gingrich for his "swift and decisive action."

However, ADL national director Abraham Foxman sounded alarms that Jeffrey could have reached such an important position in Washington in the first place.

"That there are people who reach posts of such importance and influence underlines the need for Holocaust education," Foxman said.

Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors, agreed.

"More and more, this signals the need for proper Holocaust education," Meed said, noting that the Holocaust survivors' group currently has 435 teachers certified in its own Holocaust education program.

Meed also praised Gingrich for firing Jeffrey.

"We are very appreciative that the speaker acted so fast and understood that there is no place for giving ample time to the devil. And that's what she is," he said.

Rabbi Marvin Heir, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center agreed, saying, "There's only one place for her and that's out of the House of Representatives.

That Jeffrey slipped through the cracks has raised many eyebrows on Capitol Hill, in the White House and in the Jewish community.

"Someone did not do their homework," said Michael Berenbaum, project director at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Gingrich met Jeffrey at Kennesaw State College in Georgia, where both were instructors.

A Gingrich spokesman said the speaker did not know Jeffrey's views on the Holocaust education program and fired her as soon as he found out about her remarks.

In a 1986 critique, Jeffrey said the Holocaust education program "may be appropriate for a limited religious audience, but not for wider distribution.

"It is a paradoxical and strange aspect of this program and the methods used to change the thinking of students is the same that Hitler and Goebbels used to propagandize the German people.

"This re-education method was perfected by Chairman Mao and now is being foisted on American children under the guise of understanding history," she wrote.

At the time, Education Department officials labeled her evaluation "appalling" and Jeffrey was removed from the list of teachers called on to evaluate curricula.

Jeffrey was quoted by The *New York Times* on Monday, saying, "It has never been my position that you ought to be going out and finding the KKK and bringing them into middle-school classrooms."

She also told the *Times* that she didn't "know anything about the Holocaust."

After being fired, Jeffrey charged in a written statement that she was the victim of "slanderous and outrageous" charges.

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Recognizing that Jewish education is vital to the survival and growth of the community, **Associated** maintained and continues to maintain a commitment that has become a guiding principle for Toronto's Jewish community – namely the promise that no child shall be denied a Jewish education because of an inability to pay.

In order to serve a growing Jewish community, expansion to Brunswick Avenue in 1924 was necessary. In 1957, after 50 years of continuous service to the Jewish community, the campus on Neptune Avenue was opened and **Associated** established itself as **the community's single finest response to the challenge of Jewish Continuity**.

ASSOCIATED continued to respond to the changing educational needs and demographic patterns of the community by building the Hurwich Centre (Finch Ave.) in 1971 and the Danilack Centre (Leslie St.) in 1983. Today, **Associated** stands firmly on the horizon of the year 2000 as one of the world's finest and best known Jewish day schools, rich in extra curricular activities and a program which fosters values of good citizenship, social conscience and commitment to the State of Israel.

ASSOCIATED HEBREW SCHOOLS is the largest Jewish day school of its kind in the world. The same uncompromising quest for excellence which launched the Talmud Torah in 1907, drives **Associated's** development in 1995. The result is a **universally recognized first-class curriculum.** This is complemented by a commitment to providing the very best facilities and support services.

ASSOCIATED provides a nurturing and caring environment – one in which each student is recognized as an individual and encouraged to achieve success according to his or her potential. Ultimately, the **Associated** student learns by more than books alone and in that way will be better able to confront the future.Tens of thousands of graduates of **Associated** have and continue to distinguish themselves through contributions to Canadian society and Jewish life as leaders in education, medicine, business, law and the arts.

As our community's children prepare to enter the 21st century, the challenges they face must be matched by an educational system having the maturity and depth to respond to the diversity of their needs. **Associated Hebrew Schools** is proud to augment its world class program with a new state-of-the-art facility in Thornhill designed to keep pace with the growing and changing needs of the community.

THE JACK AND BUSCHIE KAMIN EDUCATION CENTRE on Atkinson Avenue is strategically placed to complement the other campuses of the **Associated** system, serving an area where nearly 40% of the elementary age Jewish school children of greater Toronto reside. With this new campus, **Associated** renews its leadership role by setting the standard for quality and innovation. By boldly building in the footsteps of the community, **Associated** is now prepared to accommodate more than 3000 students on its four campuses.

JACK & BUSCHIE KAMIN EDUCATION CENTRE

December 12, 1994 - the leadership of Associated Hebrew Schools was advised that Mrs. Syra (Buschie) Kamin agreed to make a major contribution to Jewish education and to the future of the Jewish community.

In the spring of 1995, a magnificent, state-of-the-art facility will be dedicated in the heart of York Region and officially named the

JACK AND BUSCHIE KAMIN EDUCATION CENTRE

"SHE BRINGS GOODNESS AND NOT HARM..."

The youngest of 10 children born to Rose and Michael Stone, Syra Stone has been known throughout her life as "Buschie", a nickname derived from the word for kiss, given to her by her father. Michael built the *House of Stone*, one of Toronto's early clothing enterprises. One can only imagine his pride as he bounced his daughter on his knee, making her giggle while, playing *Hashala, Bashala, Buschale*. To him, she was like a kiss – gentle, filled with love and life.

Buschie was present at the founding of Toronto's Moshav Zekanim on Cecil Street. Later, her parents dedicated a room in the building and Buschie became the youngest member of what would become Baycrest. Her gift to the school is indicative of the cycle of life and her commitment to the community.

" SHE SMILES LOOKING AT THE FUTURE..."

Buschie excelled in general and Jewish studies, ever mindful of the bond between the two. Unlike many young women at the time, she was given the opportunity to study with the boys. Her parents and teachers believed that a Jewish education was a necessity.

Buschie also possessed natural athletic ability which earned her spots on local track, basketball, baseball and volleyball teams. Her achievements as an outstanding Jewish amateur athlete have been well documented.

"SHE RISES WHILE IT IS STILL NIGHT AND GIVES FOOD TO HER HOUSEHOLD.."

When she finished school, Buschie remained at home and cared for her parents. In their later years, they relied on her as she had on them. When her father died, Buschie comforted her mother when she needed it most.

In 1940, she married Jack L. Kamin and the newly-weds moved into her mother's house. There, in addition to taking care of the past, the new Kamins began a future of their own. First, a son Michael was born. Later, a daughter Ruth. Buschie cherishes life's opportunities to share time with her children and grandchildren.

Over the years, Mr. Kamin undertook a number of successful business ventures, each rime achieving his personal and professional goals. A manufacturer of fluorescent lights, in 1951 he was awarded the contract for subway and wire-way fittings for Toronto's new underground transit project. In 1953, he became one of the founders and the principal financial backer of Cadillac Construction, later known as Cadillac Fairview.

Together, Jack and Buschie were philanthropic, answering the many calls which came their way. In 1957, a classroom was dedicated in the new Associated campus on Neptune Avenue. Jack was completely dedicated to his family ard to his life partner, Buschie. In 1993, after more than 50 years of marriage, still a young man, Jack L. Kamin passed away.

"GIVE HER DUE CREDIT FOR HER ACHIEVEMENT..."

During the war years, Buschie's parents sponsored many new immigrants. She learned early on that no matter what she had, there were always those with less. Buschie Kamin continues to support the community and the State of Israel as a UJA Golden Giver.

A life member of Hadassah, she has assumed numerous leadership roles. In the presence of Eleanor Roosevelt, she addressed a crowd of 800 who had gathered in support of Youth Aliyah. In addition to being a Hadassah "Ima", she has worked tirelessly for Hadassim. As a symbol of her love, and dedication to Jewish children, a room in the Israeli youth village bears her name.

"WITH HER EARNINGS, SHE PLANTS A VINEYARD..."

In 1994, reflecting upon a life rich in blessings, Mrs. Buschie Kamin decided to plant a new vineyard in the community's garden. Her recognition that children are the future of our community will bear fruit as the next generation of Associated Hebrew Schools' students begins to build its intellectual and social foundation at the new Atkinson Campus in Thornhill.

With the 21st century on the horizon, we all recognize that our future is in the hands of our children. The Kamin gift will help plant the seeds of knowledge, ensuring our community's future success.

Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto is proud that Buschie Kamin has made an investment in Jewish Education, our most precious asset. She joins a long and distinguished list of supporters who appreciate Associated's vital role in ensuring the future of our Jewish community.

Associated is proud to have been "kissed" with her kindness and wishes to thank her sincerely. We pray that G-d will bless Buschie Kamin – her son Michael, a former student at Associated, his children Marc, Amy and Paul; her daughter Ruth, son-in-law Dr. Robert Chelin, a graduate of Associated and their son Loren, for whom she has set such a fine example – with good health and long life.

At **Associated**, the business of education is always on the upswing. Our mandate demands that we remain one step ahead, anticipating the requirements of the community, by continually strengthening our programs and improving our facilities. To do this effectively, **Associated** has embarked on a comprehensive development plan to help determine its financial destiny. Bold and aggressive, it is focused on ensuring that we will be able to provide an exciting environment for students today and tomorrow.

PROJECT HATZLACHA – *Project Success* is a program of giving opportunities which enables donors to make philanthropic investments in the future of **Associated** and the Jewish community.

PROJECT HATZLACHA has the goal of providing **Associated** with $10 million to be used as part of an integrated financial plan that will allow the school to meet the future needs of students at each of its campuses. Initial funds will be added to those already collected in support of the Kamin Education Centre. Additional funds will provide the means necessary to renovate the Hurwich and Danilack campuses and to redevelop the Neptune branch. A portion of this total will form the capital base of **"THE ASSOCIATED"**, a new endowment development program responsive to contributors' desire to establish a dividend paying investment in the future of Jewish education in our community.

Donations, gifts and bequests to **Project Hatzlacha** will be applied directly to the educational, social and capital programs of **Associated Hebrew Schools**. A variety of giving, dedication and endowment opportunities are available and can be confidentially discussed with a representative of **Associated**.

ASSOCIATED HEBREW SCHOOLS OF TORONTO, an integral part of the community since the turn of the century, is more than a day school – it represents a powerful educational opportunity for a child to build skills and obtain knowledge. For our children and our children's children, the acquisition of knowledge leads to understanding and with understanding, the possibilities are infinite.

In a community overflowing with outstanding services, no one has done more and is poised to do more for the community than **Associated Hebrew Schools.**

Impact the future of your community by making a philanthropic investment in Jewish education at the **Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto**. Please contact Randy Spiegel at the **Project Hatzlacha** office - **416-789-7471.**

The future of our children may be in our hands, but our future – the future of the community – rests in the hands of our children.

Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto בתי הלמוד התאחדות המאוחדים בטורונטו

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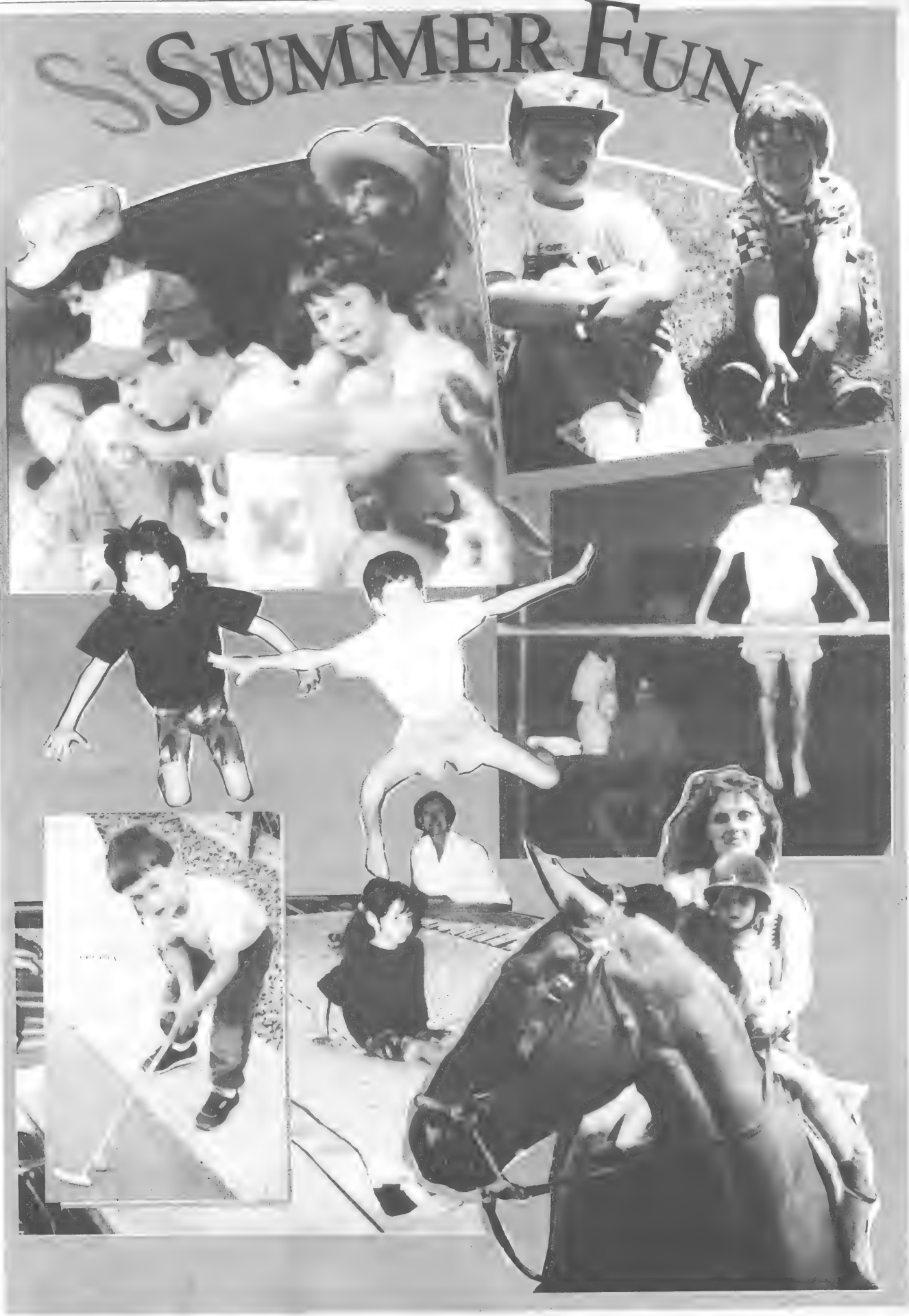

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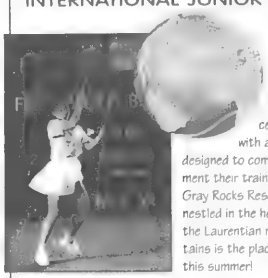

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"As a Zionist camp, most of our program is related to Israel, Jewish history and Jewish culture", says Steve Gillick, presently in his fourth year as Camp Director.

"We have a Camp Shalom Shabbat followed by an evening of drama presentations, Israeli singing and dancing. The campers always remember the Shabbat".

Set in Gravenhurst on Lake Muskoka, Shalom is less than two hours north of Toronto. The camp gives young people, ages 8 to 13 the opportunity to participate in more than 17 different activities during the day.

The program includes a ropes course with a zip line, canoe tripping, camping trips and baseball. Also available are self-defense, water skiing, canoe sailing, instructional swim, tennis, gymnastics, scouting, Jewish cooking and lots more!

Campers can also indulge in various arts activities, among them a well established drama program, newspaper and arts and crafts.

Steve Gillick says that "from day one, we speak about Hargashat Bayit, a feeling for the home. We talk about creating an atmosphere at camp that includes mutual respect, fair play, learning to get along, sharing ideals, and sharing fun and laughter".

At three-to-one, the staff to camper ratio at Shalom is high. Typically, 60% of the staff return from year to year.

Gillick says that one of the strengths of the camp is that many of the staff come out of the Young Judaea camp movement and were once campers themselves.

"They learn hadracha (leadership) and programming skills in the movement and bring this knowledge to Shalom".

1995 will mark the second year of Camp Shalom's "SNEAK PREVIEW" program, an 11-day program that allows first time campers to get a taste of life at a Jewish residential camp.

1995 will also mark Abe Levy's second year as Camp caterer. Abe proved last year that camp food need not taste institutional and in fact campers, staff and visiting parents raved about the taste and quality. The camp kitchen is Glatt kosher, supervised by the Kashruth Council, Federation of Greater Toronto.

Gillick says that as great as the 1994 session was, the 1995 season "will knock the campers socks off" with even more exciting evening programs, camp-wide programs and waterfront activities. "We have a lot of surprises in store", Gillick maintained "but we don't want to let the cat out of the bag yet".

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CBB is owned and operated by Ottawa B'nai Brith Lodge No. 885. The resident camp director and senior staff administer the camp season. They are assisted by a board of directors composed of lodge members plus representatives of other Ottawa B'nai Brith groups and the Ottawa Va'ad Ha'ir.

The camp offers two 31/2 week sessions and youngsters have the option of registering for one or both periods.

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Parents, relatives and friends are invited to visit the camp, meet the staff and spend a couple of hours with their children.

A special program is offered to any child not having visitors.

T-shirts with the camp logo and unit photos are available at competitive rates; order forms are sent in the spring mailing.

For more information about CBB, call (613) 749-8817 or write the Director Allan Kathrelson at 52 Alexander St., Ottawa, Ont., K1M 1N2

A camp like no other

Manitou-Wabing Sports and Arts Centre, family owned and operated for 36 years, has gained it's reputation as the foremost Sports & Arts Centre in Canada and offers one of the most unique summer experiences around.

Manitou offers campers aged 8-17 quality instructional programs led by a faculty of professional directors, artists, teachers and coaches. Located on a beautiful 200 acre rustic campus on the shores of Lake Manitou-Wabing, just 150 miles North of Toronto... a place where kids can experience a camp like no other.

During their regular 7 week session campers participate in a variety of Sports & Arts. Campers may choose to concentrate or 'major' in particular activities, as well as, sample or 'minor' any number of other activities for various portions of the season.

An individual timetable is created for each camper made up of these 'majors' and 'minors' which makes for an exciting and enriching experience. Plus... during the 7 week season, campers at Manitou also get to enjoy all of the more conventional 'campy' things like: fun filled evening programs, camp fires and marshmallows, as well as, special all day camp programs and weekly dances.

Now, also available at Manitou are special **one week sessions**. Ideal for those kids who can't make it for the longer season, these one week sessions offer intensive programs designed especially for campers who want to focus on one particular activity.

Each camper, regardless of experience or ability level, has the opportunity to progress at their own pace with loads of individual attention and encouragement. Areas of specialization for the one week sessions include: **Sports:** Tennis (14 courts, 20 pros), Gymnastics, Waterskiing, Baseball, Golf, Basketball, Horseback Riding or Karate **Arts:** Visual Arts (Pottery, Drawing & Painting, Sculpture and Printmaking), Dance (Ballet, Jazz, Modern and Tap) or Theatre. Campers spend 6-8 hours daily nurturing and developing their skills in their chosen program while still having time to enjoy other recreational land and watersport activities, as well as, special nightly camp style evening programs.

Some of these one week programs, offered in June, are a great way for kids to gear-up for the coming summer season. While the August one week sessions, more and more, are being used as a great pre-season training week for kids getting ready to return to school team try-out or extra-curricular teams. But... no matter what your level of ability is, a one week program at Manitou is sure to give you a taste of what the Manitou experience is all about. For more information on one week sessions and longer programs, contact the Toronto office at (416) 922-2447.

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Green Diamond Baseball Camp is a hit

Entering its ninth season of operation, Green Diamond is a baseball camp which operates for eight weeks in the summer. The camp offers a progressive program such that campers may come for two, four, six or even eight weeks. They can choose a full day of baseball, or divide the day equally between baseball and other counsellor-supervised programs such as arts crafts, field hockey and miniature golf. Every day there is a recreational swim.

Green Diamond is for children aged 5 to 14 and serves approximately 400 children each session. The baseball program is structured such that the fundamentals are stressed through hands-on individual instruction in each position. As a result of this, every child has the opportunity to develop their baseball skills according to individual ability, need and desire.

Rookie camp, for beginners aged five and six, consists of half a day of baseball and half a day of other activities, with one instructor for every four campers. At the level for children 11-14 years of age, there is a full day of baseball and there is one instructor for every ten campers. Instructors must have coaching and/or playing experience.

"We put the fun in fundamentals," says owner Michael Belz, who believes that instruction and having a good time should go hand in hand. Green Diamond combines the training of a baseball school with the fun of a summer camp.

Green Diamond has implemented a new program for 1995, The Baseball Institute. This program was set up to meet the needs of those campers who want a full day, very intensive baseball program. This program is for all star or rep baseball players.

Cito Gaston, who is now in his fifth year as director of baseball operations, has had a great deal of input in designing the program. There are six diamonds, each of different size, with a home-run fence at a different distance from home plate, so that every child has a chance to hit a home run. There are six batting cages with automatic pitching machines.

A Blue Jay visits the camp during every two-week session. Among those who have appeared are John Olerud, Devon White and Dave Stewart. There are also specialty weeks.

Besides excursions to Blue Jay games, there are out-of-town trips. In 1993 there was a weekend trip to Boston; campers will be visiting Cleveland in 1995, to see the new stadium.

Green Diamond is in the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area, off the Stouffville sideroad east of Highway 404. There is door-to-door busing. To prepare children for longer stays away from home, there are optional one-night sleepovers.

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"Though our programs are only for children, it is not unusual for parents to ask if they can register for a camp program themselves after touring our facilities,: says Janet Fine. "We encourage all prospective campers and their families to take advantage of a personal tour before making their decision." Come and see for yourself what makes The Hollows Camp such a special place for so many. Contact Janet of Stephen Fine at (905)775-2694.

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Kinneret's "First-Timers" eases transition to summer camping

Camp Kinneret (formerly Hagshama) has been a landmark of Jewish summer camping for over forty years. Thousands have spent their summers on the shores of beautiful Lac Mercier, near Mont Tremblant, where they have made lifetime friendships. Kinneret offers the full range of summer camp activities such as land and water sports, swim instruction, arts and crafts, drama, nature lore, jazz dance, newspaper, canoe tripping and much more.

What sets Kinneret apart, first of all, is it's small size which ensures a warm, family-like environment. Every camper receives individualized attention not only from the counsellors, but from everyone right up to the director. In addition, Kinneret does not just pay lip service to the idea of Jewish summer camping. Through the general ambience and through fun, informal programs, the camp reinforces pride in their Jewish heritage, with Israel as a focus. Last, but not least, Young Judaea activities in the city mean year-round continuity for those who want more than just a summer experience.

To ease the transition to summer camping for first-time campers, Kinneret runs a "Rishonim" (first-timers) program. Campers, aged 7 to 9, come for a week (July 30-August 7), during which they have their own staff and their own tailor-made program, but are integrated into the daily flow of camp life. Call the director, Tina Ornstein, at the camp office (735-3167 in Montreal or 1-800-426-5108) for more information today.

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Shendy's instructors are in a three-to-one ratio to students. Shendelman says there are two keys to the child's learning success: personal attention to the student; and treating the parents as partners. Therefore, his instructors are always approachable, both to parents and children.

There are courses both in fitness and competitive swimming, though the emphasis is on fitness and water safety. Also, there are swimming programs for adults.

Instructors are experienced, with Red Cross and Royal Lifesaving certificates. The school offers regular staff training updates, including summer camp recertification courses for all camp staff, and also trains instructors for other camps and schools. Advanced leadership courses include Red Cross and Royal Lifesaving. Instructors' courses, National Life Guard Award, CPR, aquatic emergency care and Bronze courses.

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Israel Youth Program Centre

The Youth & Hechalutz Department of the Canadian Zionist Federation has some new and exciting news. It has published a full directory of Israel Programs for Canadian Youth. A glance through this guide may surprise you – the wealth of program options for those between the ages of 15 & 24 is terrific – short- or long-term programs, university credit possibilities, volunteer options, fantastic summer programs comprising staying on kibbutz, experiencing Gadna, hiking the country sea-to-sea, spending a glorious, special week in Jerusalem, snorkeling on the coral reef, seeing the sunrise from atop Massada – and a great deal more!

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For all information about the options for 1995, please contact your local Israel Youth Program Centre. If you live outside the local calling area, we welcome your collect call to the centre nearest your home.

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Campers are encouraged to explore the valley in which the camp is located. Camper's are also introduced to nature through experience on the camp's own miniature farm, which features a vegetable garden and many animals including pigs, ducks, chickens and rabbits. "Our campers enjoy visiting the farm," says Wise. "It is exciting for the younger campers for whom the animals become such special friends."

The camp experience at Crestwood includes supervised arts and crafts (featuring a full pottery program), drama, dance, performance art, puppetry and various athletic activities. Pre-schoolers are offered a full sports programme including T-Ball, soccer and co-operative team games, helping them develop hand-eye coordination and motor skills. An exciting archery programme is always a favourite of the children. Tennis is available to older campers, as well as a challenging low-level ropes course.

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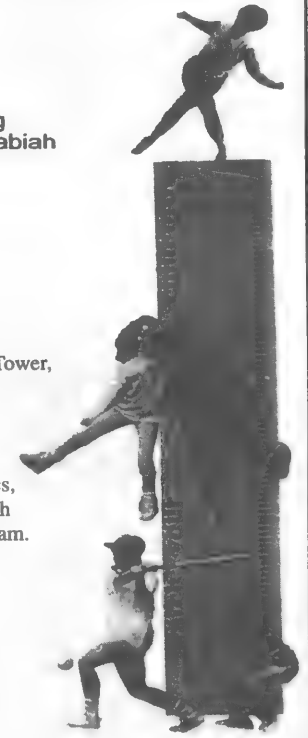

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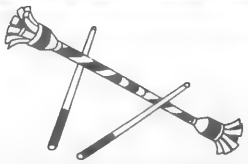

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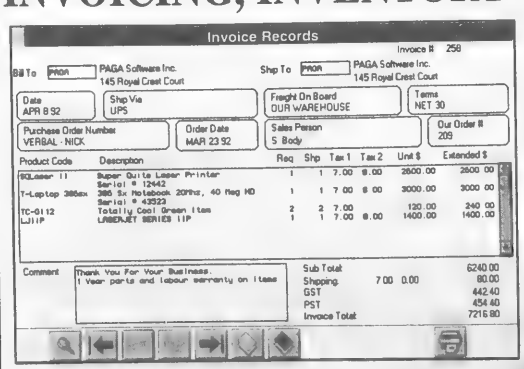
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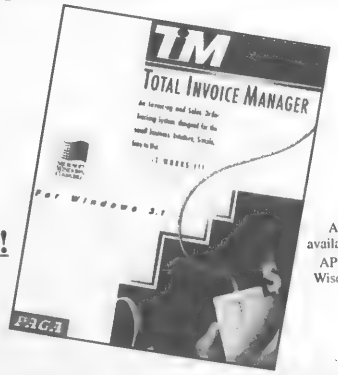

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Jordan on youth tour plan

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Reflections between a rock and a hardplace.

TORONTO — Poland, the Czech Republic, Israel and Jordan are all on the itinerary of a forthcoming Anguish to Hope tour that four Canadian Jewish organizations are offering to about 100 Canadian university students from May 8 to 24, 1995.

Timed to mark the 50th anniversary of the formal surrender of Nazi Germany to the Allies, the 16-day tour is "the first ever Canadian mission going to Jordan," according to one of its organizers, Eli Rubenstein, director of the Young Leadership Division for the United Israel Appeal Canada.

Modeled after the March of the Living international student tour of Poland and Israel, the Anguish to Hope tour has added Prague and Theresienstadt to its European itinerary. "We recognize that many of the students may never go back to Eastern Europe, so we're giving them a couple more days," Rubenstein said.

The Israeli portion of the tour involves travel throughout the country, including two days of mystical observance of Lag B'Omer at Mount Meron, the burial place of kabbalistic author Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai.

The group is scheduled to meet with Israeli Arab students, Knesset members and top officials of the Jewish Agency.

A Holocaust survivor and a scholar-in-residence are set to accompany the group to provide personal and historical commentary as required, Rubenstein said. Anna Heilman, an Ottawa Holocaust survivor who accompanied the 1993 March of the Living mission, "heard the voices of her parents, telling her to thank the students for coming back and remembering, and never forgetting," he says.

Cost of the mission is $2,895, from anywhere in Canada, plus a minimum $100 contribution to one of three Jewish charities. Limited scholarships are available to students in need.

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Information sessions are planned for both Montreal and Toronto. The Montreal meeting takes place at the Federation Building, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. For details, call Simon ben Simon, 514-345-2610.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

As historians debate whether Romania's 1989 violent insurrection was a true revolution or merely a coup d'etat in disguise, one Canadian who has visited the impoverished Eastern European nation claims that while its people enjoy more freedoms than before, they still wear faces of oppression.

"When I was in Romania in 1989, Ceausescu was still alive, and if anyone was found holding U.S. dollars, they were at great risk," says Torontonian Paul Pascal, a high school art teacher in Woodbridge who has visited Romania twice searching out his family roots. "Now you see foreign currency exchanges all over the place, especially in Bucharest." As well, Pascal noted a greater freedom of the press — allowing him, for instance, to buy an anti-Semitic newspaper openly in Bucharest.

About half the size of France, Romania's geography is dominated by the Carpathian Mountains and by the lowlands of the Danube River, which drains into the Black Sea. While acknowledging the beauty of the countryside, Pascal says he spent most of his time in archives and in visiting the towns of Iasi and Bacau in the northeastern province of Moldova.

After arriving on a relatively inexpensive but uncomfortable Tarom Airlines flight from New York, Pascal spent a couple of days in Bucharest, whose streets are lined with dreary post-1917, Communist-era architecture. Then he took an eight-hour train journey to Iasi (pronounced "Yash") on a ticket that cost 10,000 leu, or about $7 (US).

There he visited the Great Synagogue, a Jewish museum, cemetery and the state archives, outside of which his guide "had a long, frustrating exchange with a very unyielding, unsympathetic guard brandishing a rifle." For Pascal, the episode underlined the fact that Romania's national archives are still controlled by the secretive, paranoid ministry of internal affairs.

While in Romania, Pascal discovered there had been a class of Jews in Romania called Sudits; they were tolerated foreign nationals living under the protection of whatever country they had come from. Fearing civil unrest, Ottoman authorities had conducted a "catagraphy" or census of the Sudits in 1824-25. To his great dismay, however, Pascal was denied permission to examine more than a few sections of the catagraphy in Iasi.

In Bacau, Pascal found the grave of his grandfather's sister, and visited Jewish and public archives. As in most places, kosher food was easily available. An average meal, consisting of bread, chicken soup, meatballs in gravy and a hot cherry-filled bun, cost only about $3 (US).

"In Bucharest, Iasi and Bacau, there are kosher restaurants attached to the Jewish community centres, subsidized by the American Joint Distribution Committee," Pascal says. (All but 20,000 of Romania's post-war population of 400,000 Jews have emigrated to Israel, but those that remain belong to a tight-knit Jewish community supported by the Joint.)

Foreigners pay four times what locals pay for hotel rooms, but even so, rates are cheap. Pascal paid about $20 (US) per night at the Hotel Trainis in Iasi, and about $25 (US) at the Hotel Decabal in Bacau. As air-conditioning and windowscreens seem equally unheard of in Romania, he had to choose nightly between sweltering in an airless room in July or being swarmed by mosquitos.

After two weeks in Romania, he visited Belarus, a country where "the people seem much more self-assured, even if they're not so much better off economically." However, his journey was interrupted at the train station in Zlobin when heavily-armed robbers took over part of the train; they were eventually subdued by police, but only after a shootout in which a bystander was killed.

For further information on Romania, see *Jewish Heritage Travel* by Ruth Ellen Gruber, and *Eastern Europe*, the highly detailed travel guide in the Lonely Planet series. For visa information, contact the Consulate General of Romania, 416-585-5802.

Mausoleum of a revered rabbi, reminiscent of a tent, in the Jewish cemetery in Bacau.

Raphael Kohlenberg president of the Jewish community in Moinesti, Romania, stands in the town's Jewish cemetery.

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Jewish museum planned for Morocco

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The first Jewish museum in the Arab world will be opened this spring.

This is an important first in the history of Jewish-Muslim relations, according to Albert Weizman, one of the principal designers of the project. Weizman made the announcement during his recent stay in Montreal.

The former Montrealer is currently the director of the American Joint Distribution Committee office in Morocco. He outlined the project to a group of community leaders.

The museum will house historic religious objects and treasures of the Jewish community of Morocco. It will be established in a building that once served as an orphanage.

"The Celia Levy de Bengio orphanage closed in the late '60s. The building then housed a yeshivah, but because there were not enough students, the religious establishment was forced to close at the end of 1990.

"The leaders of the Jewish community of Casablanca gave us the green light to begin converting the building, with a view to founding the first Jewish museum in Islamic territory," Weizman said.

A working committee of three volunteers — Albert Weizman, who is involved in the project on a personal basis; Elias Harris, the official delegate of the Alliance Israélite universelle in Morocco; and Simon Levy, general secretary of the Jewish communities of Morocco — have undertaken the responsibility of carrying out the project.

According to Weizman, the leaders of the Moroccan Jewish community are very enthusiastic about it. "The museum will enable new generations of young Muslim Moroccans to discover the many rich facets of the cultural inheritance bequeathed by the Jews of Morocco."

The approximate cost of the project will be $50,000 (US), he said.

"The funds will come primarily from the Jewish community of Morocco and, we hope, from other Jewish communities in the Diaspora, as well as from private philanthropic institutions," said Weizman.

"Until now, the only museum exhibiting the treasures of the precious cultural and spiritual heritage of Moroccan Jews is in Jerusalem," he said.

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Travel

Judean Desert rich in biblical history

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

MT. MONTAR — It is clear, sunny and temperate, a perfect day for a tour of the fabled Judean Desert by jeep.

Next to walking, this is the best way of exploring a region rich in biblical history and scenery. Unfortunately, relatively few tourists bother with the Judean Desert. It is truly their loss.

On this day in late November, my Bedouin guide Izzat Abu-Rabia and I are sitting on the rounded peak of Jebel-El-Montar, or Mt. Montar, 524 metres above sea level.

We are enjoying a breakfast of sweet tea and a sesame roll, which we dip into za'atar, a heady Middle Eastern spice.

As we munch, we look around and admire the panoramic views — the tan, furrowed hills of the arid Hurequanya Valley, the hazy outline of the Dead Sea, and the towering wall of the Moab Mountains across the border in Jordan.

There are other sights — a Bedouin encampment, with its system of canals and cisterns in the folds of a gully, and flocks of black sheep grazing happily on shoots of grass, their bells tinkling merrily.

From our vantage point, we can also see two settlements: Kedar, with its cluster of red tile roofs, and Ma'ale Adumim, a mass of white, buildings huddled on two hilltops. To the west, 14 kilometres as the crow flies, the skyline of Jerusalem seems sparse. On the other side is Jericho, lying peacefully on a green plain.

After breakfast, we climb back into the jeep, a sturdy all-terrain vehicle which Izzat, an expert driver, has handled with aplomb since we set out from Jaffa early in the morning.

We reach the Mar Saba monastery, near Bethlehem. It suddenly appears, like a mirage. It is the oldest and biggest monastery in the Judean Desert, clinging to the walls of the precipitous Kidron Valley.

The tan buildings, with their blue cupolas, resemble a movie set. Since we're on the opposite side of the canyon, Mar Saba is off-limits to us. But the mere sight of it is enough.

Izzat, a Negev Bedouin, drives to Nebi Musa, an observatory which offers pastoral vistas of Jericho, the Jordan Valley, Kibbutz Almog and the northern end of the Dead Sea.

We descend into the valley. The Dead Sea shimmers in the haze, a mysterious body of mineral-laden water.

We drive along the shoreline, past the Qumram caves, where the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered by an Arab shepherd.

We pull into Ein Gedi, which is renowned for its nature reserve and spa. The biggest oasis on the western side of the Dead Sea, Ein Gedi is also renowned for its many varieties of flora and fauna.

The path which leads to the waterfall, where David is said to have taken refuge after running away from Saul, is scented with the perfume of exotic bushes and flowers.

We end our outing of the Judean Desert in Ein Bokek, a hot springs just beyond the historic fortress of Massada. Without a doubt, it has been a fine, pleasurable day.

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Through his company, Adventures in Nature, Izzat Abu-Rabia offers a wealth of off-the-beaten-track tours. Call 972-595595. For further information, contact the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto (964-3784).

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By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Endre Klein, a retired businessman who was born in Romania in 1922 and who came to Canada in 1946, has written *Survival of A Victim*, an unvarnished memoir of his wartime experiences.

The only member of his extended family to survive the war, Klein tells a story that, despite the passage of half a century, is still as sharp as a serpent's tooth. There is a rawness on every page, a pointedness that attests again and again to man's inhumanity.

The book presents almost 300 pages of graphic first-person accounts of fighting in the underground partisan army, surviving in labor and concentration camps, grim humor in the crematoria, and encounters with such diverse wartime figures as a hungry rabbi who steals bacon and demonic Nazi stormtroppers.

Klein's raw prose adequately conveys the rawness of life during the war, which seemed at times to be as much a struggle against hunger as it was a struggle against the Nazis. The witness of multiple atrocities from gang rape to mass murder, he shares the motivation of most writers of Holocaust memoirs — to urge the present generation to pick up "the torch of justice and humanity."

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

King David, the Controversy: As reported in this space several weeks ago, composer Alen Menken and lyricist Tim Rice, who won Academy Awards for their score of Walt Disney's animated movie *Aladdin*, have begun writing *King David*, a musical theatrical extravaganza based on the life of ancient Israel's famed second king.

The production is scheduled to debut in Jerusalem in 1996 to mark that city's 3,000th anniversary. Additional performances are scheduled for other cities in Israel and some 22 cities worldwide, including Paris, London, New York, Tokyo and Moscow.

However, the proposed musical has apparently sparked some controversy. According to the Israeli fortnightly newsmagazine *The Jerusalem Report*, ultra-Orthodox members of Jerusalem City Council have announced their opposition to the production, fearing it will depict the relationship between David and Jonathan as more than just an intimate friendship.

Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres meets the King David production team. (From left) Tim Rice, Peres, and Alen Mankin.

"*King David* will be the most spectacular and dramatic production ever staged, as well as conveying a message of inspiration, hope and peace to the world," counters its producer, Andre Djaoui.

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Israeli Pianist in North York: Born in Tashkent in the former Soviet Union, Yefim Bronfman emigrated to Israel with his family in 1973, and made his international musical debut two years later with Zubin Mehta and the Montreal Symphony.

The talented virtuoso pianist, who has recorded numerous classical albums (two with violinist Isaac Stern) on the Sony label, appears with cellist Lynn Harrell Jan. 27 in the Recital Hall of the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts. Program features works by DeBussy, Beethoven and Rachmaninoff. 416-733-9388.

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A Film On The Gypsies: The nomadic tribe known as the Sind people, or the Gypsies, have journeyed from India through Egypt, Turkey, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, France and Spain, encountering persecution at nearly every turn. *Latcho Drom*, a film by Tony Gatlif that won a prize at the Cannes Film Festival in 1993, traces the historical path of this vibrantly musical and relentlessly wandering people. Opens Jan. 27 at the Bloor Cinema in Toronto.

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Toronto Jewish Folk Choir: This sonorous organization under the direction of Esther Ghan Firestone is preparing a varied program for its annual spring concert, set for May 7. Works include a chassidic medley, the Heifetz folk cantata *Ich Bin A Yid* and compositions by Canadian-Jewish composers Milton Barnes and Louis Appelbaum.

Singers in all ranges, especially tenors, with some music-reading ability, are invited to join the choir, which meets Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., Toronto. Call Sharon at 416-756-7865 or Jean at 416-489-7681.

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Art Exhibits Around Town: Toronto artist Sandra Silberzweig, whose colorful semi-abstract works sometimes depict Judaic themes, has organized a first solo exhibition. About 17 of her works, on paper in mixed media, are to be displayed Jan. 29 to Mar. 5 in the Wallin Lounge of the Bloor St. JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. Opening reception Jan. 29 at 3 p.m.

A photography exhibition by Adrian Szasz, entitled Amazing Woods and Flowers, is on view at Cafe Des Arts, 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 315, until Feb. 4. The Romanian-born camera artist, whose works have been displayed in some two dozen countries, has focused his lens on peculiar shapes of tree branches found in Canada, Israel, Europe and the United States. "I hope the photographs will make the viewer aware of various ways to see nature, and maybe make them like it even better," Szasz explains.

Long interested in tiny compositions from Celtic manuscripts to Japanese bonsai gardens, Montreal-born artist Fred Herscovitch is presenting a series of small drawings of tulip bulbs, sea shells and other objects. Collectively, the show is called Miniatures, and remains on view throughout January at the Annex Art Centre, 1073 Bathurst St.

The Sculpture of Georges Jeanclos opens Mar. 1 at the George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, and features some 20 terracotta pieces, including figures from the artist's wartime childhood experience. As a 10-year-old French Jew, Jeanclos fled with his family into the forests of southern France. Until August 8.

Do you have news of artistic happenings outside Toronto of interest to readers of the *Canadian Jewish News*? Please write to Eye On Arts, c/o this newspaper.

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ARTS MONDAYS Vision TV

Arts

Film looks at single mothers

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Canadian documentary film *Ms. Conceptions* had its beginnings when co-producers Ric Esther Bienstock and Linda Frum one day found themselves discussing over coffee at what point they would abandon their search for the perfect mate and go ahead and have children anyway.

For Bienstock, the ease with which two thirtysomething women from traditional Jewish backgrounds could consider single motherhood was surprising.

"It didn't seem like a huge decision to make," said Bienstock, 35, director of the $400,000 film. "I began to wonder, when did it become so easy to say?"

It was anything but easy, however, for the women profiled in *Ms. Conceptions*, a one-hour film airing Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. on CBC's *Witness*.

Educated, financially secure, all pushed by the ticking of biological clocks, they talk about how single motherhood had become an option only after disappointing attempts to find a husband.

The film shows how easily they could be your co-worker, sister, friend or daughter.

It also shows the diversity of reactions to this growing social phenomenon.

We hear David Blankenhorn, president of the Institute for American Values, compare fatherless children to one-armed baseball players: sure, they can play in the major leagues, but having two arms is a definite advantage.

For some, single motherhood is not so much an affront to traditional values as the result of unrealistic expectations. Says British writer Claire Rayner in the film: "If a woman is unable to make the right sort of relationship with a man, within which she can build a family and look after children properly, I say 'Hard luck, love. That's the way the cookie crumbles. You can't have it all.' "

Rabbi Mark Dratch of Toronto's Orthodox Shaarei Shomayim synagogue told *The CJN* that while he's concerned about the threat to the Jewish family posed by single motherhood, he doesn't believe couples should have unhappy marriages just to have children.

"It's a conflict between human need and the demands of [Jewish] law," he said.

Single mother by choice, from *Ms. Conceptions*.

Bienstock said she herself was "torn" between the two camps, which has made for a balanced and thought-provoking film. It is also achingly intimate, with participants sharing their visits to fertility clinics, sperm banks and prenatal examinations.

"As a woman, do you deny yourself?," Bienstock asked from the Toronto office where she is planning her next major project — her wedding. "Is it bad to bring a child into this world [outside of a marriage]? It's a hard call."

Books

By Bernard Baskin

The Oxford Illustrated History Of Western Philosophy, edited by Anthony Kenny (Oxford University Press, $51.95)
The Illustrated World's Religions, by Huston Smith (Oxford University Press, $40)

The study of philosophy has been described in many ways. Someone suggested that a philosopher is a blind man in a dark room looking for a black cat that isn't there. Will Durant maintained that it is good for a philospher to remind himself, now and then, that he is a particle pontificating on infinity. For H.L. Mencken metaphysics was almost an attempt to prove the incredible by an appeal to the unintelligible.

In the handsome Oxford history, six distinguished scholars tell the story of Western philosophy from its ancient beginnings to the present day. They discuss the major ideas and contributions of a galaxy of thinkers from Plato and Aristotle, to Locke, Hume and Kant, to Russell, Sartre and Wittigenstein.

What is unusual about this work are the 150 illustrations, including 16 pages of full color. How can illustrations reflect abstract or complex philosophical ideas? For the most part they don't. But the ingenious juxtaposition of ideas and works of art often do illuminate the contents and concerns of the text.

Undoubtedly, the greatest Jewish philosopher — at least in the West — was Baruch Spinoza (1632-77). He was born into a Spanish speaking Jewish family living in Amsterdam and was reared as an Orthodox Jew. But he rejected Jewish tradition and theology. Fearing repercussions from the Christian community, the rabbis offered him a bribe to keep silent. This he refused and at the age of 24, he was excommunicated and expelled from the synagogue.

Spinoza identified God with nature. This doctrine goes beyond anything that is found in the Jewish tradition, except possibly among the Kabbalists.

The philosophical basis for fascism is examined in a perceptive essay which exonerates Nietzsche of responsibility. Despite his detestation of the masses, he was neither a nationalist nor an anti-Semite. "His elite heroes and supermen are conceived in cultural not political terms."

Oswald Spengler (1880-1936) was pessimistic about the future of Western civilization. He maintained that cultures go through phases of vigorous youth, productive maturity, cultivated decline and final collapse. For him the Western world was in decline as people deserted the countryside for vast cities and became a rootless proletariat easily manipulated by demagogues and as "heroic virtue is replaced by sensualism, art becomes corrupted and esoteric and religious faith is undermined by scepticism."

All in all this is a prescient account of our present condition which is made even worse by Oswald's conviction that a moribund West will eventually be overwhelmed by the "races" of the rest of the world.

This work, often quite difficult, is fine for browsing, reference and for close and careful perusal.

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The Illustrated World Religions is an oversized, beautifully illustrated guide, the outgrowth of a successful television series. The author, well known for his previous books on comparative religion, has produced another thoroughly researched, informative and pictorial representation of Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

The depiction of Judaism is sympathetic and knowledgeable and revolves around the concept of meaning — in history, morality, justice, suffering, the hallowing of life, revelation and the birth of Israel.

The author concludes his discussion of Judaism eloquently. "The star of David waves over their spiritual homeland. The dominant thought in the minds of the Jew is, am Yisrael chai, Israel lives! How wonderful to be living when all this is happening."

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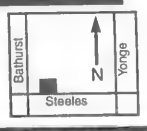

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Israel to slash budget

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shohat last week announced an economic plan to slash the government budget by over $233 million (US) and to boost the net wages of all Israeli workers.

The plan came in response to fears that workers would see a decline in their wages as a result of a new health tax that took effect this month.

Shohat said 90 per cent of the country's wage earners would see an increase in their net salaries next month. He said the cuts in the budget would come in part as a result of reduced income taxes for working women. He also said the budget cuts would not affect services to citizens.

Opposition members dismissed the reforms, saying they were not serious.

In other economic news, economic growth in Israel will be slower in 1995 than it was last year, according to an internal document prepared by the research department at the Bank of Israel.

While the economy expanded by seven per cent in 1994, officials at the bank estimate that growth in 1995 will be in the 4.5 to five per cent range.

Citing the slowdown in overall growth, bank officials also predicted that unemployment would rise in 1995 to 8.2 per cent from 7.6 per cent in 1994.

Wunch says goodbye to shmatte biz

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Milton Wunch always did business the old-fashioned way, like the day in 1975 when he and brother Irving sold their sportswear firm.

"There were no papers, no lawyers and no accountants," said Bob Patel, who with Nagin Patel bought Style-Kraft Sportswear Ltd. with $10,000 down and a handshake.

"Later, our accountant got worried and said we had to have something in writing," Patel said. "[When] I finally asked Milton, without hesitation he picked up a scrap of paper from his desk and wrote out a promissary note for $10,000."

Now 75, Milton Wunch has retired after working for the Patels for 19 years. They honored him at a recent party. Irving, 84, retired from the company in 1976.

"We'll miss Milton," said Bob Patel. "He was a link to our long-time customers." Their accountant still has the $10,000 promissary note framed on his wall.

The Patels, who are unrelated, have increased 10-fold the business started by the Wunch brothers during the war in a Rusholme Crescent basement.

Style-Kraft, now located in Mississauga, is one of Canada's largest suppliers of men's outerwear jackets.

Irving started Style-Kraft while holding down another job, waiting for the end of World War II so Milt, then serving with the RCAF overseas, could join the business.

They moved to a College Street storefront, where thieves looted every garment, and throughout Toronto's garment district, eventually settling on King Street near Spadina Avenue in 1960.

Bob Patel, vice-president, Style-Kraft Sportswear Ltd., (right), congratulates Milton Wunch, former co-owner of Style-Kraft, who stayed on to work for the new owner for 19 years, and has just retired. At left is Milton's wife, Florence. [Alron Photo]

At one time, Style-Kraft had 250 employees making jackets. One of them, Masoa Okashi, a Japanese teen hired by the Wunches after he was displaced from his British Columbian home during the war, still works for the firm doing repairs.

Milton Wunch recalled that prior to the sale, 90 per cent of the jackets were made in Canada. Today, almost all the stock is imported.

"The Patels were open to new ideas," he said. "They introduced a revolutionary method of vacuum packing cloth that speeded up production and saved time and space. They expanded the business and are now doing 85 per cent with chains and 15 per cent with independents. They've added a lot of new lines."

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By ELAINE COHEN

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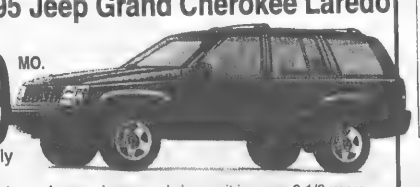

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'They were so young'

Bombings stun Israelis

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — Fearful. Angry. Powerless. Humiliated.

That is how many Israelis said they felt on the morning after the Netanya suicide bomb attack that left at least 19 dead and more than 60 wounded.

"You don't know whose turn it's going to be next," says Yaffa, transfixed by the 19 faces splashed across the front page of a Hebrew newspaper. "They were so young. When I look at their faces I feel stricken. And afraid."

"Dizengoff Street. Afula. Netanya. It can happen anywhere," says Lior Avni. "You have to watch every step you take. You're not safe anywhere."

Yaffa, who owns a snack bar in Tel Aviv, says she feels her blood boil when she thinks of the terrorists who did this. "And what do we do about it? Nothing. We should show them that they'll pay a price for this. We should blow up their villages, their families."

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A customer, who has just walked in, agrees. "They murder innocent people in the heart of Israel and we do nothing. We're supposed to have a strong army – one of the best in the world. So we're told," he laughs bitterly. "They are making fools out of us. It's humiliating."

Calls for bloodshed have come not only from isolated hotheads, but from mainstream "respected" Israelis like columnist and broadcaster Tommy Lapid. "Wouldn't they think twice about such acts if we were to plant car bombs in Nablus and Ramallah and Hebron?" he asked during a Sunday night talk show.

A soldier mourns his friend killed in Biet Lid. [RNS photo]

Not all Israelis support such tactics. "We're a state, not a band of terrorists," says Avni, a business administration student in Tel Aviv.

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Editorial: Fifty years ago in Auschwitz

Auschwitz was the Nazis' largest concentration and extermination camp. But even as the term "extermination camp" is written down on paper, the ability to understand what it truly was is diminished.

Somewhere in the unarticulated silences of our minds, in the dark untraveled spaces of imagination, in a survivor's unaverted glance, or in the tearful, heart-breaking detail of an old, perhaps frayed, black-and-white photograph, we will find the meaning of Auschwitz.

But those are places we, the next generation, and all generations hereafter cannot truly visit. And it is a meaning we will never fully grasp.

That is why anniversaries are important. They take us to the edge, but no further, of where our minds, our hearts and our souls can travel.

Fifty years have passed since the gates to that hellish place were opened by the Red Army. When they entered Birkenau on Jan. 27, they found in the six remaining storehouses – the other 29 had been burned to the ground by the fleeing SS – 836,255 women's dresses, 348,000 men's suits and 38,000 pairs of men's shoes.

That all these articles of clothing had once belonged to people and been worn by people and been treasured by people is unabsorbable as fact by the human mind, it being buried in an abstraction of very large numbers.

Mass murdering of the inmates, almost all of them Jews, by gas began in January 1942. The gas chambers and crematoria had a combined capacity of burning 4,456 corpses each day. Eventually the crematoria broke down from overuse. The corpses were then buried in pits – although the use of the term "corpses" prevents us from truly grasping and understanding that these "corpses" were once human beings.

No one knows for certain exactly how many human beings were killed in Auschwitz-Birkenau. We do know that more than one million Jews died there, including tens of thousands of children. In fact, 7,650 prisoners were freed by the Soviets on Jan. 27, 1945. Only 120 children lived to be liberated by the Red Army.

The numbers are intended to help us understand better; but it is impossible for numbers, however precise, to convey the unquantifiable infinity of the human life, and longing, and love that was lost.

The 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz is dedicated to the heart-breaking, melancholy memory of what was lost and to the remarkable few who walked out through the gates. In their determination to affirm life anew, they became the living embodiment of the psalmist's cri de coeur: "We shall not die, but live."

CJN Crossword Puzzles

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CANADA

BBC Praises Parizeau

MONTREAL — B'nai Brith Canada's (BBC) League for Human Rights last week congratulated Quebec premier Jacques Parizeau for accepting the resignation of longtime Quebec sovereigntist Pierre Bourgault as his communications advisor.

Earlier this month, Bourgault warned of a "dangerous situation" should the upcoming sovereignty referendum be defeated solely by the non-francophone vote.

"We are heartened the premier does not share Bourgault's bigoted view of Quebec society," the League said in a statement.

BQ Sympathy Message

MONTREAL — The Bloc Quebecois (BQ) last week extended a message of sympathy to the Jewish community on the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

"On this anniversary of the dismantling (sic) of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, the BQ remembers the hundreds of thousands of victims who perished in the death camps during World War II and wants to transmit its sympathy and its solidarity to the families of the victims ... [and] to the Jewish people.

"In order that the atrocities committed in the camp are never repeated, the Official Opposition wishes to emphasize the courage of the survivors ... and their descendants who live now among us."

Letter to Scott King

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress last week expressed the Canadian Jewish community's best wishes to Coretta Scott King on the occasion of the U.S. holiday in memory of her late husband, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Dr. King's vision and leadership remain as an unparalleled model in the struggle for human rights and dignity and the affinity of all peoples," Congress stated in a letter to his widow.

Degree for Malitzky

TORONTO — The New York-based Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS) will confer an honorary degree on Toronto educator Harold Malitzky.

Malitzky will receive an honorary doctor of pedagogy degree at a special convocation in New York on March 5.

He was nominated for the honor by the Jewish Educators Assembly International, the professional organization for educators within the Conservative movement.

Malitzky is a past associate director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, an instructor in the Midrasha Jewish Teachers' Seminary of Toronto and has been involved with the Orah School and the National Bible Contest.

Radio Host Apologizes

ST. CATHARINES — Local talk show host John Michaels of radio station CKTB apologized last week for allowing a caller to denigrate Jews on the air.

The incident came during a discussion of financial issues when a caller made a statement about Orthodox Jews to the effect that "the longer the beard, the bigger the crook."

The comments prompted a flurry of calls to Canadian Jewish Congress, which complained to the radio station. An apology followed.

In a rambling on-air statement, Michaels said he has never "spoken down on religion." The caller made comments that were "derogatory of the traditional Jewish religion. As such I should have challenged it. I didn't and I apologize."

ISRAEL

Harder Line on Egypt?

JERUSALEM — Officials in Israel's Foreign Ministry have reportedly recommended Israel take a harsher stand toward Egypt in an effort to change what is described as Cairo's increasingly negative attitude toward Jerusalem.

Israeli concerns that Egypt has been slowing the peace process and Israel's normalization of ties with other Arab states were factors in the Foreign Ministry's recommendations, the daily *Ha'aretz* reported.

Palestinians Protest

JERUSALEM — Two Palestinians and one Israeli soldier were injured last Tuesday, after hundreds of Palestinians marched on the Jewish settlement of Psagot, north of Ramallah.

The march was one of three protest rallies Palestinians held throughout the West Bank, opening a campaign by the newly-established Palestinian Anti-Settlement Committee.

Rallies were also held on Tuesday near Hebron and Ariel, and were attended by four ministers of the Palestinian Authority.

Hawatmeh in Gaza?

JERUSALEM — A hard-line Palestinian leader, whose group was responsible for one of the bloodiest terrorist attacks against Israel, has reportedly asked to move to the Gaza Strip.

Foreign Ministry officials said no official request had been received. But they said a third party had informed Israel that Hawatmeh was rumored to be interested in setting up residence in Gaza.

The group was responsible for the 1974 attack on a school in the northern Israeli town of Ma'alot in which 24 Israelis, most of them teenagers, were killed.

Bus Drivers' Training

JERUSALEM — Israeli bus drivers began a training course in how to deal with terrorists. They learned how to identify potential terrorists, conduct body searches, do hand-to-hand combat and stop their vehicles in an emergency.

Tribute to Wallenberg

JERUSALEM — Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss opened last week's plenum session with a tribute to Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved thousands of Hungarian Jews from death in 1944 by providing them with Swedish papers and safe houses.

At another event marking the 50th anniversary of Wallenberg's arrest by the Soviets, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev released rare documents and testimonies from nine people saved by Wallenberg.

WORLD

Foundation Launched

BONN — A new foundation has been launched in Germany to promote historical research into the Holocaust. The foundation was established some 10 days before the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps.

Mazel Tov Times Six

JOHANNESBURG — It was mazel tov six times over when the world's first surviving sextuplets celebrated their 21st birthday.

The Jewish sextuplets made the Guinness Book of Records with their birth, one month premature, by Caesarean section in 1974 in Cape Town.

A Kosher Superbowl

MIAMI — For the first time in Superbowl history, kosher food will be available for the 75,000 fans expected for this Sunday's game.

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El Al's monopoly comes to an end

Air Canada, Sunquest launch own services

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — After enjoying a monopoly for years on direct flights from Canada to Tel Aviv, El Al Israel Airlines now faces tough competition from two Canadian companies that have announced they will provide parallel service.

At a Toronto press conference last week, ebullient officials of Sunquest Vacations Ltd. announced details of a new weekly charter service from Toronto to Tel Aviv, beginning in May with fares as low as $1,099 return.

And earlier, officials at Air Canada announced the company will begin twice-weekly direct flights from Toronto to Tel Aviv on June 20, with fares as yet undetermined.

Air Canada, which held the right to fly to Israel for some time, apparently felt the need to act only after Israel's Civil Aviation Authority granted permission to Sunquest for the charter service on Dec. 25.

"We have a new international air policy — use it or lose it," said Air Canada spokesperson Kym Robertson in explaining the airline's belated entry into the Canada-to-Israel market.

In Israel, tourism minister Uzi Baram welcomed Air Canada's move.

Yona Nechustan, the Montreal-based vice-president and general manager for El Al Canada, is no longer suggesting El Al will discontinue its twice-weekly service from Toronto and Montreal if Sunquest — not to mention Air Canada — is allowed a share of the air traffic between Canada and Israel.

"El Al has plans, and we'll come out in due time with them," he said. "Meanwhile, we'll try to compete with all the others. The skies are open for El Al, too, and we'll do what we have to do."

In Toronto for the Sunquest press conference, Shmuel Zurel, a senior official in Israel's tourism ministry, told a breakfast gathering of Jewish community leaders that El Al intends to enhance its Monday and Wednesday flights from Canada with a third weekly flight on Sundays, beginning in June, to compete directly with Sunquest.

Sunquest's charters are set to depart Toronto around midday each Sunday from May to October, with a one-hour stopover at Ireland's Shannon Airport. The return flights are to depart Tel Aviv on Monday mornings.

Flights are aboard 300-seat Airbus 310 widebody aircraft operated by Air Club International of Quebec.

Both Sunquest's European division vice-president Eddie Carroll and Air Canada's Robertson agree there is great pent-up demand for Israel among Canadian travellers. "The peace process is transforming the whole Middle East, and making Israel a very appealing market for us," Robertson said.

"People in our sales department have told us that, for a few days after we announced this route, the phones were ringing off the hook."

Last year, roughly 40,000 Canadians traveled to Israel, a number that Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, expects will increase substantially in 1995. "Israel's endorsement of open skies has created a brand new era," she said. "Canadians considering a trip to Israel now have more options than ever."

Advertised prices are already reflecting the new realities of the marketplace. Last week, two Toronto travel agencies, Aufgang Travel and Payless Travel, ran ads in *The CJN* offering discounted return flights to Israel for as low as $849. Over the past year, El Al's lowest listed fare from Toronto to Tel Aviv was $1,338.

Even if the new fares attract many new Canadian travellers, some industry insiders wonder how full the six proposed weekly flights from Canada to Israel will be.

"It would be very optimistic to think the market could absorb all the extra capacity that has been put there," Carroll acknowledged.

"I like to think Sunquest is a leader in this market and not a follower. We are totally committed to this program that we're running to Israel, and we feel confident it will be successful."

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Reform leader urges outreach to non-Jews

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rabbi Alexander Schindler, the head of the North American Reform movement, came to Toronto last week, not to bury discussions about the role of non-Jews in Reform Jewish life, but to raise them.

Rabbi Schindler publicly stated that individual congregations must set their own boundaries regarding non-Jewish participation in temple life.

The president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), a branch of which represents Canada's 8,500 affiliated Reform families, told 250 listeners at Holy Blossom Temple that such discussions "will enable a congregation to define its goals, express its heart, give tradition a vote and build its own special community through its ritual life."

Rabbi Schindler, who first orchestrated an outreach campaign aimed at non-Jewish spouses of temple members in 1978, has gone further in recent years by suggesting the Reform movement attract converts from the larger community.

That suggestion has engendered heated debate, which Rabbi Schindler chose to avoid when invited by Holy Blossom's Rabbi Dow Marmur to clarify his position.

"I don't want to send missionaries to Japan, I don't want to open reading rooms or send our kids to airports," Rabbi Schindler said. "All I want to do is to remove the 'not wanted' signs from our hearts and temple doors and let people know that they are open to all who seek to enter."

While the German-born rabbi seemingly smoothed over the thorny issue of missionary work, his hour-long speech raised pointed questions from audience members.

One man, responding to Rabbi Schindler's opinion that proselytizing can enhance Jewish self-esteem, asked if Jewish resources would not be better spent within the community. Rabbi Schindler said UAHC-sponsored programs for non-Jewish spouses are also attracting equal numbers of outsiders and children of mixed marriages.

Rabbi Alexander Schindler

"It doesn't cost any more money [to reach outside the community]. It's the same teacher," he later told *The CJN* in response to the same question.

As for his own beliefs about the role of non-Jews in the synagogue, which he clearly separated from the UAHC's position, Rabbi Schindler said he has no problem with non-Jews touching the Torah scrolls and advocated "maximum openness.

"[Let us] not use ritual exclusion to express our emotional grievances, conscious or unconscious, historical or contemporary," he said.

The majority of UAHC member congregations, which include 23 Canadian ones under the umbrella of the regional Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, grant membership and congregational voting rights to non-Jewish spouses but not governing roles.

Some American synagogues have sought to include non-Jewish parents in the Jewish life cycle events of their children, scripting special blessings and prayers for those invited to ascend the bimah.

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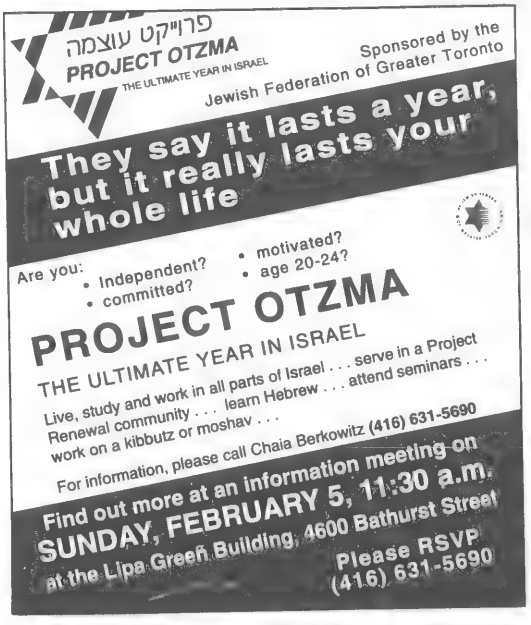
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From coast to coast

BJC appoints interim executive director

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Longtime community worker Gordon Wolfe is planning a temporary shift in careers beginning Feb. 1, when he starts a three-month tenure as executive director of the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC).

Wolfe, executive director of Jewish Family & Child Services for 14 years, has consented to serve in the interim position while a search is conducted for a full-time executive director.

His posting will begin only days after an Ontario court is scheduled to consider a proposal to pay creditors of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC), allowing its successor on Bathurst Street to move ahead without the looming spectre of bankruptcy.

Gordon Wolfe

Wolfe said his main functions will be to bring stability and confidence in the future to the BJC. On a more concrete level, he will assist in the search for a permanent executive director and help develop a constitution for the new organization.

"On a short-term basis, my approach will be to manage it and keep it going on an even keel," Wolfe said. "I think to a certain extent the crisis is over. Now it's time to rebuild."

Concern expressed

From his office next door to the JCC in the Lipa Green Building, Wolfe said he viewed the deterioration of the JCC with concern. "I don't know what exactly went off the rails there. My concern was that it has to be cleared up, fixed, changed and dealt with.

"I don't see a community centre as solely a membership club," Wolfe said. "It belongs to the community. I agreed to this job because of my commitment to the concept of a centre for Toronto Jewry."

The JCC's last full-time executive director was Paul Brownstein, who was one of 32 JCC staff let go last August. For a short time after his departure, JCC director of operations Harold Cipin served as acting executive director until he accepted a job elsewhere.

Ze'ev Hymowitz, a consultant with a U.S.-based association of Jewish community centres, was brought in to stabilize the situation. He returned to the United States at the end of October and senior staff have been running the facility under the supervision of the BJC board since.

Wolfe said he plans to devote 75 per cent of his time in the next three months to the BJC and 25 per cent to JF&CS.

JF&CS president Garry Foster said Wolfe will still be available to the agency "on an ongoing basis for consultation and advice."

BJC board chair Michael Kerbel called Wolfe a highly respected communal worker. "He represents integrity and administrative excellence. We're fortunate that he will be assisting us. Gordon gets results."

Fundraising book out

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — There is no such thing as a poor fundraising event — only poor planning, according to the recently published book, *Cash Now*.

Authors Norman and Aaron Franks, father and son, have nearly 30 years of fundraising experience with community groups, charities and other non-profit organizations. They have learned a lot during this time

The book, which outlines 29 fundraising ideas, is not meant for such major campaigns as Israel Bonds or federations. Rather, it is intended as a source of creative ideas for smaller groups.

Potential amounts to be raised run from a few hundred dollars to several thousand.

The book gives full details on how to organize, promote and operate a fundraiser. Each event is explained in one chapter divided into sections, such as event description, logistics, licences and permits (if required), time allowed for planning, personnel requirements, publicity and promotion, sponsors and prizes, space required, execution and potential financial results.

Probably the most profitable idea proposed is a community phone directory, which seems best for smaller communities where gathering information may be simpler than, for example, in Toronto or Montreal.

Nevertheless, the authors point out that a Vancouver Jewish community telephone directory has been prepared as a fundraising project. It lists 5,000 families, complete with phone and fax numbers, addresses and postal codes. It also carries advertising and is published every two years. The books are sold to members of the community.

The Franks estimate such a project can net $65,000 every two years. Although much of the work is done by volunteers, in Vancouver some professional help is used.

Most of the ideas in *Cash Now* are practical, although some are rather unusual.

The book stresses the importance of cash control. "Never have only one person responsible for cash," the authors advise.

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From coast to coast

Associated launches financial plan

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto has launched a comprehensive development plan to ensure its long-term financial health while meeting students' evolving needs.

Project Hatzlacha (Success) is gearing up to raise $10 million over the next five years, said Dr. Harry Krakowsky, immediate past president of the school, who is co-chairing the project with Henry Koschitzky.

A recent major contribution by local philanthropist Buschie Kamin in support of the newest Associated building is included in that amount. The Jack and Buschie Kamin Education Centre, one of four Associated campuses, opened earlier this month on Atkinson Avenue in Thornhill.

Project Hatzlacha is not specifically for the new school, Krakowsky emphasized. All four campuses will benefit from the campaign. Plans include renovating the Hurwich branch, located on Finch Avenue, and the Danilack branch on Leslie Street, to accommodate a junior high school and administrative offices respectively.

The Neptune Avenue branch, built in 1957, is to be replaced with a smaller building to house preschool and elementary classes. Part of the site is to be sold and used possibly for subsidized housing.

While Project Hatzlacha will first address immediate costs of building and renovation, donors will have the option of designating contributions for specific endowment funds or special projects, said Krakowsky.

A substantial proportion of Associated's fundraising dollars has come from people who don't have children or even grandchildren at the school, said Krakowsky. "Donors have been community people, because it's a community school."

The school will encourage an ongoing relationship with contributors "so that they can follow the program to fruition."

Associated's annual tuition fees of $6,450 cover operating costs only. Forty-five per cent of students receive tuition assistance averaging $3,500, said Krakowsky.

Subsidies, which have fallen victim to budget cuts in recent years, are provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto through the Board of Jewish Education.

Associated serves a diverse population of over 2,500 students. According to Krakowsky, the school has identified at least 15 different languages spoken in students' homes.

"We provide a tremendously good service to the community. A lot of students are not affiliated, and their only connection with the community is going to day school. We're in the Jewish continuity business."

CORRECTION

In *The CJN* (Jan. 12), Gregory Kanovich, was quoted as saying: "I'm hated as a human being, not a Jew." The quotation should have read: "If I'm hated, it's as a human being, not as a Jew."

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די בימערע מראַגעדיע פון „קרישטאַל-נאַכט" 1938
פון **ישראל קאַפּיטאַ**

1938 האָט זיך אַרויסגעווינן אַלס אַ דעציזידנדיק יאָר סאָר די דייטשישע יידן. די פולשטענדיקע פאַליטישע מאַכט אין געלעגן אין היט-לער'ס הענט. די אַפּאַזיציע צום „פירער" איז פאַרנישטעט געוואָרן און די נאַצי-היפּאַרכיע איז צוגעטראָטן צו פאַרווירקלעכן אירע פלענער.

דער יידישער ישוב און דער יידישער פּראָבלעם אין דייטשלאַנד האָט פּראַמינענט פיגורירט אין די מאַקאַרישע פּלענער פון אַדאָלף היטלער. די ראַסיסטישע האַס-גיזעצן און אַנטיסעמיטישע דעמאָנסטראַציעס האָבן פאַרביטערט דאָס לעבן פון דער יידישער באַפעלקערונג. ספּעציעל האָט דער נאַצי-רעזשים פאַרפאַלגט די יידן, וואָס האָבן געשטאַמט פון פוילן און וואָס האָבן געוואוינט אין דייטשלאַנד. דעם 3-טן נאָוועמבער, 1938, האָט די דייטשע פּאָליציי דעפּאַרטירט די פוילישע יידן פון האַנאָווער צו דער פוילישער גרענעץ.

הערשל גרינשפּאַן, 17 יאָר אַלט, איז געווען אַ זון פון פוילישע יידן, וואָס זיינען געווען צווישן די דעפּאַרטירטע יידן פון האַנאָווער. הערשל האָט געוואוינט אין פּאַריז, וואוהין עס האָבן עמיגרירט אַ צאָל יידן פון דייטשלאַנד, וואָס האָבן באַצייטנס דערזען די שוואַרצע כמאַרעס אויפן האָריזאָנט.

דער יונגער הערשל איז שטאַרק אויפגעבראַכט געוואָרן פון די דיי-טשע רצחות און ער האָט באַשלאָסן נקמה צו נעמען. מיט אַ רעוואָלווער אין קעשענע איז ער אַוועק אין דער דייטשער אמבאַסאַדע. ער האָט זיך נישט געקענט דערשלאָגן צום אַמבאַסאַדאָר גופא, אָבער ער איז אויפגענומען געוואָרן פון דריטן סעקרעטאַר, ערנעסט פאָן ראָטה. אין מיטן געשפּרעך האָט הערשל אריינגעשאָסן 5 קוילן אין דעם אַמבאַסאַדע-סעקרעטאַר, וועלכער איז געשטאָרבן צוויי טעג שפּעטער. הערשלען איז דאָן גענומגען צו אַנטוויפן. אָבער בעת דער אָקופּאַציע פון פראַנקרייך האָט די געסטאַפּאָ אים געפונען און ער איז אומגעקומען אין די קעלערן פון דער גסטאַפּאָ.

דער אַטענטאַט איז געווען אַן אויסריד פאַרן נאַצי-רעזשים נאָך מער צו פארשטאַרקן די מערדערלעכע פלענער קעגן דער יידישער באַפעלקע-רונג. דער קולמינאַציע-פונקט איז געקומען אין דער נאַכט פון 9-טן נאָוועמבער, וואָס איז באַקאַנט געוואָרן אַלס די „קרישטאַל-נאַכט".

אין דער נאַכט פון 9-טן נאָוועמבער און אין די נאַכפּאַלגדיקע דריי מעת-לעת'ן האָבן די נאַצישע שטורעם-טרופּערס אויסגעפירט די מער-דערלעכע באַפעלן פון דער ריי־קָאנצלאַרעי. זיי האָבן געשלאָגן און געמאָרדעט יידן — מענער, פרויען און קינדער. עס זיינען פאַרניכטעט, צעשטערט, צעריבּט און פאַרברענט געוואָרן יידישע געשעפטן און יידישע היימען. די מערדערס האָבן אונטערגעצונדן יידישע סינאַגאָגעס און בתי-מדרשים. הונדערטער יידן זיינען דערמאָרדעט געוואָרן במשך פון די עטלעכע טעג.

די נאַצי-רעגירונג אליין האָט געמאַלדן וועגן 36 טויטע און 36 פאַר-וואונדעטע. אָבער אויסלענדישע דיפּלאָמאַטן און זשורנאַליסטן האָבן אפּגעשאַצט, אַז עס זיינען געווען הונדערטער יידישע קרבנות.

די נאַציס האָבן פארמאַכט יידישע אינסטיטוציעס און פאַרבאָטן די יידישע פּרעסע. אין די נעכט האָט מען אויף וויטע שטרעקעס געזען די פּיינער, אין וועלכע עס זיינען פאַרברענט געוואָרן יידישע ביכער און הייליקע ספרים, אַ גרויסער טייל פון זיי אלטע און זייער ווערטפולע. מצבות אויף יידישע בתי-קברות זיינען צעבראָכן און צעשטערט געוואָרן. אָפיציעלע קוואַלן האָבן אָנגענעבן, אַז 815 געשעפטן און 29 גרויסע סקלאַדן זיינען צעראָביבט געוואָרן. איבערן גאַנצן לאַנד זיינען פאַרניכטעט געוואָרן 7,500 האַנדלס-פלעצער. פאַקטיש זיינען די ציפערן געווען אונטערשאַצט.

די דייטשישע פּרעסע איז אַרויסגעקומען מיט גיפטיקע אַנטיסע-מיטישע אַרטיקלען און באַשולדיקונגען קעגן דעם דייטשישן און אל-וועלטלעכן יידנטום. זיי האָבן געוצט דעם גרימשאַן-אַנטאַל וויי אַ בישפּיל אויף וואָס דאָס וועלט-יידנטום איז פיאיק און דאָס באַצייכנט וויי אַן אינטערנאַציאָנאַלע יידישע קאָנספּיראַציע קעגן דייטשלאַנד.

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Hatred and evil

Yet again, we are repulsed and indignant at the killing and maiming of Israelis by the murderers who hide under the umbrella of Islamic Jihad. Nineteen people are dead and 60 are injured, cut down and blown apart in a crowded restaurant in Beit Lid, or while running to help their injured comrades. They were the unsuspecting targets of an evil act inspired by the unrepentant hatred of Jews.

Yet again, spokesmen on behalf of Yasser Arafat issued weak and ineffectual statements condemning the bombing. And yet again we see the incongruous scenes of Palestinian mobs celebrating the Israeli deaths.

But there is a limit to the killing, and the suffering, and the agony which the people of Israel will endure before they demand an end to the negotiations with the PLO. The question is: when will the limit be reached?

For many, it has already passed. The Beit Lid bombings bring to almost 125 the number of Israelis who have been killed since the signing of the Declaration of Principles in Washington. Even supporters of the government are publicly questioning the wisdom of its policies.

The government of Israel acted quickly and in the only way it could, short of abandoning negotiations. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin went to see firsthand the place of the carnage. The cabinet convened for an emergency session and decreed Israel indefinitely closed to Palestinian traffic from the territories. This is only an interim response, however, and no solution whatsoever to the problem.

And the terrorism continues. There are no tangible signs that Arafat and his colleagues will join the fight to root out the would-be destroyers of the peace process. In pressing Arafat to act against the radical opponents, the government of Israel is not seeking a scapegoat. It is actually looking to see whether it has a true negotiating partner.

Yasser Arafat must choose between peace with Israel or peace with the rejectionists. Time is slipping away, as is the opportunity for him to achieve something great and long-lasting for his people. He must surely understand that when Israelis are killed, when the peace process is further diminished, so dim the prospects for his people too.

ProMontreal

Hillel the Elder was one of the most influential and beloved of our ancient teachers. He had a special knack for condensing essential lessons of life into short, prescriptive maxims. With the ever-evident success of the initiative ProMontreal, it seems that community leaders in Montreal have become his true, modern disciples.

If I am not for myself, who will be? Rather than stand to the side and glumly watch as increasing numbers of young people left the city, the leadership decided to act for its own benefit and on its own behalf. ProMontreal was started three years ago. It is a program of specific measures aimed at enabling the city's young adults to build their futures in the community.

But, if I am only for myself, what am I? The program attempts to deal head-on with the serious, everyday problems faced by young Jewish adults starting out after university. It offers career counselling and job placement to individuals looking for work. It helps support youth-run businesses. It brings young people together. Most important, however, it gives young adults the possibility of finding a way to establish themselves in Montreal.

As a result, it gives the community its renewal and to their elders the possibility of hope.

And if not now, when? Other communities should take note of the program. For it is clearly a success. The number of young adults turning to it has risen each year, as has the number of young adults choosing to remain in Montreal. The principle underlying ProMontreal, namely an uncompromising, determined commitment to actively, boldly, engage a problem, can be applied to the "continuity" crises faced by most Diaspora communities.

Dry Bones

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Yemenite children disappeared

Your article in *The CJN* on Jan. 5, "Yemenite children died of disease in '50s" was very upsetting.

My twin brother is one of those Yemenite children who disappeared, at the age of 3. He did not die of any diseases. Firstly, he was born in Israel in 1951 and did not come from Yemen on the airlift. Secondly, if he died why was my family never given a body to bury? My mother was just thrown out of the hospital with no explanation, and no matter how much she fought for some answers or to see the body, the authorities refused to talk to her and nothing was done. At the time the children on the moshavim in my area were all told to run away when we saw a strange car drive through, because children were being snatched up.

I personally believe that the government at the time knew about what was going on with these children. My reading of the outcome of the government appointed committee is that the cover-up is still going on. I still believe that my brother is out there, alive and well.

J. Ozani
Toronto

Bergen-Belsen liberation marked

With reference to my letter in the Jan. 12 edition of *CJN* about the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, the letter from Herr Arnold Jurgens gave out-of-date information.

The correct mailing address of the World Federation of Bergen-Belsen Associations Inc. is P.O. Box 288, Lenox Hill Station, New York, N.Y., 10021.

Sam E. Bloch is now the president and coordinator. He has informed me that no German government nor any other organization will assist with the cost of attendance.

Frederich Rose
Toronto

Rambam outlined personal responsibility

In response to Rabbi Mark Dratch's scholarly article concerning Talmudic law and the recent "drunken defence" ruling, I believe it appropriate to add the words of the Rambam in his Hilchot Hovel Uamzik, Chapter 1, Halacha 11:

"Man is held responsible for his action whether he be awake, asleep or intoxicated when he injures his friend, or ruins his property."

Obviously, it appears that the Halacha upholds the rights of the victim first.

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein
Congregation Beth Sholom West
Ottawa

PLO uses The CJN for own purposes

By featuring as a front page story Sheldon Kirshner's meeting Yasser Arafat, *The CJN* is quite obviously pleased with itself for getting this "scoop." While it is arguable that Israel, of necessity to reach an accommodation with the Palestinians, need have a dialogue with the murderer of schoolchilderen at Ma'aolot and Jewish athletes at Munich, what possible purpose is served by dispatching a reporter from a Canadian Jewish newspaper to Gaza?

Mr. Kirshner did not even succeed in interviewing Arafat but rather allows himself — and your newspaper — to be shamelessly used by the PLO for their own propaganda purposes.

Gordon Wiseman
Toronto

Israel's political system at fault

In order to stem the current self-destructive behavior of the Israeli government and prevent similar irrational actions in the future, the primary causes of the impending debacle must be identified.

The source of all Israeli misfortune is not the BBC, international opinion or Arab intransigence, the trio Israelis use to deny responsibility for their institutional problems. Rather it is their anachronistic and paternalistic political system.

Neither Likud, Labor nor any MK believes in individual responsibility on the part of the voter or themselves, hence their opposition to political primaries which, done properly, would break the "party" stranglehold on the country. As it stands, MKs who surrender the hinterland have nothing to fear from voter wrath, because their primary allegiance is to their party, which shields them from accountability. Only a political system that ties the politician directly to the voter by eliminating party discipline (a la U.S. Congressional districts) will prevent Israel's self-inflicted suicide.

Just ask President Clinton how well the voters respond when political elites, like the Clintons, pursue abstractions at the expense of reality.

Similarly, the Canadian equivalent is the emerging popularity of the Reform Party as a warning to politicians of voter frustration with the status quo. Certainly the Covenant as a basis of Judaism mandates that a Jewish government be built on the premise of individual responsibility, which is necessarily absent in any collectivist or socialist system.

Fortunately, Oslo forces every Jew to re-examine the basic premises and ask what is primary in Judaism, the altruistic concern with the needs of the Palestinians, or the self-interested security needs of the state?

Marc Baker
Windsor

Enriched holiday for Israeli children

Bravo to the readers of *The CJN*. This year's response to Chanukah Dollars for David was warm and wonderful. Coupled with funds raised by our own members and Jewish students, thousands of Israeli children had an enriched holiday.

Goldie Burstein
Chair
Chanukah Dollars for David

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Perspectives

1945 - Liberation of Auschwitz - 1995

Commemorating and remembering

By RUTH GRUBER
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

Fifty years ago this month, on Jan. 27, 1945, Soviet troops of the 60th Army of the First Ukrainian Front entered the Auschwitz concentration camp.

There, amid an icy wasteland of incredible horror, they found 7,000 skeletal survivors.

Nine days earlier, as the Red Army approached, the Nazis had blown up crematoriums and gas chambers, set fire to documents and other buildings and forced 60,000 Auschwitz prisoners on a death march westward into the heart of the German Reich.

Wanting no living witnesses to testify to the Nazi atrocities, the Germans left behind only the sick, the weak, the dead and the dying.

In the half century since the Red Army liberated what was Nazi Germany's biggest and most notorious concentration camp complex, Auschwitz has become one of the world's most potent symbols of humanity's inhumanity.

Because of the potency of its symbolism and the enormity of what it represents, Auschwitz has long been the object of controversy.

Thus, it is not surprising that it has also become the object of controversy as Poland prepares to host ceremonies this week to mark the 50th anniversary of its liberation.

Auschwitz's very name has become a synonym for the Holocaust, as well as for evil. The exhortation "Arbeit Macht Frei" ("Work Makes You Free") arching in iron letters over the camp's main gate stands out as the ultimate in cynical depravity.

In addition to its universal symbolism as the ultimate in inhumanity, Auschwitz represents different things to different people.

Child survivors of Auschwitz on the day of liberation in January, 1945, photographed by Soviet soldiers who liberated the camp. [From *Pictorial History of the Holocaust*, published by Yad Vashem. Supplied to *The CJN* by the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre, Toronto.]

It is as if at times the word means different things in different languages.

"An interesting thing that emerges from our research in various countries is that there is no one meaning," says David Singer, director of research and publications of the American Jewish Committee.

"Different people, different historical experiences, different memories end up filtering the memory of Auschwitz itself."

Between 1.1 million and 1.5 million people were murdered at Auschwitz between 1940 and 1945. Ninety percent of the victims, or at least one million, were Jews from all over Europe. Most of them were killed during the last two-and-a-half years of the camp's operation, at the Auschwitz II camp at Birkenau, three km from the main camp.

Yet Auschwitz was set up in 1940 primarily as a concentration camp for Polish political prisoners. For the first two years of its operation, its main purpose was the torture and murder of the Polish elite, including priests.

In all, at least 75,000 ethnic Poles were killed there.

For Poles, Auschwitz represents the chief symbol of the Nazi oppression of Poland — and indeed, under the Communists, this was what was taught in Polish schools.

Official Polish ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation — the first major commemorations linked to the end of World War II — were intended to stress the universal meaning of Auschwitz.

But this ecumenical, universalist approach to honoring the memory of the dead came under fire from the beginning.

Polish President Lech Walesa, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, had intended to invite all living fellow Peace Prize laureates to attend the ceremonies and launch an appeal for peace and tolerance to the world.

That triggered an avalanche of protest from Jews, since it would have included PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who jointly won the 1994 prize along with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Jews protested the inclusion of Arafat, who for decades was the symbol of Arab terror against Jews.

The protest forced Walesa to change the invitation to include Nobel Peace Prize recipients only through 1993.

In addition to the Arafat debacle, some Jewish organizations have protested that Jewish participation in the commemorations should be given more prominence and criticized what they saw as attempts to "Polonize" the ceremonies.

Two weeks before the ceremonies, Jewish groups in Warsaw announced that a separate Jewish ceremony would be added to the program.

"We have the right to weep alone," said Arnold Mostowicz, an Auschwitz survivor and head of a Polish organization of Jewish ex-combatants and survivors.

By STEPHEN BLEYER

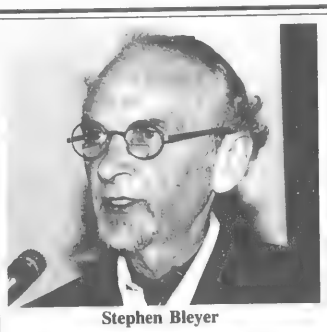
"Let me live a few more days ... I want to see the day of liberation."

These were the words whispered by the "old man" who occupied the lowest tier of a triple bunk next to mine in larger F, the so-called hospital lager of Auschwitz-Birkenau. This infirmary was in effect a waiting room for the dying skeletons.

I was 14 years old in January 1945. The "old" emaciated man lying next to me must have been 50 years old. I listened to him for days. We knew that all our lives were hanging on a very thin thread. We knew he did not have very long to live. I listened to him describe his children. I heard about his wife, about life in his village somewhere in Hungary. Notwithstanding his suffering, in spite of his wretched condition, for reasons that are difficult to comprehend, he wanted to see the day of "liberation."

Some short days before the first Russian officer walked into our miserable graveyard for the living, symbolizing at last the moment of liberation, the blades of straw that had dropped on the face of this 50-year-old "old man" from the bunk above him, remained unnoticed. He was liberated by death from something that, in the strange language of Birkenau, was called "living."

We were all looking forward to that day of "liberation." What was it really that we were expecting? My dreams were surreal, just like our celebrations are surreal to many of us today! Sometimes my dreams of liberation included a return to the embrace of parents, grandparents, family and friends, who in fact had been swept away by this infernal conflagration. Sometimes my dreams of liberation were more like nightmares of an anguished and tortured soul that was not prepared to face reality after an existence suspended between life and death.



Stephen Bleyer

Only some weeks earlier, the gas chambers and crematoria were a reality of the unreal world of the lager. Some days after our liberation, the thoughts of survival that had dominated our lives were superseded by the realization that hundreds of thousands had been destroyed by those demonic instruments of death manipulated by human beings.

In spite of it all, with all its contradictions, liberation also symbolized a renaissance, the triumph of the human spirit. That human spirit now has to cry out in an injured world. We must not tolerate any physical or spiritual subjugation of human beings anywhere on this globe.

Stephen Bleyer is the president of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre.

Shema

You who live secure
In your warm houses,
Who return at evening to find
Hot food and friendly faces:

Consider whether this is a man,
Who labors in the mud
Who knows no peace
Who fights for a crust of bread
Who dies at a yes or a no.
Consider whether this is a woman,
Without hair or name
With no more strength to remember
Eyes empty and womb cold
As a frog in winter.

Consider that this has been:
I commend these words to you.
Engrave them on your hearts
When you are in your house, when you walk on your way,
When you go to bed, when you rise.
Repeat them to your children.
Or may your house crumble,
Disease render you powerless,
Your offspring avert their faces from you.

10 January 1946

(Excerpted from *Primo Levi: Collected Poems*, translated by Ruth Feldman and Brian Swann, Faber and Faber Limited, London, 1988)

Opinions

It's difficult to get rid of our past

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

There has been much discussion about the announcement which Multiculturalism Minister Sheila Finestone recently made. The past, she said in effect, is now gone, and Canada — while acknowledging its wrong-doing with regard to a number of ethnic communities — cannot afford to compensate the victims. She thereby drew a final line under a subject that has been much discussed and has raised many questions.

Let me begin my comments by saying that I have known Mrs. Finestone for many years and consider her a good friend. She has been a loyal and active member of our community and has always exhibited a deep concern for social and moral issues. She comes to it naturally, as the daughter of our late and much lamented friend Monroe Abbey, who was the honorary president of the Canadian Jewish Congress. Mrs. Finestone deserves marks for doing something which many people — and not only those connected with the Reform party — consider inadvisable and plain wrong. The government, they say, should not have apologized at all. Mrs. Finestone defied the no-sayers and did the courageous and right thing.

It is said that nations have only self-interests and no particular sense of morality, a luxury afforded by the individuals who make up the nation. But we who are living in Canada do believe that the aggregate of our individual moralities makes up something akin to a national morality — or at least we would like to think that it exists. Our history is not free of gross mis-steps vis-a-vis the Native population, Orientals, Jews, and a number of others who are now waiting at the door to be recognized both historically and financially.

Therefore, what about compensation to the injured ethnic groups? Some of them were deprived not only of liberty but also of their earthly goods, real estate, bank accounts and whatever they owned, and were never repaid when the emergency of the two world wars had passed.

Political, legal decisions

The issues are complex and cannot be solved by a simple yes or no. My brief comment on them therefore is intended to continue the discussion rather than to finalize it.

Governments make decisions which can be broadly divided into political and legal ones. Political decisions are generally judged by the electorate, which either approves or disapproves of them and judges the incumbents accordingly.

Legal decisions are of another kind and are reviewable by the courts. To be sure, every legal system has a statute of limitations, which is to say that after some years of inaction a case becomes moot and no further action is possible. Murder is exempt from this statute — and so is morality. It has its own rules and this is the problem with Mrs. Finestone's decision. We Jews have long advocated the importance of keeping alive the memory of the past. Of course the Holocaust is not comparable to the matters disposed of by the Canadian government, but at the heart the principle is the same, namely that the past does impinge upon the present when morality becomes the issue.

It is my view that the removal of certain ethnic groups to tents and other places was a political decision, but that the expropriation of property and the confiscation of bank accounts should be open to review. Understandably, we Jews would like to have the turning away of the ship St. Louis reviewed. But the infamous decisions of Messrs. King and Blair were political and not subject to compensation. To be sure, a memorial to the dreadful incident would have been a desirable form of apology, but there is no legal right to obtain it, much as I would like to see such a memorial erected.

But taking people's possessions is another matter. That issue is not as yet dead, certainly not on the level of moral discussion. And neither is the very difficult portfolio of multiculturalism that Mrs. Finestone has. The debate speaks to the nature of who we are as a nation, and so does the department she heads. I wish her success in her labors, and I know that she understands better than anyone else the complexity of the matters on which I have touched.

Rabin's policies confuse friends, foes

By Yeshayahu Anug

The difficulties faced by Israel's prime minister amount to much more than a mid-term crisis. His authority within the government and in his own party is weakening and his implementation of the peace initiative has now reached a critical stage.

As the outcome of his process will affect this country's future for years to come, it has also become the most important test of Yitzhak Rabin's leadership.

Before he won the last general elections, he had promised to bring peace with the Arabs, but he was not behind the secret negotiations that reversed the official attitude to the PLO.

But by endorsing the results and by signing the accords, he has taken personal responsibility for their implementation. His reputation as a hard-liner who would not compromise Israel's security needs helped lend credence to the hope of peace within large segments of Israel's public. He never promised a smooth ride.

While Arab rejectionists took some time to react violently to the prospects of a settlement, the opposition in Israel to any territorial compromise was quicker to mobilize. Decisively manipulated by the settlers' community, which rightly felt a peace regulation would endanger their future, their campaign of obstructionism and of personal vilification against the prime minister was soon adopted by the entire opposition to the government.

At first Rabin appeared untouched by the campaign and seemed confident he could maintain his edge of popular support. But when Arab opposition took the form of escalating terrorism attacks, more savage and more frequent than was anticipated, and when the new partnership with the PLO proved to be quite ineffective in the control of Hamas terrorism, Rabin's attitude changed. As the right-wing agitation against what it calls "the prohibitive costs of peace" intensified, Rabin responded by hardening his stand in Arab negotiations while at the same time showing surprising flexibility and softness in dealing with the activities of the hard-line Jewish opposition.

Extremists calling the tune

While critics suspected Rabin was turning his back on the accords, his followers explained his ambiguous policies were designed to avoid violent clashes with the settlers. The progress of peace, so it was said, would take care of the extremists on both sides. But neither the spectacular conclusion of the peace accord with Jordan, nor other peace celebrations such as the Nobel Prize, had their desired impact on public opinion.

These days the tune is called by extremists on both sides and government reactions appear to be improvised. If a grand design exists, it is invisible. What the public sees is hesitation and improvisation. The main issues of the conflict still hang in the air, unattended, threatening to explode in the face of the would-be peacemakers.

It is true the provision of the Israel-PLO agreements which left basic issues to be negotiated later — frontiers, the Jewish settlements, refugees and the future of Jerusalem — made the interim agreement possible. But the underlying hope was that during the autonomy period, mutual trust would grow and eventually lead to a solution.

Until recently, trust was encouraged by the negotiating teams, but it was also steadily undermined by each side's efforts to improve its bargaining positions at the expense of the other. The current major clash over the settlements threatens to deadlock negotiations with the Palestinians altogether, unless a more durable solution emerges from the latest high-level meetings.

In dealing with these and other controversial issues, including economic policy, Rabin could until recently count on a sufficient degree of consensus and discipline in his government, although not all the ministers shared his views and tactics. Now, as his grip seems to loosen, internal divisions and rivalries are surfacing all too frequently and have all the symptoms of a premature war of succession. Unless Rabin manages to restore his hegemony quickly and takes care of his internal front, he risks losing his grip on foreign affairs as well, a field in which he was remarkably successful.

This week in particular, his agenda is bursting with problems, most of them complicated by inaction. Though the political-military talks with Syria will now resume after a prolonged lull, and, contrary to appearences, may even show some progress, no immediate results can be expected.

The principal contest is on the Israeli-Palestinian issue. PLO ineffectiveness and rhetoric, coupled with Israeli neglect and lack of foresight, could well precipitate major turmoil in the territories.

Can you find the hidden message?

By Allan Gould

Remember subliminal advertising? I may be dating myself here — and who else would date me? as my wife Merle would say — but back in the 1950s, there was an explosion of terror in many parts of society when it was announced by some scientists that "subliminal advertising" could be used to trick people into responding to the evil machinations of advertisers.

Examples abounded: YOU REALLY WANT TO BUY SOME POPCORN NOW! might flash in the middle of the cowboy movie at the local cinema, but so quickly, it would subliminally act upon our brains.

Since that brief "subliminal scare" of the mid-'50s, I've rarely heard anything about this strange concept. TAKE OUT A SUBSCRIPTION TO *PARCHMENT*.

Now, *Parchment* — in case you've never heard of it, subliminally or otherwise — is quite an extraordinary thing: A group of fine Canadian Jewish poets (Shel Krakofsky, Seymour Mayne, Kenneth Sherman, Miriam Waddington), scholars (Adam Fuerstenberg, Michael Greenstein, Ruby Newman, Malca Litovitz), and non-entities (Allan Gould), along with several others, publish a yearly paperback.

YES, *PARCHMENT* — JUST 12 BUCKS FOR ONE YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION; $20 FOR TWO YEARS! SEND YOUR CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDERS TO *PARCHMENT*, 445 HAMILTON ROAD, LONDON, ONTARIO, N5Z 1S2.

Anyway, I do hope that I am not betraying confidences here, but when I was at our annual meeting in North York, Ont., (a modest, southern suburb of Thornhill) a most interesting series of conversations took place.

WHAT A GREAT GIFT IDEA! GIVE SOMEONE YOU LOVE *PARCHMENT*.

SHEL KRAKOFSKY: Maybe we should threaten.

RUBY NEWMAN: I'm not so sure that's a good idea, Shel.

MALCA LITOVITZ: I agree with Ruby. It's a magazine of Jewish writing, so I think we should be more Jewish, and play on their guilt.

ALLAN GOULD: How do you mean?

BUY *PARCHMENT*. YOU WON'T REGRET IT!

MALCA LITOVITZ: Something like this: "You call yourself an intellectual? You buy Leonard Cohen's collected poetry, and you read Mordecai Richler and Irving Layton, and you won't shell out 12 bucks to read the Cohens, Richlers and Laytons of the future? "

ADAM FUERSTENBERG: I'm not so sure that would work. What if we advertise? For instance: You spend $8 for a movie which you forget the next day! Yet you could have a wonderful, attractive paperback volume mailed to your home, well-bound, lasting for years, which will sit on your shelf and bring you many hours of pleasure and joy whenever you reach for it — for only $12! What a deal!

RUBY NEWMAN: It isn't easy to get people to support something like this. Hey, Gould — you call yourself creative. What are your ideas on how to sell *Parchment*?

ALLAN GOULD: Actually, I was thinking of doing something subliminal.

KENNETH SHERMAN: Subliminal, what the heck do you mean by that?

Features

Couple finds happiness in West Bank

Sheldon Kirshner visits a West Bank settlement where the future seems fairly secure.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

When Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin imposed a building freeze in the territories shortly after assuming office in the summer of 1992, he exempted several thousand housing units nearing completion around Jerusalem and the old Green Line from his long-anticipated plan.

One of the settlements unaffected by the government's policy was Alfei Menashe, several kilometres from the Israeli town of Kfar Saba and about 35 kilometres northeast of Tel Aviv.

Here, on a stony, windswept ridge, approximately 800 new units are nearly ready for occupancy. The majority of the new homes are pretty cottages with white stucco walls and red tile roofs that could easily fit into any fashionable California suburb.

As a result of these exceptions to Rabin's rule and a relatively high birthrate, the Jewish population on the disputed West Bank is growing. Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics reports that the growth rate in 1993 was 10 percent.

By all accounts, a good proportion of new settlers streaming into the West Bank are like Motti and Patricia Veinman, one of Alfei Menashe's first residents.

Both in their mid-40s, with two grown children, the Veinmans settled in Alfei Menashe 11 years ago, moving here from the congested Tel Aviv suburb of Bat Yam. Housing was far cheaper, the weather was better and the quality of life looked promising.

"It had nothing to do with politics or ideology," explained Motti. "We simply wanted to improve our lives."

In Bat Yam, which is south of Tel Aviv, the Veinmans lived like most Israelis, in a crowded flat with 3½ rooms. But in Alfei Menashe, they have an attractive townhouse with six rooms, as well as a front lawn and a garden with fruit trees.

They paid $90,000 (US) for their dream home. In Israel, they could not have bought it for less than about $160,000.

When the Veinmans purchased their roomy dwelling, the Likud, with Menachem Begin as prime minister, was in power and deeply committed to creating facts on the ground in Judea and Samaria. In line with his philosophy, Begin (and his successor, Yitzhak Shamir) encouraged Jews to populate the territories, providing them with inexpensive land and low-interest mortgages that dramatically lowered the cost of housing.

Due to this zealous policy, the Jewish population of the West Bank — which is inhabited by about 900,000 Palestinian Arabs — swelled.

Despite the physical dangers of living in what is essentially an Arab sea, the Veinmans are eminently satisfied with their lives in Alfei Menashe.

"I'm happy," said Motti, whose parents left Radom, Poland, before World War II for greener pastures in Palestine. "It's quiet. The air is good. It's cleaner. And it's not as humid as on the coastal plain."

Patricia, who came to Israel as a new immigrant from Paris four months before the outbreak of the 1967 Six Day War, is even more effusive.

"I have a very beautiful life here. In fact, I was reborn in Alfei Menashe."

With a population of about 1,000 families, Alfei Menashe ranks as one of the biggest settlements on the West Bank. It is a neat, well-planned community, with its own municipal building, shopping centre, schools, synagogue, mikvah and a sports centre which boasts of an indoor and outdoor swimming pool, a weight room and tennis courts.

Whether Alfei Menashe is strategically vital to Israel is debatable. But the fact of the matter is that it's deceptively close to Israel's Mediterranean shore. On most days, from a bluff here, Tel Aviv's skyline is startlingly visible.

"And on a clear day, you can see Hadera and Haifa," said Motti, a work wear distributor who commutes to his job in Israel.

Part of a bloc of Jewish settlements in this sector of the West Bank, Alfei Menashe is less than three kilometres from the Arab town of Qalqilya.

Prior to the Six Day War, and particularly during the 1950s, Israeli settlements in the vicinity of Qalqilya were subjected to Arab infiltration raids that cut a swath of death and destruction.

In one of its most fearsome reprisals, the Israeli army attacked Jordanian positions in Qalqilya in October 1953, killing 88 Arab Legioners. Israeli casualties were 18 dead and 88 wounded. The commander of the Israeli raiding party was a young major, Mordechai Gur, a future Israel Defence Forces chief of staff.

Forty-two years later, the dangers for Israeli civilians living in West Bank communities like Alfei Menashe still loom.

Although Alfei Menashe has been relatively insulated from the Arab violence that frequently rocks the West Bank, it has had its share of human tragedies.

On April 11, 1987, a 35-year-old resident of Alfei Menashe, Ofra Moses, was murdered by terrorists when her car was firebombed near a citrus grove close to Qalqilya. She was on her way to buy Passover supplies in Israel.

The road to Alfei Menashe from Israel proper bypasses Qalqilya, but is still vulnerable. After the Moses incident, for example, two settlers in a car were seriously injured by flying rocks.

The Veinmans have been among the more fortunate, never having been attacked by Arabs. Patricia — a clerk in a bank in Israel — carries a gun when she leaves the safety of her home, but Motti does not.

Before the intifadah, or Palestinian rebellion, erupted in December 1987, scores of Israelis, including Motti and his wife, regularly shopped in Qalqilya for bargains. "There were traffic jams leading to Qalqilya," recalled their Tel Aviv friend, Ida Heilweill. "Everything was so cheap."

But for the past six years, the Veinmans and almost every settler of Alfei Menashe have rarely, if ever, set foot there.

When the Veinmans moved to Alfei Menashe, they were centrists politically, anything but messianic radicals claiming the West Bank for the Jewish people.

But since then, they have moved steadily away from the centre, and today, they are firmly in the right-wing camp. In the last general election, Motti and Patricia voted for the Likud.

Not surprisingly, then, neither Motti nor Patricia supports the September 1993 Declaration of Principles or the May 1994 formal peace agreement between Israel and the PLO.

Motti and Patricia Veinman at their home in Alfei Menashe. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

"I don't believe in this peace process with the Palestinians," Patricia declared quite vehemently. "I want peace, but I don't trust the PLO. As long as the PLO has the word jihad (holy war or struggle) in its vocabulary, it can't be trusted."

Patricia, however, is glad that the Israeli army has withdrawn from much of the Gaza Strip. "Let them kill each other," she said in a reference to the internecine Palestinian strife there since July 1994.

Unlike some West Bank settlers, the Veinmans do not fear that the Israeli government will abandon them. They are confident that Israel will not give up Alfei Menashe, which is actually farther away from Qalqilya than Kfar Saba.

But if push ever comes to shove and Alfei Menashe is relinquished, Patricia intends to stay. Not even the inducement of financial compensation, she claims, would prompt her to leave the place she dearly loves.

Motti, though, is pragmatic. If Alfei Menashe is eliminated on the political chopping block, he will pack up his belongings and regrettably leave the settlement that he and several thousand Jews call home.

Mideast Analysis
By Sheldon Kirshner

Arafat's travails

Six months after returning to the Gaza Strip from exile in Tunisia, Yasser Arafat's star is waning, and he faces what is perhaps his gravest crisis.

Arafat, chairman of the PLO and head of the Palestine National Authority (PNA) in Gaza and the West Bank town of Jericho, has come under intense fire from Israel *and* his fellow Palestinians.

The Israeli government has charged Arafat with being soft on terrorism, lax in fulfilling promises contained in the 1993 Declaration of Principles (DoP), incendiary in some of his remarks and tolerant of inflammatory statements voiced by associates.

More than 100 Israelis have been murdered by Palestinian extremists in the past year. Last week, the death toll rose still higher with the suicide bombing at Beit Lid which killed 19 Israelis. The PNA has acquitted itself rather poorly in fighting terrorism, but to be completely fair, Israel has not been able to crush terrorism either.

And in a grave breach of the DoP, which suggests weakness on Arafat's part, he has failed to eliminate clauses in the PLO's 1968 National Covenant calling for Israel's destruction.

Some of Arafat's rhetoric has shocked Israel. Recently, he referred to Israel as "the Israeli enemy" before correcting himself. Prior to that, he called for a "jihad" against Israel.

At a graduation ceremony for Palestinian security service trainees in Jericho, the cadets shouted "Haifa" and "Ashdod," indicating a desire to snuff out Israel's existence. Meanwhile, Farouk Kaddoumi, the official in charge of the PLO's foreign relations, declared that Israel "must come to an end."

Arafat remains a widely revered figure in the Palestinian movement. But his lustre has been tarnished.

Some admirers like Haidar Abdel Shafi and Edward Said have become disillusioned with him, saying that Arafat gave up too much, too soon, in the Oslo negotiations that culminated in the DoP. They argue, for example, that the fate of the Jewish settlements in the territories should not have been left for final status talks, and that the issue of the 1948 Palestinian refugees should have been placed on the agenda.

Many Palestinians claim that Arafat has concentrated power in his own hands, created an intimidating regime with multiple security services, surrounded himself with compliant yes-men, stifled dissent and muzzled the press.

More ominously, Arafat is threatened by open rebellion from Hamas and Islamic Jihad, which vehemently denounce the DoP and the very idea of peace with Israel.

Arafat had counted on $2.5 billion in pledges from donor nations to revive the anemic economy in the Palestinian autonomous areas. But due to the PNA's inability to establish proper accounting procedures, the funds have barely trickled in, leaving Arafat open to accusations that he has not improved the lives of his people.

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Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN

In the past few years there has been much discussion and many articles written on the topic of continuity, which has become the catch word to express our concerns and fears about the ability of the North American Jewish community to remain a strong, viable one. Will many of our grandchildren and their children still be Jewish?

It may be surprising to know that many Jewish leaders in Israel and North America have the same concerns about continuity in Israel. Israel today is very strong and secure militarily and with G-d's help and the Israel Defence Force, it has the ability to defend itself against possible and unnecessary aggression. However, I have a concern that the majority of boys and girls in Israel are growing up without any knowledge of what Judaism is all about.

The Jewish people have survived under all kinds of conditions in the Diaspora. Many Israelis used to think that living in Israel itself guarantees that Judaism will remain a distinct way of life. This has proven not to be true. One of the reasons so many Israelis have left is that they have seen nothing unique enough about Judaism to make them live in a hostile environment.

One of the reasons for the concern about continuity is the rising incidence of intermarriage, which in the United States has reached 52 per cent. We have always been proud that Toronto and Canadian communities are "backward" in certain respects and do not have the same statistics for intermarriage, divorce and synagogue attendance. However, we are catching up and we must take measures to prevent this from happening.

The movement to ensure continuity has begun with the leadership of Jewish communities throughout North America. The Task Force in Toronto offered some very practical, concrete proposals. The federation will furnish you with a copy of the recommendations. Nevertheless, these recommendations can only be implemented when individual Jewish families take the problem seriously. Otherwise they run the risk of merely being motherhood issues to which we all pay lip-service.

What are these suggestions? More day school education, trips to Israel, programs for teenagers and young adults. How do we translate these into something that will have real validity?

The best answer is that we should work from strength. The Jewish parents of Toronto make sure that a large percentage of our girls and boys do receive Jewish education in day, supplementary and afternoon schools. How can their education have a permanent influence on our lives? I am not suggesting anything startling or innovative because, for close to 2,000 years in the Diaspora, despite so much persecution, there was no problem with continuity. Why is it that in the free society of North America we should be concerned that the Jewish population will diminish instead of increase, as logic would suggest?

Continuity will take place if parents realize that when it comes to the observance of Jewish life (and everything else), they, not the Hebrew school staff, are the real teachers of their children. The Hebrew word for parents is horim, (guides) similar to the Hebrew for teachers morim. How many Jewish parents belong to a synagogue but never come on Shabbat unless there is a simchah to which they are invited? Since when do we need a special invitation to go to shul? Why should children attend regularly after their bar-bat mitzvot, since they imitate their parents?

While the Jewish community organizations first expressed concern about continuity in North America, it will happen only if individual families strengthen their commitments. While this may sound simplistic, continuity is directly related to the entire family's going to the synagogue on Shabbat and festivals, and every day, as well as ongoing participation in Jewish activities in and out of the home.

In Israel itself, the educational system that the majority of students go to must enhance its curriculum to provide more knowledge of the Bible, Talmud and important historical figures in Jewish life. We are a unique people which has ensured our own continuity as well as making great contributions to the outside world in the fields of medicine, science and commerce. This has to be stressed in the "public school" system of Israel and Hebrew schools in the Diaspora.

The application of knowledge must remain inherent in Jewish life. Hopefully, with a better understanding of the real roles of Jewish families, all of us can become optimistic about the physical and spiritual continuity of the people of Israel there and everywhere.

Rabbi Kelman is the spiritual leader of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto.

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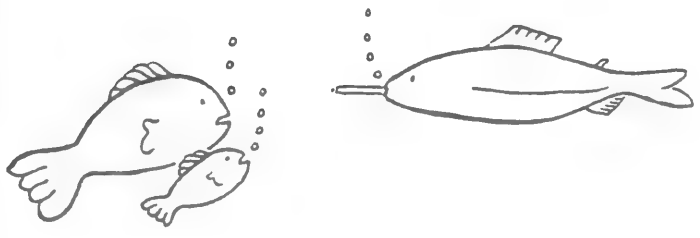

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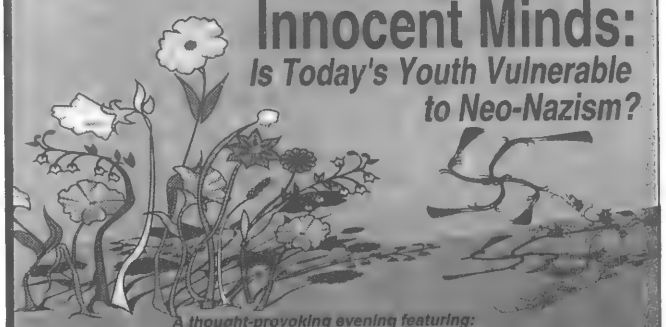

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Law students hear discussion on school funding

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Neither a seasoned American lawyer nor a naive, young school girl can understand how one Canadian religious group merits government support for its schools while others do not.

Both believe the situation is "blatantly unjust," said lawyer Ed Morgan, whose daughter and father-in-law were the observers in question.

Nevertheless, many Toronto lawyers believe challenging that longstanding practice "runs against the grain of Canadian constitutional case law," he said.

Morgan is hoping to change all that. Along with John Laskin, who has since been appointed to the Ontario Court of Appeal, Morgan represented five parents with children in Jewish day schools who challenged Ontario's practice of funding Roman Catholic schools while denying similar funding to Jewish schools.

The parents, whose challenge is known as the Adler case, were supported by Canadian Jewish Congress. Although they lost at trial and on appeal, the parents are seeking leave to appeal before the Supreme Court of Canada.

Speaking at an annual conference organized by the Canadian Jewish Law Students Association (CJLSA), Morgan said his father-in-law, the American lawyer, "just can't understand how we lost the case."

Robert Charney, a constitutional law specialist in the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, acknowledged that "at some level we recognize there is a fundamental unfairness where one group gets funding and another does not."

However, Canada's constitution takes priority over that belief, he said.

Charney, who argued the Adler case for the government, said extending funding to Jewish and other religious schools would mark a fundamental change in the way society is organized.

If full funding was granted, other groups, including Sikhs, Muslims, Hindus and Protestants, would seek government support for their schools. "It would be naive to say the public school system would not be affected," he said.

Charney pointed to the Jewish community's longstanding opposition to prayer and religious instruction in public schools. If full funding were granted to Protestant schools (a group of Protestant parents have joined the Jewish parents' challenge), some rural school boards may choose to transform their schools into Protestant religious schools. Where would that leave Jews and other minorities who have no alternative educational facility?, he asked.

The panel discussion was chaired by Prof. Lorraine Weinrib of the University of Toronto.

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Rabbi outlines spouses' halachic obligations

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Orthodox woman of the 1990s confronted halachic interpretations of obligations between spouses, at a shiur given last week by Rabbi Hershel Schachter, rosh kollel of Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Schachter was giving his fourth shiur of the day in a series to mark the inauguration of the second term of the Or Chaim Kollel Program. Other subjects covered during the day included how rabbis arrive at halachic decisons, and an "ask the rabbi" program.

The rabbi explained that husbands and wives have the obligation of showing respect to each other. A husband who beats his wife, for instance, is cursed.

A husband is obligated to provide his wife with new clothes, jewelry or other such luxuries if she wants them (and if he can afford them). As well, he said, if the wife's standard of living or way of life was higher than his family's, he is obligated to maintain her situation.

Several women in the audience took issue with the examples Rabbi Schachter used, and with the detailed questioning by several male members of the audience.

Rebecca Rotenberg Nadler noted that with Orthodox women being more educated, both Jewishly and secularly, they might prefer the opportunity for spiritual and educational growth, rather than such frivolous matters as clothes or jewelry.

"I object to the stereotyping of both the questioning and the presentation," she asserted.

Another woman questioned whether a woman might not appreciate help with the dishes or the children instead of presents.

A rather taken-aback Rabbi Schachter agreed that these women were correct.

"If a man is obligated to give his wife gifts, how much more so is he obligated to help her with her spiritual needs, and with her responsibilities in maintaining a Jewish home."

According to the Chumash, the rabbi said, a husband is obligated to "spend time with" his wife. While this is usually considered to refer to marital relations, it should be seen in its literal sense as well.

"Even if the wife has not (yet) been to the mikvah [and thus is unavailable for marital relations], he still has the obligation to spend time with her."

A husband is not allowed to change jobs, even if he will earn more money, if it will mean having less time to spend with his wife unless she gives her permission, Rabbi Schachter added.

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Beit Lid bombings outrage Israelis

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"A democratic state can't plant car bombs," says Netanya Mayor and reserve general Zvi Pollack. "Besides, force alone didn't stop the intifadah. But I understand this feeling. There is a sense of powerlessness, a need to do something."

That sense is reinforced by the repeated proclamations of security experts who say there is no way to prevent someone planning to blow himself up. Even countries without democratic governments – like Egypt and Algeria – have been unable to snuff out Islamic terrorism, they note.

"We'll just have to learn to live with it," says Hebrew University terrorism expert Ehud Sprinzak. "Terrorism is not a threat to the existence of the State of Israel. It is a threat to the security of individual Israelis. It is a psychological weapon. By allowing ourselves to feel fear we give in to it. Panic is a victory for the enemy."

Sprinzak urges increased awareness and resolve. "If we want to live here we have to accept that every year there will be 100 to 150 Israeli victims of terror. This is the reality of life in the Middle East."

But most Israelis refuse to accept such a bleak prognosis. "We can't live with that," says Yaron Avni, an ardent supporter of the Rabin government and the peace process.

Like many Israelis – including those who back the government – Avni is calling for action. "No people can accept such a situation. Would the Americans or Canadians learn to live with terror?" asks the dentist from Safed.

Avni's solution? "Deport the families of terrorists. Stop releasing Palestinian prisoners. And suspend the peace talks for a while.

"I don't say put an end to the peace talks," he adds quickly. "I think it's our only hope in the long term. But right now the Palestinians have to realize that they can't commit acts like this with impunity."

Avni's views are echoed by many Israelis badly shaken by Sunday's carnage. Calls for a "strong hand" and "harsher measures" have blurred the usually sharp distinctions between right and left in Israel.

"If you want to be a dove on peace, you have to be a hawk on security," proclaimed Tourism Minister Uzi Baram on Sunday.

Even Science Minister Shulamit Aloni, the outspoken leader of the left wing Meretz party, agreed wholeheartedly with the government's decision to suspend the planned release of additional Palestinian prisoners.

President Ezer Weizman's unprecedented call for a suspension of the peace talks with the PLO is also indicative of the deep malaise felt throughout the country.

Support for the agreement with the PLO has been dwindling for many months. But Sunday's attack dealt a powerful blow to even the most enthusiastic backers of the peace process.

"We were told there would be an end to terror and a separation of the two peoples," says Tel Aviv banker Noam Aran. "So far, I haven't seen either.

"I had hoped in the agreement with the PLO, but they haven't delivered. Even after the [Oct. 22] attack on Dizengoff Street I thought things would change. But they didn't. Now it's time for us to re-evaluate," he said shaking his head. "I can't go on living like this."

Terrorism expert Sprinzak says people like Aran have lost control. He accuses the public – and the president – of panicking.

But Aran doesn't think so. "No," he says quietly. "I think I have just sobered up to reality.

From coast to coast

Cancer fails to keep senior from her goal

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Shortly after 70-year-old Miriam Merovitz finished the requirements for the BA she had dreamed of since she was 18, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Too ill to attend the fall graduation ceremony at the University of Toronto (U of T), she recently received her BA in her daughter's Toronto home, at an event attended by friends and relatives, as well as by university officials, among them chancellor Rose Wolfe.

Merovitz, a former elementary school teacher, called getting her degree the "crowning point" of her life. As she received her degree, she said she thought of her father who had stressed the importance of education. "My dad would have been ecstatic."

Merovitz registered at U of T's Woodsworth College after moving here from Montreal 10 years ago, and took one or two English literature courses each year.

"I was walking around with a book under my arm all the time," she said. "As time went on, with getting older, it became more and more difficult, but I was getting closer to the goal, so I persevered with it."

After receiving her teaching certificate more than 50 years ago, Merovitz said she had "the hope and the dream that I would eventually get my degree."

She taught at two public schools in Montreal but was unable to get a teaching job in Nova Scotia when her fiance Walter Wexler was stationed at a military base there.

Merovitz married Wexler in 1945 and for 23 years they ran a commercial and advertising photography business in Montreal. Their daughter was born in 1952.

Work, family top priority

Although Merovitz wanted to go back to school and she did manage to take a few credits at Sir George Williams College (now Concordia University), work and family took priority.

Wexler died suddenly of a heart attack in 1968, at the age of 44, and Merovitz slumped into a two-year-long depression. After coming to terms with her young husband's death, she married Gordon Merovitz, a retired widower with five children, in 1973.

University was out of the question again, since her husband insisted on spending a great deal of time out of the country. The couple travelled extensively and lived in Florida four months out of each year. "There was no way he would consider anything else," said Merovitz. "He had worked hard like I did."

While in Montreal, Merovitz did volunteer work for Hadassah-WIZO, including a stint as the president of the Mount Carmel chapter, and she edited the Temple Beth Shalom bulletin.

Ten years ago Merovitz was hit with another personal tragedy when her second husband died. She packed her bags, left Montreal to join her daughter in Toronto and began a new life as a part-time U of T student.

Although she had completed her degree requirements by August of last year, she was looking forward to September classes and was enrolled in a Yiddish literature course at the university.

Merovitz's daughter, Cara Malen, said that after her mother was diagnosed with cancer, "her first reaction was, 'What about school?' "

"My diagnosis didn't deter me," Merovitz said. She took her books to the hospital with her, but found that her illness made studying impossible.

Merovitz said she hopes her story will be "an encouragement to any other lady or gentleman" who wants to get a university degree.

Miriam Merovitz (centre) received her BA at a special ceremony attended by Rose Wolfe (left), chancellor of University of Toronto, and Alex Waugh, vice-principal of Woodsworth College, U of T.

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From coast to coast

Israel hockey team to hold local tryouts

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Junior-aged hockey players are a dime a dozen in Canada, but in Israel, good-calibre skaters are as rare as a rainfall in the desert.

That's why, with an International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) tournament looming, organizers are scouring Canadian rinks for players eligible to lace 'em up for Israel.

Canadian representatives of the Israel national junior team will hold a tryout camp on Jan. 28, from 9 to 10:30 p.m. at Ed Sackfield Arena (Bayview and 16th) in the hopes of finding players who can supplement the Israeli lineup.

They'll be looking for guys who can not only skate, shoot and handle the puck, but possess an even rarer quality — who also hold an Israeli passport or have a parent born in the Jewish state.

Oded Orgil, one of two representatives of the Israeli national junior team for North America, said only those born on Jan. 1, 1977 or later, are eligible for the team.

So far he knows of at least 16 skaters who have learned of the camp by word of mouth and are expected to attend. Two have played Midget AAA, and the others have skated for AA, A or juvenile teams in the Toronto area.

A member of Israel's senior national team, Orgil said he and Howard Binstock will put the players through a number of drills and a controlled scrimmage to determine their skill levels.

The Jan. 28 camp will likely be followed by further practices as the number of eligible players is pared down. Orgil said he has also been in touch with associates in Montreal who are beating the bushes for players there and he's spoken to others in Ottawa and New York who are doing the same.

Those selected in North America will likely make up one-third to one-half the junior squad. They're slated to join the Israeli-based members of the team for a training camp just prior to the actual tournament, which is scheduled for March 11-17 in Elektrenai, Lithuania. Costs of heading overseas will be borne by the Israeli junior program.

The event will mark Israel's first-ever participation in a world junior tournament. Held under the auspices of the IIHF, the tournament's full designation is the tongue-twisting, European Junior Ice Hockey Championship 1995, Pool C Group 2.

Adding to the complexity of the nomenclature is the fact that Group 2 has been further subdivided into two divisions. Group A includes Yugoslavia, the Netherlands and Bulgaria while group B includes Lithuania, Croatia, Turkey and Israel.

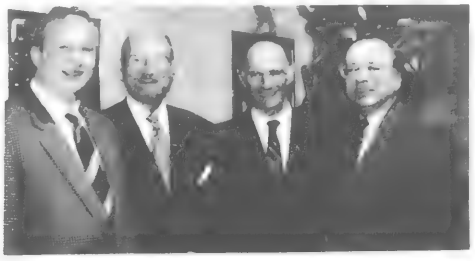
Teams will play a five-game round robin format with the winner being elevated to Group 1 of Pool C. Orgil acknowledges that the boys in blue and white will have a tough time against the powerhouse Lithuanians, but victories over Bulgaria, Croatia and Turkey are not inconceivable.

Mike Rubin, an oleh from Toronto who has skated for the national team, and Mark Talesnick, a native of Kingston who was an original member of the national squad, will coach the juniors.

One sabra skater with a good chance of cracking the lineup is Ran Oz, a strapping defenceman of Brett Lindros proportions who likes to hit and who plays for the Midget Marlies in Toronto.

While the North Americans will boost the calibre of the team, the Israeli-based coaches are busily trying to develop a good crop of sabra skaters right in their own backyard, Orgil said.

Anyone interested in trying out for the team or assisting it with financial or equipment donations can contact Orgil at either 416-369-2119 during the day or 905-881-3597 in the evening.



LEADERSHIP PLAQUE UNVEILED

Mount Sinai Hospital (MSH) recently unveiled the new Leadership Sinai plaque recognizing its members. At the unveiling (from left) Miles Nadal, founding chair, Leadership Sinai; Lloyd Fogler, chairman of the board MSH; Bernard Ghert, chairman of the board, MSH Foundation; Theodore Freedman, president and CEO. Leadership Sinai was formed to encourage the commitment of young people who wish to play a leadership role in supporting the hospital and its Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute.

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Para-chaplaincy program is launched by JF&CS

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — You've heard of paramedics and paralegals. Now get ready for para-chaplains.

Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) is looking for a few good, sensitive people to enter a seven-week training program that will produce a new breed of community volunteer.

A para-chaplain, explains JF&CS staff chaplain Rabbi Ronald Weiss, is a lay person who will have "a solid grounding" in skills needed to deliver pastoral counselling to hospital and nursing home patients, prison inmates and other institutionalized Jews.

"It's more than just being a friendly visitor," Rabbi Weiss told *The CJN*.

The program, thought to be the first of its kind in Canada, has met with success in several American cities, Rabbi Weiss pointed out.

It will be run independently of the Association of Jewish Chaplains of Ontario (AJCO), an ad hoc group of community rabbis who visit Jewish shut-ins.

But AJCO members will be involved in training para-chaplains.

So will officials of nursing homes, correctional facilities and hospitals.

More than anything, chaplaincy's paramount requirement is the ability to listen, and to listen sympathetically, Rabbi Weiss said.

The para-chaplains will be trained in listening and other communication skills, as well as in dealing with impairments, aged patients and issues facing prisoners.

Other areas to be covered will be religious observance; Jewish views on death and grieving; and the general dos and don'ts of counselling.

Dealing with non-Jewish staff at institutions will also be stressed.

The program will bring "a needed spark of Jewish warmth" to those who need it, Rabbi Weiss said.

Candidates for the program should be "serious and sensitive" and willing to devote a few hours a week to the task, he added. Between 12 and 16 applicants are hoped for.

Instructors will include Rabbi Weiss; Rabbi Norman Berlat, director of pastoral care at Baycrest Hospital; geriatric specialist Dr. Barry Goldlist; and Rabbi Larry Lander, a chaplain at the Whitby Psychiatric Centre.

Training sessions will be held on seven consecutive Monday evenings, beginning Feb. 6. For details, call Rabbi Weiss at 416-638-7800, ext. 217.

Netivei Ahava offers hope, aid to poor Arabs, Jews

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

JAFFA — A mixed Arab-Jewish neighborhood in southern Tel Aviv, one of the poorest in Israel, Jaffa is plagued by problems.

The unemployment rate is high; the welfare roll seems to be growing; the incidence of violence and abuse within families remains unchecked; crime is compounded by the profiliferation of drugs.

More often than not, the chief victims of these socio-economic conditions are vulnerable and impressionable children — Jewish and Arab.

Netivei Ahava: The Jewish-Arab Association for the Child and Family, an organization founded 12 years ago by volunteers, offers hope to such children and their families.

Known in English as Friendship's Way, Netivei Ahava provides after-school educational and social activities, nutritious meals and proper medical and dental care for children from troubled homes.

Netivei Ahava's coordinator, Motti Golan, claims it's the only outreach program of its kind in Israel.

Supported by the New Israel Fund, a Diaspora-based group, Netivei Ahava has gained recognition throughout Israel.

In 1988, the Marcus Ziv Prize, which is under the patronage of Israel's president, was conferred upon Netivei Ahava as the best Arab-Jewish program in the country.

Netivei Ahava is housed in a nondescript building in northern Jaffa, close to the Mediterranean Sea.

Five days a week, some 50 children, aged 6-12, are brought to its Neighorhood Home by van.

According to Golan, most have behavorial problems, usually caused by parents addicted to drugs or suffering from mental problems.

Jewish and Arab children use Netivei Ahava's facilities in Jaffa.

Some of the kids are even malnourished.

In a few cases, Netivei Ahava uses the courts to rescue children from unsuitable environments.

"For every child registered with us, five to six are on the waiting list," said Golan. "We take only children with whom we can work and whose parents participate."

The average day begins at 2 p.m., when the children and staff share a hot, well-balanced lunch, together like one big family.

Afterward, the children can rest, listen to a story or music on a Walkman, or play a wide variety of games.

There are classes in such basic subjects as Hebrew, Arabic and math, as well as enrichment courses in art and music. Trips throughout Israel are organized. For some, it's their only opportunity to see Israel.

Parents are required to meet with the staff to discuss their child's performance, and to pay a monthly $40 registration fee.

Neivei Ahava tries to plant the seeds of Arab-Jewish amity.

"We don't talk a lot about the meaning of peace," explained Golan. "We make peace by creating long lasting friendships between the children and by working to bring them to the same level. Equality is the path to coexistence."

Not surprisingly, Netivei Ahava's hired staff consists of both Jews and Arabs. Volunteers, who are recruited from Israel and abroad, teach, drive, do office work and shop.

The Israeli government and the municipality of Tel Aviv have made efforts to improve the quality of life in Jaffa, Golan said.

And while progress has been made, there is still a long way to go. Knowing this, Netivei Ahava carries on with its mission with the help of Jews in the Diaspora.

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Jan. 26 is deadline for Feb. 9 issue and Feb. 2 is deadline for Feb. 16 issue. I receive calls and sort mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Friday, Jan. 27

DOWNTOWN REFORM MINYAN
Shabbat evening service, 7:15 p.m., Bloor JCC, will be led by **Rabbi Sheryl Nosan**. Kiddush following. For pre-recorded information, call 905-844-4185.

Sunday, Jan. 29

IF YOU ARE SINGLE
Rabbi Meir Uri Gottesman leads a friendly and relaxed study and discussion group for single Jewish men and women, 8 p.m., Emunah Shleima Synagogue, 4120 Bathurst. Call 638-6115.

TAKE YOUR BONES FOR A WALK
Adath Sholom Sisterhood general meeting, 10:30 a.m., 864 Sheppard Ave. W. features **Jo-Anne Turner**. Topic is Osteoporosis: Bone Loss Reflected in Lower Back. Everyone welcome.

G.R.A.N.D SOCIETY
Peer-support group for grandparents seeking access to their grandchildren meets 1 p.m., 16 Spadina Rd. Speaker is family law lawyer **Mary Anne Shaw**. $5 non-members.

MAGEN DAVID ADOM
Magen David Adom Ambulance Volunteer Program for students 18+ in cooperation with Canadian Magen David Adom is holding an orientation session, 4 p.m., 3995 Bathurst St. Call 633-4766.

GENERAL WINGATE BRANCH
Royal Canadian Legion, General Wingate branch holds its general members breakfast 10 a.m., 968 Eglinton Ave. W.

HOLLYWOOD TO HOLYLAND
Rabbi Yaakov Asher Sinclair shares an insider's view of Hollywood and the Holyland,, 8:30 p.m., Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. Admission $5. All welcome. Call 905-886-5730.

Monday, Jan. 30

NON-JEWS IN SYNAGOGUE LIFE
Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Congregation Machzikei Hadas, Ottawa, will discuss the perspective of the traditional world on the question of non-Jewish participation in synagogue life, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Admission free.

ROSH CHODESH CELEBRATION
Women's Rosh Chodesh Celebration for and by women, followed by shiur by **Prof. Martin Lockshin**, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave., 7:45 p.m.

MOM AND TOTS
Aish HaTorah offers women a chance to learn while their kids have a great time, 10 a.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Suite 303, Promenade. This week,**Lori Palatnik** continues Jewish Life Cycle focusing on the marriage ceremony. For all women, with or without tots. Call 636-7530.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT
Toronto ORT and the McGill Club's first lecture in its Women of Achievement series features **Prof. Elaine Newton**, 7:30 p.m., McGill Club, 21 McGill St. Individual tickets, $25 ORT members; $25 McGill Club members; $30 non-members. Valet parking included. To order call ORT office, 787-0297.

HARMFUL RELATIONSHIPS
Rabbi Mordechai Blumenfeld leads a discussion on how to recognize and manage harmful, addictive relationships and how to escape them, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Suite 303, Promenade. Admission free.

SELECTIONS FROM MAIMONIDES
Rabbi Reuven Tradburks, Kehillat Shaarei Torah, concludes the Classical Sections from Maimonides series with Tzedakah, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave.

JUDAISM AND FEMINISM
The Jewish Feminist Community presents a talk with **Miriam Wyman** on Judaism, Feminism and Environmentalism, 7:30 p.m., 55 Prince Arthur, party room. Call **Marsha**, 604-3175.

Wednesday, Feb. 1

JEWISH MESSIANISM
Dr. Aaron Nussbaum concludes the series on Jewish Messianism: Past, Present and Future, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Members free, non-members, $3.

OR CHAIM KOLLEL PROGRAM
Rabbi Yechial Benayon, Magen David Synagogue, will speak at the Wednesday night lecture, 8:00 p.m., 159 Almore Ave. Call 630-6772 for information.

JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS
Beth Tzedec Sisterhood presents **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**, who will talk on Jewish Medical Ethics: Whose Body Is It?, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Light refreshments, free admission.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

COMEDY NIGHT
Hadassah-WIZO, Lev Zahav chapter presents comedy night at Yuk Yuks, 2335 Yonge St., Sunday, Feb. 5, 8:30 p.m. Tickets, $15 For information and tickets call 630-8373.

ASK ABOUT JUDAISM
Find out all you wanted to know about Judaism at an evening of questions and answers and one-on-one study supervised by **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, senior lecturer Ohr Somayach Thornhill. Ongoing series begins Thursday, Jan. 26, 9:30 p.m., 613 Clark Ave. W. Call 905-886-5730.

PRENATAL PROGRAM
North York Public Health Department and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am present a two-part prenatal series for those due after May 8. Topics include lifestyle choices during pregnancy, preparing for labor and birth, Jewish rituals, names. Cost $25 per couple/mother and support person. Classes, held at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., run Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 11, 18 and 25. Space limited to 13 couples. To register call **Debbie Dash**, 633-5500.

SENIOR CARE
Kosher Meals on Wheels program needs drivers one morning a week to assist with deliveries while regular volunteers are away. People are also needed for a volunteer visiting program. Call **Arnold Foss**, 635-2860.

PARENTS AND TOTS
Register now for winter session of Earl Bales Park's nursery and parent and tot programs for children ages 15 months to 4½ years. Call **Rachel**, 905-731-7216.

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING
Weizmann Young Leadership Group is taking reservations for its murder mystery evening, Thursday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m., St. Lawrence Great Hall. Tickets, $30 per person or $25 per person if reserving a table of 8. Call **Susan**, 733-9220.

65TH ANNIVERSARY

Sarah and Issie Eisen recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with their family including children Ruth and Mike Altchuler, Harvey and Rochelle Eisen, Marilyn Snider, Linda and Lorne Levy. They are also have 16 grandchildren and seven-great grandchildren.

KIDS AND SEPARATION
Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups on children and separation: A Few Years After Separation: What About the Adolescent?, Feb. 21, York Region branch. For information call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215; When You're About to Separate: What to Tell the Kids, Feb. 16, Promenade branch, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call **Elinor Gertner**, 905-882-2331.

JF&CS GROUPS
Jewish Family & Child Service is running groups on Positive Parenting for the young child and school age starting Jan. 30, teens starting Feb. 2, single parenting beginning Feb. 1 and step-parenting begining Feb. 7. A Part-Time Father's Group begins Feb. 20; Widows/Widowers group starts Jan. 26. For information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

WOMEN'S FINANCIAL SEMINAR
Women's Divison State of Israel Bonds presents a seminar on Bond Strategies for Income and Growth, Feb. 7, 12 noon, 4110 Yonge St., Ste. 600. Light kosher lunch served. **RSVP Gail Rosenberg** before Feb. 1, 789-3351.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON
Beth Tzedec Synagogue Shabbat Study Luncheon, Feb. 4, 12 noon, features **Cantor Tobias Gabriel** of Beth Tzedec, who will speak on the Dynamics of Jewish Communal Life in Latin American Countries. Reserve by Tuesday, Jan. 31, 781-3511.

THE CHALLENGE OF MARRIAGE
Learn how to strengthen intimacy, increase understanding and optimize time together at a four week series with **Sarah Chana Radcliffe** beginning Feb. 7, 8:15 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Promenade, Suite 303. $40 per person, $60 per couple. Call 636-7530.

PARENT CHILD RELATIONSHIPS
Rachel Turkienicz will speak about biblical insights into the parent/child relationship at Beth Tikvah Congregation's Sisterhood Family Shabbat, Feb. 4. Program continues after pre-registered lunch. At 8 p.m., the Sisterhood and Beth Tikvah Musica committee present Voices of Children by Toronto Children's Chorus. Call shul office, 221-3433 for prices.

COMING OUT JEWISH
Coalition of Jewish Gay Lesbian Bisexual Students holds peer support group meetings Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., York University, Room 2000 Vari Hall. Meetings facilitated by social worker from Jewish Family & Child Service. All teens to 20s wel-

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EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS

A 12-step organization offers self-help and a warm and caring group environment to help cope with personal emotional difficulties. No fee. For information on meetings call **John**, 281-9364.

POWER OF KABBALAH

The Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. presents a documentary exploring the mysteries of life, death, good, evil, success and failure Sundays, 7:30 p.m. Admission free. Register, 631-9395.

TOPPER MEMORIAL LECTURES

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents the Florence and Harry Topper annual memorial lectures with **Cantor Sholom Kalib**, professor of music theory and literature, Eastern Michigan University. Topic at Shabbat service, Jan. 28, 9 a.m. will be The Essence of our Synagogue Song. At the Sunday Men's Club breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Jan. 29, Cantor Kalib will discuss The Cantorial Art in the Second Half of the 20th Century. Small charge for breakfast. Public welcome.

BOOK OF ESTHER

Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz, education director, Ohr Somayach's Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, leads a discussion on the Book of Esther, Tuesdays, begining Feb. 7. 8:30 p.m., 613 Clark Ave. W. No charge. Call 905-886-5730.

KOLEL SUMMER RETREAT

Registration has begun for Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning's fourth annual summer study retreat, July 26-30 in Orillia. Four day kallah features Judaic study, workshops in Judaic arts, lectures by rabbis and educators and presentations by guest artists. For brochure call 905-709-1900.

at the JCC/BJC

Bloor Jewish Community Centre presents Books and Bagels with **Libby Scheier**, Sunday, Jan. 29, 11 a.m., Wallin Lounge. Members $5, non-members $7. Coffee and bagels served.

for seniors

University of Toronto seeks volunteers over 65 for a study of a drug to control urinary urge incontinence. Study involves a number of visits to Toronto Hospital over a three-month period. (travel expenses reimbursed). For information call **Karen Mathiasen**, 369-5800, ext. 2082.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is planning a Florida trip to the Crown and Sassoon Hotels. A 6-day Washington trip including kosher meals is in the works for May. Information on musicals coming shortly. For information on all programs and trips call **Lina** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Jan. 30 **Tuvia Lieberman**, Hashomer Hatzair representative in Toronto, will speak on Peace Process, Hope or Disappointment.

Bloor JCC Senior's winter Board of Education programs are free of charge and include Bridge, Monday, 1 p.m.; Fitness, Tuesday & Thursday, 1 p.m.; Current Events, Tuesday, 2:15 p.m.; Potter Wheel, Wednesday, 1:15 p.m.; Knitting, Wed. 10 a.m.

Good Age Club, JCC, Thursday, Jan. 26, 2:15 p.m. features a presentation, All About Silver. Coffee served, everyone welcome.

Funtime, 55+ is chasing winter blues, Wed. Feb. 8 with a trip to the musical comedy *Reunion*. Watch for upcoming trips. Call **Sylvia**, 635-6122.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: next Sunday dance with live band, Feb. 12, 7:30-10:30 p.m. in Community Centre. Members $4, non-members $5. Weekly Saturday dances in clubhouse, 7-10 p.m. Members free, non-members $1. Few seats still left for March 6 Atlantic City trip. Ongoing activities include bingo, movies, dance classes. For information on day trips and activities call 395-7881.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdsays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information call **Anna**.

Member of the Metro Network for Social Justice will discuss cutbacks to Canada's social programs Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1:30 p.m. in the synagogue.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Take Control of Your Life, a four-session course beginning Feb. 1, 1-2:30 p.m. featuring relaxation, imagination, self esteem and self respect. Register in advance at Wellness Desk or call **Sandra.**

Living with Vision Loss, Thursday, Feb. 2, 1:30 p.m., discusses techniques for dealing with poor vision and demonstrates assistive devices.

Israeli folk dancing with **Marco Ben Shimon**, Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m. Members free, non-members $1.

A group of members has started a bowling group, Thursdays, 1 p.m., Bowlerama, Bathurst and Glencairn, $2.

Wednesday afternoon social, Feb. 1, 1:30 p.m. features **Alex Goldinov**, songs in many languages.

About People

SHAAREI TEFILLAH

The Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood executive for the upcoming term includes **Haskell Bahar**, immediate past president; **Jake Anhang**, president; **Percy Pollock**, first vice-president; **Alexander Hamburger**, second vice-president; **Abe Moses**, recording secretary; **Ernest Goldsmith**, financial secretary; **Alex Hecht**, treasurer.

ABRAMS APPOINTED TO BOARD

Linda Abrams, a litigation lawyer with the firm of Tory Tory DesLauriers & Binnington, has been appointed to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

Abrams has been involved in charitable and civic causes as a governor of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and vice-chair of the North York Public Library system. She was recently honored as one of the *Toronto Sun's*, Women on the Move nominees.

BAYCREST APPOINTMENT

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care recently appointed **Sharon Gregory** as director, Major Donor Development at the Baycrest Centre Foundation. She was formerly director of Development at Lyndhurst, The Spinal Cord Centre, where she was responsible for public relations and fundraising. At Baycrest, Gregory will focus on major donor development, endowment building and planned giving.

UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR REMEMBERED

Miriam Schneid-Ofseyer recently donated a bronze bust sculpture of Joseph Klausner, her teacher at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in the 1940s. Schneid-Ofseyer studied Hebrew theatre with Klausner, who was a Hebrew writer and literary historian and one of the university's founders. The bronze bust sculpture was made in 1953 by Schneid-Ofseyer's first husband, Otto Schneid, an internationally-acclaimed artist and art historian.

ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

From left, Annette Wine, Sharon Liss and Andrea Obront, co-chairs, Israel Cancer Research Fund's (ICRF) third annual Le Bal Masqué, present ICRF president Martin Dover with a cheque in the amount of $161,000. All proceeds go towards research into the cause and a cure for cancer.

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From coast to coast

Tu b'Shevat celebrations held in Toronto

Children sing out loud

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The shining faces and sweet voices of 120 children carried the main message at a Tu b'Shevat celebration at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

So much so that the overflow crowd of 600, many parents and grandparents among them, had no patience for an eight-minute video. The concert organizers decided to stop the video and let the Bialik and Associated school choirs, and the Ne'Imot choir, take over again.

The most popular number was the Bialik choir's version of *Baten* (Peanut), led by director Doron Ophir, a tribute to that often underestimated tree fruit.

"Starting tomorrow, three million trees will be planted in Israel, some of them on the border between Israel and Jordan, to symbolize the spirit of the times," said Brig.-Gen. Doron Kadmiel, Jewish National Fund shaliach.

Narrator Michael Rumack, introducing a medley of songs by the Ne'Imot choir paying homage to the bounty of Israel's land, recalled the time when he drove a tractor at Kibbutz Urim in northern Israel in early Spring: "A flock of storks signalled the arrival of Tu b'Shevat and they flew close to us, as if saying 'it's time for you to get working on the land.' "

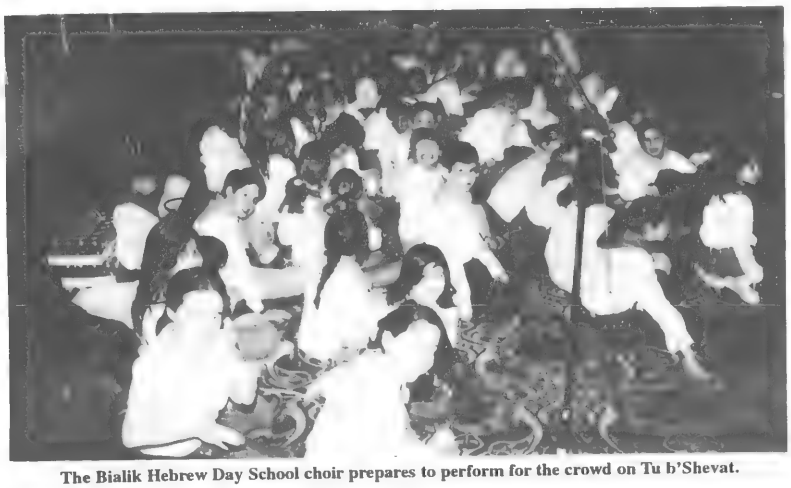
Picking up on this theme, the Ne'Imot chair, also directed by Ophir, sang such songs as *Shiri li Od* (Sing to Me My Land) and *Eretz Zavat Chalav Udevash* (Land of Milk and Honey).

In its second group, keyed to the peace theme, this choir of 20 men and women, about half of them Canadians from Israel, sang *Eretz Shivot Haminim* (Land of the Seven Species); *Chalek Baolam* (One World); and a medley of three songs, the children's choirs joining in for a rousing *Oseh Shalom*.

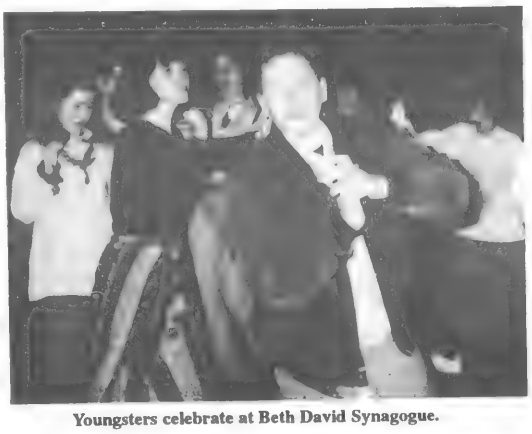
The Associated choir, directed by Yehudah Gilden, sang well known Tu b'Shevat songs such as *Hashkadia Porachat* (The Almond Tree is Flowering) and *Kach Holchim* (That's the Way We Go).

Celebrating Tu b'Shevat is a way for Jewish Canadians to strengthen their ties with Israel and to observe in an informal way a holiday that is relevant to Israel, said Rabbi Joseph Kelman.

Ben Prossin, JNF executive director, and Gigi Schaffel and Tom Ungar, co-chairs of the Tu b'Shevat JNF program took part. Marvin Rosenshein was master of ceremonies.



The Bialik Hebrew Day School choir prepares to perform for the crowd on Tu b'Shevat.



Youngsters celebrate at Beth David Synagogue.

Beth David festivities

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Youngsters from diverse groups within the Jewish community gathered at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue for the fourth annual Tu b'Shevat celebration organized by the Israel Youth Program Centre (IYPC).

"This program represents a unique opportunity for Toronto's Jewish youth to ... come together to reaffirm your strong ties to the State of Israel," said Mark Rubinstein, IYPC coordinator.

Participant groups included Betar/Tagar (right-wing Zionist), Bnei Akiva (Orthodox), Canadian Young Judaea (Zionist), Habonim Dror and Hashomer Hatzair (both left-wing Zionist), Tsabar (Israeli Scouts), and United Synagogue Youth (Conservative).

"Tu b'Shevat is a day of youth," said Kurt Rothschild, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation (of which the IYPC is a project).

"In Israel on Tu b'Shevat thousands of schoolchildren plant thousands of little saplings. When you see the saplings grow into trees, that is a sign of youth and of the future," said Rothschild.

The Jewish National Fund (JNF) proclaimed the theme of Tu b'Shevat this year to be Trees for Peace, said Rubinstein.

Chassida David brought greetings on behalf of the JNF. "This year's celebration is particularly important," she said. "We celebrate peace and hope, and what is more appropriate a symbol than planting trees?"

Aaron Greenberg of Bnei Akiva recited the blessing for a symbolic tree planting.

After the formal part of the program, which included youth group presentations, local teacher and choreographer Rivka Atzmony led Israeli dancing.

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Israel closes territories after bombing

Weizman urges suspension of peace talks

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Israeli cabinet voted unanimously to seal off the Gaza Strip and West Bank following Sunday's suicide bombing at a crowded bus stop near the coastal city of Netanya.

And the attack prompted President Ezer Weizman, whose post is largely ceremonial, to step into the political arena with a call to postpone Israel's ongoing negotiations with the Palestinians.

"I believe we should now suspend the talks — not stop them, but suspend them — and tell him [Palestinian Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat] to make a bigger effort" to end terrorist attacks against Israelis, Weizman told Israel Television.

At least 19 people were killed, most of them soldiers, and more than 60 wounded when two explosions took place at a snack bar near the bus stop.

"I started running in the direction of the explosion to see what happened. I saw some people lying on the ground," eyewitness David Sachor told Israel Radio. "Then there was a second explosion, two minutes after the first one."

The Islamic Jihad movement, which militantly opposes the Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative, took responsibility for the 9:20 a.m. attack.

The group said from Damascus that the attack involved two terrorists from Gaza. But authorities said it was still unclear whether two suicide bombers carried out the attack, or if just one terrorist with explosives strapped to his body set off the first bomb and then blew himself up in the second, larger explosion.

The Beit Lid intersection between Netanya and the West Bank town of Tulkarm was crowded with troops en route to their bases after a free weekend.

Of the 14 dead positively identified by Monday, two were civilians.

Some 46 of the 62 people who were wounded were still in nearby hospitals Sunday night. Of those, 14 were said to be in serious condition.

The bombing was the bloodiest terror attack in Israel since a suicide bomber killed 22 people aboard a Tel Aviv bus last Oct. 22.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who arrived at the scene with Police Minister Moshe Shahal, called the attack another attempt by Muslim extremist terror groups to undermine the peace process.

"There are no words to describe the atrocity that was carried out at the Beit Lid junction," Rabin said.

Angry Israeli demonstrators greeted the prime minister with shouts of "Rabin the Traitor" and "Death to Arabs."

Rescue teams evacuated the wounded to nearby hospitals in Netanya, Kfar Saba and Hadera. Some serious cases were flown to Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem.

Medical teams, members of the army rabbinate and the chevra kadisha spent much of Sunday sifting through the debris, collecting disembodied limbs and flesh for examination and burial.

Cranes were brought in for workers to search for body parts strewn in nearby trees.

After cutting short their regular cabinet session earlier in the day, government ministers reconvened in the evening to discuss what measures should be taken in the wake of the attack.

Many called for a reassessment of current security measures, but most also reiterated that the peace process must not be halted.

The closure of the Gaza Strip and West Bank means Palestinians from the territories cannot enter Israel unless for special medical or other humanitarian reasons, cutting off tens of thousands from jobs in Israel.

Reacting to the attack, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres disagreed with Weizman's call for postponing peace talks.

"It is clearly a further strain on the peace process, but this is not a reason to stop the peace process to satisfy the attempts of the people who want to assassinate the peace process," Peres told Israel Radio.

Shahal was expected to renew his call for stationing additional police at roadblocks between Israel and the territories, and at bus stations like the one at Beit Lid, where an army unit had been operating to ensure security.

Palestinian officials condemned the attack in the name of Arafat, who did not, however, speak publicly about the attack.

Dr. Ahmed Tibi, an Israeli Arab adviser to Arafat, issued a statement saying Arafat condemned the attack.

Likud opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu said the attack proved the government's weakness and its failure to combat terror.

The attack drew swift condemnation from President Clinton, who said, "once again, the enemies of peace have struck down innocent people in an evil effort to destroy the hopes of peaceful coexistence between Israelis and Arabs."

'The most atrocious sight I've seen'

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

BEIT LID — A few hours after the dead and wounded had been evacuated, Noam, a soldier who borrowed a cellular phone to reassure his mother he had not been hurt in the attack, was still red-faced and trembling from what he had just witnessed at the Beit Lid bus depot.

"Mom, I'm okay, I'm alive," he said, trying not to cry. "Nothing happened to me. Really. I'm all in one piece."

Meanwhile, a chevra kadisha body-identification unit — equipped with plastic bags, rubber gloves, cotton balls and paint scrapers — set about the grim job of collecting torn flesh, organs and other body parts.

It was a scene reminiscent of October's bombing on Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Street. But unlike the urban setting in that incident, here the only building destroyed was the small kiosk that served soldiers in transit.

Kiosk owner Bella Zioni, who was lightly injured in the attack, said at first she thought the blast was an electrical short circuit. "Then everything collapsed and I thought I was going to die," she said.

Amos Halfon was driving through the area when the explosions occurred.

After the first blast, he said he got out of his car to help the wounded soldiers, and then heard the second blast. "It was the most atrocious sight I have ever seen, bodies flying in the air," he said.

Taxi driver Baruch Fichman was sitting in his car with a friend near the kiosk when they heard a massive blast. Fichman, who was only lightly injured, ducked and "shouted to my friend, but he couldn't hear me. The blast affected his eardrums," he said. "I was just getting up when suddenly there was another blast."

The stone kiosk collapsed, said one man. [It was] "like a slaughterhouse. People were butchered, like pieces of meat."

Other eyewitnesses described body parts flying in the air and organs strewn in the middle and at the sides of the road.

Shaul Avner, 38, was a passenger on the bus from Netanya to the nearby Kfar Yona when the bombs exploded.

"We reached the junction at 9:20 a.m. and suddenly heard an almighty blast," he said. "Then a minute later, another blast. Body parts were flying, hands legs, heads. Cars were on fire. I never saw such carnage. I'm still in shock."

At around 1 p.m., a bundle of blood-stained clothes were still piled by the roadside.

Small crowds of residents from Kfar Yona and other nearby moshavim arrived and shouted anti-government slogans.

"Death to Arabs," they screamed. "Death to Rabin. He's to blame. And the leftist press. Our blood is being spilled and these bleeding hearts carry on talking to these Arab butchers."

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Bone marrow clinic held in Israel

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

Jay Feinberg

JERUSALEM — On a stormy night last week, Monique Schwartzman, an Orthodox Jew from the settlement of Betar, put her two infants in the car and drove to Jerusalem for a blood test.

Azat Jaber, an Israeli Arab paramedic, who had just rescued passengers from an overturned Egged bus, took a sample of Schwartzman's blood.

And David Levine, an American immigrant, made sure the sample got on a plane three hours later.

Schwartzman, Jaber and Levine are three of the more than 1,300 people who assembled in a Jerusalem hotel last week to try to save the life of Jay Feinberg.

They came for a bone marrow drive — a last-ditch effort to find a match for Feinberg, the 26-year-old New Jersey resident who was diagnosed with leukemia three years ago. Doctors say Feinberg has only a short time to live unless he finds a compatible donor for a bone marrow transplant.

The drive was spearheaded by Canadian students and young immigrants. It was organized by Yavneh Olami, the world organization of religious students and b'nei yeshivot, encouraged by three Torontonians now in Israel: Talia Meister and Moriah Shamian, both spending a year at Jerusalem's Midreshet Lindenbaum; and Miriam Levenstein, who lives and studies in Israel.

They decided to launch the drive partly out of gratitude. All three are friends of Audey Stanleigh, the 19-year-old Toronto student who was diagnosed with leukemia last year. Stanleigh survived thanks to a marrow match found among the 50,000 people who were tested in previous drives for Jay Feinberg.

Others have also found a match through those tests, the results of which are recorded in an international bone marrow registry.

"Jay has helped save so many people. We want to help save him," explained 17-year-old Meister, who together with Shamian and Levenstein approached Yavneh Olami with the idea.

"Yavneh Olami has contacts with over a dozen yeshivot and one-year-programs in Israel," explained the organization's director Rabbi Maury Kelman, a 20-year-old immigrant, also from Toronto. "We used those contacts to recruit people to undergo blood tests, raise funds and volunteer their time."

The response was overwhelming. Through a grassroots fundraising effort that included door-to-door soliciting, students raised $30,000 (US) in two months. That's only $10,000 short of the money needed to cover the cost of the 1,300 blood tests.

The drive was run by dozens of young volunteers from Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Australia and Israel. "We have almost too many helpers," said Shamian. "People feel it's not enough to give their blood and their money. They want to do more."

While the majority of volunteers were English-speaking students, they were not the only ones.

Avraham, an Orthodox Jew born in Jerusalem, was one of the Magen David Adom volunteers conducting blood tests. "Saving a life is one of the most important mitzvot in the Torah," he said.

Next to him sat Jaber, a first aid instructor and paramedic, from the Arab village of Abu Ghosh. "I will be very happy if I have played a small part in saving someone's life," said Jaber, who had to leave his station when he was summoned to a road accident. After treating the injured, Jaber returned to his post at the Friends of Jay drive.

Schwartzman, the mother from Betar, heard about the drive from her husband, a yeshivah student. "At first I felt it would be too difficult to take my young children to Jerusalem at night," said Schwartzman, a Belgian-born immigrant. "But then I thought to myself: 'What if I am the one? What if I could have saved a life?' "

The 1,300 blood samples were flown to the United States and ushered from Kennedy Airport to La Guardia by police escort. The North Carolina lab where they are being analyzed should have the results within a few days.

"We all pray that we will be able to save Jay's life — and maybe the lives of others in need of a transplant," said Kelman. "There is no better cause than that."

Gingrich favors moving embassy to Jerusalem

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich says he would strongly support the transfer of the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem if and when the issue comes to the floor of the House.

In an interview last week with the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*, Gingrich said it is Israel's right to determine where its capital should be and it is the United States' duty, as Israel's ally, to accept that and act accordingly.

Gingrich added that this has been his position for more than a decade, implying there was no question of his having recently adopted the stance on Jerusalem in order to curry favor with Jewish voters at home.

In his interview with reporter Akiva Eldar, Gingrich displayed detailed knowledge of Middle East issues. A portion of the interview aired last Sunday night on Israeli television.

On the deployment of American peacekeeping troops to the Golan Heights as part of an eventual Israeli-Syrian peace treaty, Gingrich said he tended to support the idea. But he said his support would come only after a careful examination and debate of all the possible scenarios, including the worst-case scenario of a war breaking out between Israel and Syria.

Gingrich cited the successful experience of American personnel stationed in the Sinai to enforce the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

But in considering the Golan, Gingrich said, Americans would be asking two questions: the threat of terror attacks, particularly in light of the September 1983 suicide car bombing of a U.S. Marine base near Beirut that killed 241 American soldiers; and the way events might unfold in case of a military escalation in the region.

Gingrich also stressed the dangers posed by Iran — both as a source and supporter of international terror and as a country bent on attaining nuclear weapons.

Indeed, the speaker said that peace with Syria was important in order for the world to focus on the dangers emanating from Tehran.

"I would put that at the head of the list of problems that the U.S. needs to resolve," Gingrich said, referring to the Iranian threat.

On foreign aid, Gingrich said it was hard for him to see why the United States would want to help Syria.

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Jews in Japan escape quake's devastation

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The tiny Jewish community of Kobe managed to escape serious harm from the devastating earthquake that struck western Japan last week.

"It was just lucky, that's all," said Simon Elimalah, the president of the Kobe synagogue.

While no one among the community's 30 families was seriously injured, at least one family lost its home, and several other homes and businesses sustained serious damage, he said.

The Ohel Shelomoh synagogue itself, built in 1970, suffered minor damage. The marble tablets depicting the Ten Commandments were shattered.

"The earthquake was very selective," said Rabbi James Lebeau of Tokyo, who spoke to members of the Kobe Jewish community last week.

There are only two synagogues in Japan, the rabbi said: one in Tokyo, with about 150 member families, and the one in Kobe. The Kobe shul does not have its own rabbi.

There are some 1,500 to 2,000 Jews currently living in Japan.

Despite the relative good fortune of the Jewish community, Kobe's Elimalah described the scene there as horrific.

"It looks like after World War II," he said. "Food is hard to get, gasoline is hard to get, and it's still going on."

At least 5,000 people were killed and 21,000 injured in the earthquake, which struck the city of 1.4 million early in the morning of Jan. 17. It was the worst earthquake to hit Japan since 1923.

Both the Tokyo and Kobe synagogues have begun raising funds to aid victims of the quake.

Several American Jewish organizations have also started relief efforts. They include the American Jewish World Service, B'nai B'rith International, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

The relief efforts being organized by American Jewish groups, which will include medical supplies and financial support, will be distributed to Jews and non-Jews alike.

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

The Week in Israel

Jan. 16:

• Jewish settlers urged the government to beef up security in Hebron after an unarmed anti-tank rocket slammed into a Jewish home there. The army suspected that Palestinians had fired the rocket, which tore through an apartment. There were no reported injuries.

• Israel and Jordan agreed in principle to build two new rail lines linking the two countries. One line will run from Haifa to the Jordanian city of Irbid, the other from the Dead Sea to the Red Sea. Both will be used primarily to transport cargo.

Jan. 17:

• Israel offered Japan its army's dog-assisted rescue unit to look for survivors buried under the rubble of last week's massive earthquake near Kobe.

• British Prime Minister John Major announced that he will visit Israel in March, a London spokesperson said. Further details were not available.

• One pilot was killed and another slightly injured when two Air Force F-16 jets collided in mid-air during training over the sea south-west of Tel Aviv. Human error, compounded by poor visibility, is thought to have caused the mishap.

Jan. 18:

• Family members and friends were on hand at Ben-Gurion Airport to greet the 28 returning Israeli police officers who have been part of the UN peacekeeping mission in Haiti for three months.

Jan. 19:

• Israel and France established a security forum similar to the one that exists between Israel and the United States. The forum will be comprised of three working groups — security, military strategy and arms control — that will meet periodically.

Jan. 20

• An IDF convoy was ambushed in southern Lebanon by the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command. Seven terrorists were killed; there were no IDF casualties.

• Israel government officials announced that a special Israeli-Jordanian trade committee will meet in Eilat to complete a comprehensive trade agreement.

• The Intercontinental Hotel chain announced that it will enter the Israeli market and open three new hotels in the country in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Eilat.

Chechen Jews flee turmoil

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Sixteen more Jews fleeing the brutal fighting in the breakaway Russian republic of Chechnya arrived in Israel last Tuesday on a flight organized by the Jewish Agency.

Agency officials said seven of the refugees had fled the Chechen capital of Grozny while it was under heavy bombardment from Russian forces. The rest came from Nalchik, a Russian town about 160 km east of Grozny, where they had been evacuated by the Agency earlier.

Two brothers, aged four and six, were among the arrivals. As they entered Ben-Gurion Airport, they carried toy rifles, "so no one can hurt us."

Oksana Kurbatshayna, 16, seemed in a state of shock as she told reporters how she had escaped from her home in Grozny. Her mother, she believes, was killed in the city more than three weeks ago.

"I asked a cousin to help me look for her, but there were piles of bodies strewn in the streets, with no one to bury them, and we didn't know where to start looking," she said through an interpreter as she stepped off the Aeroflot flight.

Oksana could not hide her distress as she told how she hitched rides from Grozny until she reached Nalchik, near the northern border. There, she was helped by Jewish Agency officials and given clothing, food and documents.

At one stage in her journey, she said, she walked 15 km in snow and freezing conditions. "Kind people," she added, gave her food and clothing.

Haim Chesler, head of the Agency's activities in the former Soviet Union, said he met Oksana in Nalchik and promised they would meet again, "sooner than you think."

Chesler said he estimated that around 12 Jewish families are still in Grozny and between 50 and 100 refugees in Nalchik. Last month, 32 Chechen Jews arrived in Israel. In December, 25 were flown to the Jewish state.

The Agency is doing "everything possible" to help with their emigration. Some, though, still live in hope that the fighting will end, said Chesler.

Over the last few days, Chechen Jews have been wounded in the carnage, and Chesler said the next rescue flight may come with wounded refugees.

At the airport, the group of immigrants, carrying possessions they had managed to salvage in plastic bags and boxes, looked exhausted and bewildered, but most said they were happy to be here.

Igor Timachenko, 35, a bus driver, arrived with his wife and two daughters.

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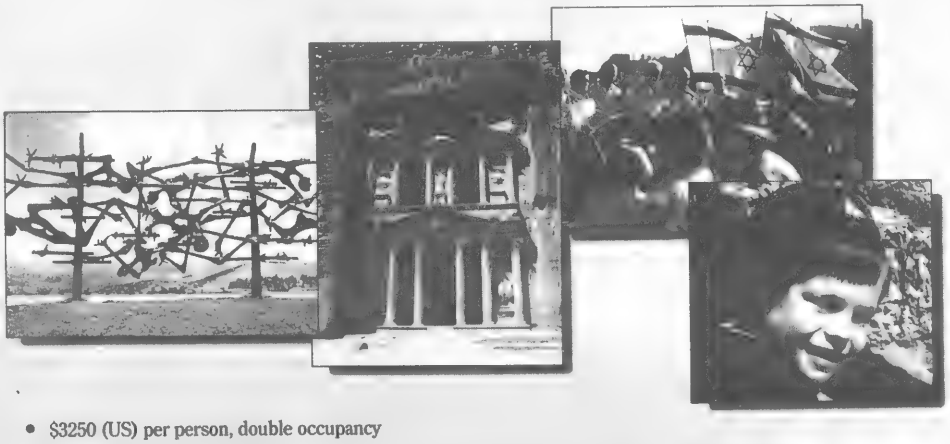

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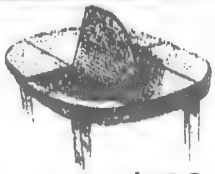

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Survivors of Auschwitz are shown during the first hours of the concentration camp's liberation. [RNS photo]

Echoes of Auschwitz seen in terror attack

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp took place in Israel on Sunday, hours after a terrorist attack in the centre of the country claimed at least 19 lives.

At a service at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein filled in for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was visiting the scene of the attack in Netanya.

Rabin's message tied the past and present. "Today once again, monsters in human form have tried to destroy us and the chance for peace. To our enemies we say one thousand attacks will not make us surrender. We will continue to build our home here. We have no other."

A railway freight car used by the Nazis to transport Jews was put on display as a memorial to the deportations. The railway car was given to Israel by the Polish government, and designed into a monument by architect Moshe Safdie.

Dr. Samuel Pisar, chairman of the Friends of Yad Vashem in France, told Israel Television that "even today, maybe we are hearing echoes, explosions, of Auschwitz in our midst."

Approximately 1.5 million Jews were murdered in Auschwitz.

One survivor told Israel Radio she hoped the memorial will be a message for future generations to "not forget the suffering of those who survived and kept holy the memory of those who did not. We have tried to survive with all our strength in order to tell what happened to our people."

A gathering of thousands of Holocaust survivors was later held in the Jerusalem International Convention Centre. Survivors inscribed their names and tattoo numbers in a special book and received a special medal. Booths were set up to help relatives and friends relocate each other.

Last week members of the Hungarian government joined the local Jewish community to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Budapest ghetto by Soviet troops. In below-zero temperatures, some 100 people gathered at the entrance to the former Budapest ghetto to attend the commemoration.

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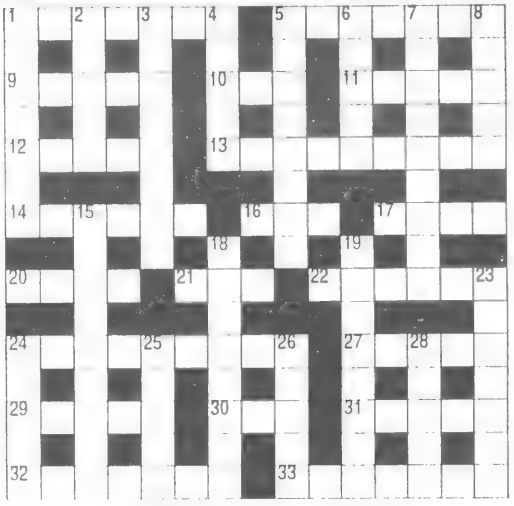

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11 Golah
12 Just as well that - the vizier of the king did not know that Esther was Jewish
13 Share
14 To draw up
16 Pig enclosure
17 Season in which Sukkot occurs
20 The name Zadok makes one think of this kind of priest
21 Jews believe there is only - God
22 Chubby
24 Price competition can be this
27 Banish
29 It bought Superior Oil for $5.7 billion in 1984
30 Vineyard
31 Adult insect
32 A special kind of love
33 Boring

DOWN

1 Mortified
2 Earlier name of Abraham
3 Happiness
4 Challahs commemorate this
5 Parity
6 Chosen
7 Nomadic
8 Suez Canal runs through the - Bitter Lake
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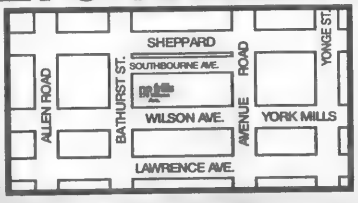

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Business & Finance

Bickering Israeli cabinet approves spending cuts

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A divided Israeli cabinet last week approved a $239 million (US) cut in government spending aimed at covering planned tax reforms.

But the cabinet's decision was overshadowed by intense bickering among government ministers before the cut was approved.

The infighting led Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to warn that he would invoke his "full authority" against ministers who did not act "in a civil fashion" toward one another.

Rabin's remarks came in the wake of a scathing memo he received from Police Minister Moshe Shahal, in which Shahal sharply criticized Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's performance.

Reports about the memo, which was leaked to the media, were given prominent play in the Israeli press.

In the memo, Shahal was quoted as saying the country was "hurtling full speed toward an economic disaster."

Last Sunday's cabinet session was designed to ease friction among the ministers, who have been sparring publicly since the budget cut was proposed last week.

But the session became overheated, with Shohat calling Shahal a "liar," and a "saboteur of the government."

Shohat also accused Shahal of writing the memo to serve his own aspirations of becoming finance minister.

Shahal in turn denied the allegations, saying he had no interest in obtaining Shohat's portfolio.

He also said he had "no regrets" about the memo, which he said included nothing he had not already stated openly in cabinet.

The cabinet ultimately passed the spending-cut plan, with 10 ministers voting in favor and seven against.

The budget reduction will enable the government to reduce the employers health tax by nearly two percentage points. It also provides working women with an additional tax credit to offset higher health taxes.

The budget reforms, approved only two weeks after the Knesset passed its $49 billion annual budget for 1995, amount to less than one-half per cent of the total budget.

Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel welcomed the cabinet decision, but said it was not enough.

"I think the changes are in the right direction," he told Israel Television. "I would like to see them in a larger magnitude about three times as much as what was adopted.

"I think our tax burden has gone up significantly in the past few years, and it's essential to see its reversal," Frenkel said.

The government, which has seen its popularity fall as inflation rates rose, could take little comfort from the latest inflation figures, released by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

According to the bureau's figures, inflation in 1994 stood at 14.5 per cent nearly double the government's projections for the year.

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El Al purchases two cargo planes

MONTREAL — El Al Israel Airlines has announced the purchase of two Boeing 747-200F cargo aircraft from GE Capital Services.

Both aircraft are equipped with nose and side cargo doors and were owned by Singapore Airlines until their purchase by GE. The value of the purchase agreement is $100 million (US).

The two cargo aircraft, each capable of uplifting 120 tonnes of freight, will improve El Al's cargo services to Israel exporters and importers en route to Europe and North America.

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Business & Finance

Tips to succeed in business

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Flexibility and self-confidence are two major factors behind the success of a business said a panel of four entrepreneurs.

"Business people must not be afraid to change. When you stay the same you are in trouble," said Judy Sarick, owner of the Children's Bookstore.

Sarick was part of the recent panel, sponsored by United Jewish Appeal Women's Network and entitled Doing Good, Having Fun, Achieving Success. Other panel members were Robin Kay, Robin Kay Clothing; Janet Rosenberg, Janet Rosenberg and Associates and Barbie Casselman, Casselman and Company. Moderator was Bernice Miedzinski.

Rosenberg, a landscape architect who opened her own practice in 1981, said if factors dictate, entrepreneurs must be willing to do business in a different way. She said that when she felt uncomfortable with 12 people in her office, she downsized it to five people "who are all committed to a fine level of design work. I also learned that it does not matter if something goes wrong as long as we talk it over and not let it happen again."

Kay, who has 12 stores specializing in cotton knit sweaters, said it is essential for business people to believe in what they are doing. "You have to believe and if you are lucky, people will support you in your beliefs. All you've got is that gal in the mirror."

Missionary zeal

Sarick opened her first store in 1974 because she believed that children need to own their own books. "I had no expectations of making money but I went into the business with missionary zeal. Toronto has more children's book stores than any other city but it is a challenge to stay ahead of the competition."

Casselman, a nutritionist, opened a downtown weight-loss practice in 1985 after working at a weight-loss centre for six years. "I began dissecting the weight-loss business and looked at ways of improving it. When clients in the clinic began asking for me I believed that I had an aptitude for what I was doing.

"In the summer of 1991 I met with Dave Nicolls of Loblaws who needed a spokesperson for his Too Good To Be True line of low fat foods. This gave me exposure and was one of the most significant moves of my career. Things can mushroom if you do a little planning and I planned carefully for each step."

Asked how each panelist weathered the recession, Casselman said she was not affected because, although people may not have had money to spend on cars, vacations and houses, they did have some to spend on themselves.

"People knew that, especially in hard times, they had to look good and feel good," she said.

Kay said an important part of her business philosophy, with or without the recession, is to give the best service and highest quality. "Then customers feel good and this helped us overcome the recession."

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This week The CJN Features Shalom Judaica

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Shalom Judaica Gift Shop owners Israel and Esther Barak have assembled an impressive collection of Judaica in a beautiful, gallery-like setting.

The only difference here, luckily, is that the pieces are for sale.

Originally from Haifa, Barak has operated a jewelry store at the Wilson and Bathurst location since 1972.

The success of a mail-order house he set up in the United States three years ago convinced him there was a larger market for Jewish and Israeli artists, and he opened Shalom Judaica last year.

Business has been good. Barak's prices are 20 per cent to 60 per cent lower than elsewhere because he says he sells in large quantities. A set of six compact wine glasses sells for $12.50. A challah cover by a graduate of the Israeli art school Betzalel is $48, considerably less than the $200 price tag in the United States.

There is a gift for every wallet, with prices ranging from $12 to $200. Only top Israeli artists are featured in the store — Karshi, Oppenheimer, or the manufacturing house of Neker Glass. Plaques and jewelry are designed by Barak himself.

He carries a large variety of mezuzot in sterling silver, metal, ceramic and hand-painted Jerusalem stone (the latter two crafted by Esther). Kosher scrolls from Israel are $35. There is an excellent selection of ketubot, challah covers, wine sets, menorahs and candlesticks. Shalom Judaica claims to have the largest variety of tallesim in Toronto, with 50 new styles expected shortly.

Decorative pieces for the house include the texts of *Birkat HaBayit* or *Aishet Chayil* in beautiful calligraphy, mounted on silk. Biblical reliefs in silver are delicately detailed by a former art professor from Leningrad and Moscow.

With Japan, China and India new to the Judaica market, Barak fervently believes in selling Israeli productions. "Israelis should find a way to fight and compete, not to give up business territory," he said.

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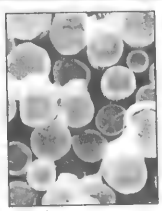
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New writer a sell-out hit

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A talented new comedy writer has arrived on the Toronto scene in the person of Toronto playwright Ruth Biderman. Her first produced play, *The Squeeze*, drew sell-out crowds in its run to Jan. 22 at Tarragon Extra Space.

Biderman has crossed the line of trying to get money out of bureaucrats for subsidized community housing in real life to skewering them in this comedy. Holding a master's degree in public policy from York University, she worked for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and in 1992 and 1993 she was administrator of the Housing Development Resource Centre, a non-profit agency.

So her jibes at politicians and government officials who want the public to believe that cutting back on social welfare programs is the panacea for the deficit are reality based.

If for nothing else, *The Squeeze* will go down in history as the first play to deliver full-blown on stage a government economist who uses bafflegab believably. The character is played convincingly by Hume Baugh who stumbles around the set when he can't find his glasses.

For Biderman, it's a case of laughing through her tears because she believes there is a real danger that the deficit bugaboo will result in taking money from the needy.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

Singing For Sarajevo: On Sunday Jan. 29, when Stockard Channing, Ariel Dorfman, Harvey Keitel, Vanessa Redgrave, Christopher Reeve, Susan Sontag and other celebrities perform a benefit in aid of the citizens of Sarajevo at the Union Square Theatre in New York, cantor Ronald Graner of Toronto will be among them on stage.

Graner has a degree in theatre and some experience in professional opera, and works as a real estate agent. He sang full-time as a cantor for a decade at various synagogues, including the Har-El Temple in Jerusalem, Congregation Beth Shalom in Edmonton, and Temple Emanu-El in Toronto. He still sings occasionally at Toronto's Temple Sinai. "Have tallis, will travel," is how he describes the calling of a freelance cantor.

He is participating in the Sarajevo benefit at the invitation of Redgrave, whom he met a couple of years ago when his daughter was an extra in one of her films. At the time, Graner gave her some information on a forgotten Jewish composer, David Nowakowsky (1848-1921), whose reputation Graner has been helping to rehabilitate since discovering him about four years ago. Redgrave was impressed and sang some Nowakowsky compositions at a benefit for World War II partisan fighters in London.

David Nowakowsky

"He was one of the most important Jewish composers of Eastern Europe," Graner says. "He invented a way of harmonizing Jewish liturgical music, which until then no one had succeeded in doing. It enabled composers who came after him to make things sound Jewish and still be harmonized."

The composer, who lived in Odessa, wrote thousands of liturgical and symphonic works in the style of Mendelssohn, but his music was lost for more than 75 years "as a result of war, revolutions and racial hatred," says Graner.

After Nowakowsky's death, a daughter and granddaughter, Sophia Selzman, smuggled the musical manuscripts out of Bolshevik Russia into Germany. Then Selzman, who became a pianist, escaped to Vichy France from Germany with the music just days before Kristallnacht. When the Germans invaded Vichy, the music was buried in metal ammunition cases.

A great-grandson of the composer retrieved the music and brought it to New York in 1953. Mislaid in an archives of Hebrew Union College, it was nearly destroyed in a fire in 1978. Since then, due to the efforts of Nowakowsky family members in California, about 150 compositions have been edited and published, and a few performed in public. Last New Year's Eve, Graner performed some Nowakowsky works as part of Toronto's First Night festivities.

Inspired by his lush and masterful romanticism, Graner calls Nowakowsky a "first-class international composer of classical music" and says the re-emergence of his oeuvre is "like discovering 10 new symphonies by Mendelssohn." He plays a tape over the telephone for this reporter, who briefly hears the rich, heartbreaking strains of a melancholic violin, sounding above a Brahmsian orchestra. "Isn't it wonderful? Let me fast forward to a little bit of the Kol Nidre — it's an orchestral version, it'll knock your socks off!"

As a real estate agent, Graner tends to specialize in "theatrical" properties. He recently sold the former CBC studio on Parliament Street near Carlton — from where such radio shows as *Metro Morning* and *Morningside* once emanated — to two dance companies, the Canadian Children's Dance Theatre and The Danny Grossman Company.

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Jewish Images at Holy Blossom: The photographs of Tobi Asmoucha capture the contrasts between Jewish life in Israel and in the Diaspora. At the Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto, until Feb. 28.

Arts

Scholars define anti-Semitism

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A Toronto professor has recently published a stimulating anthology on anti-Semitism.

Approaches to Antisemitism: Context and Curriculum was edited by Prof. Michael Brown, the recently appointed director of the Centre for Jewish Studies at York Univertsity. It was published by the American Jewish Committee and the International Centre for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization.

The anthology presents contradictory views of anti-Semitism and how to teach about it.

Brown asked 26 contemporary scholars to define anti-Semitism. They discuss breaking down prejudice in the classroom and present historical studies on this complex topic.

Prof. Michael Brown

Although *Approaches to Antisemitism* offers fertile discussion topics for students and teachers on a number of levels, it is also of interest to those members of the Jewish and non-Jewish communities who search for answers.

The contributors represent six continents and a wide range of disciplines. "Their diversity and their disagreements, no less than their subject, should arouse the interest of anyone curious about the Jewish or university worlds," Brown said.

The seeds of the anthology were sown in the summer of 1991 at an interdisciplinary workshop on anti-Semitism held in Jerusalem. Brown was one of a number of Jewish and gentile participants from around the world.

He found few colleagues had ever taught a course on anti-Semitism, many feeling it would be "inappropriate" or "impolitic" to do so. That feeling, Brown said, resulted in short shrift to anti-Semitism in courses on racism and prejudice.

Brown is the author of *Jew or Juif: Jews, French Canadians,* and *Anglo-Canadians, 1759-1914* (James Publication Society, Philadelphia, 1986). He is a contributor to numerous books and journals.

Books

By Bernard Baskin

A Gathering of Angels: Angels in Jewish Life & Literature, by Morris B. Margolis, Ballentine $16.95 (paperbound).

Suddenly, inexplicably, North Americans have become infatuated with the idea of angels.

In recent years a spate of books about angels have appeared, not to mention cards, calenders and gift items. Billy Graham's *Angels: God's Secret Agents* has sold over 1½ million copies. The hunger for information about angels, and whatever inspiration they provide, seems insatiable.

Now, Rabbi Morris B. Margolies, a professor of Jewish history at the University of Kansas, has compiled an engaging compendium of Jewish angelic lore from the Hebrew Bible, Talmud, Zohar, medieval literature and Chassidism. He also includes such modern writers as Kafka, Peretz and I. B. Singer.

Angels, God's messengers, abound in the Jewish tradition. They appear in a variety of memorable biblical visions: to Jacob, who sees them ascending and descending a ladder between heaven and earth; to Isaiah as six-winged seraphim; to Ezekiel in the likeness of our grotesque creatures; to Daniel around God's flaming throne where "thousand thousands ministered unto Him and 10,000 stood before Him"; and to Zachariah as "a man riding on a red horse."

Angels announce the birth of Ishmael, Isaac and Samson. They dine with Abraham, rescue the family of Lot from Sodom, succour Hagar and Ishmael in the wilderness, intervene in the sacrifice of Jacob, wrestle with Jacob, appear to Moses in a burning bush, lead the Israelites out of Egypt and through the wilderness, confront Balaam, feed and instruct Elijah, smite the Assyrians and protect Daniel in the lion's den and his companions in the fiery furnace.

Michael, referred to as "merciful and forbearing," emerges in Midrashic literature as the commander-in-chief of the entire angelic host, and the angel specifically assigned to be the guardian of Israel. He rescues Abraham from the fire of Nimrod, Jacob from the evil designs of Esau and the machinations of Laban, thwarts Haman's accusation against the Jews of Persia, "and at the end of humanity's long trial of tribulations he will defeat Samael-Satan in mortal combat, thus relegating the symbol of evil to oblivion."

What are modern Jews to make of angels? Is it possible to believe in such beings? Does God really need messengers to carry out his wishes?

The author suggests that angels are really metaphors for love, hate, malice, greed and sadism — as well as charity, generosity, vision and hope. "Angels are better understood as symbols of forces that operate within everyone of us. Some are forces for good, some for evil, some for healing and protective, some destructive."

In chassidic teaching, the very existence of angels stems from the deeds of man. "The Rabbi of Kobrin interpreted the famous dream of Jacob's ladder such that man is the ladder standing on earth, with the top rung reaching heaven. Whether angels are going up or going down depends entirely on what man does."

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, the eminent Talmudic scholar, offers this definition: "Angels are beings in the world that is the domain of emotion and feeling; and since this is the case, the substantial quality of an angel may be an impulse or a drive — say, an inclination in the direction of love or a seizure of fear, or pity or the like."

Thus, Rabbi Steinsaltz sees angels as aspects of human personality. They are nothing more than a reflection of human behaviour. It may be that the angel is a messenger of God but the message is one of our own making.

A Gathering of Angels has succinct notes and a helpful bibliography. There is no index, however, and the few illustrations are disappointing.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

London's Jewish East End: For Canadian Jews who can trace at least one of their ancestors back to 19th-century London, taking a walking tour of the Jewish East End of London is an excellent way to discover the colorful, almost vanished world they once inhabited.

From the 1870s onwards, and especially after the Russian pogroms of the 1880s, many tens of thousands of impoverished Jews from Russia, Hungary, Romania and the Pale of Settlement settled in the working-class area near the docks of eastern London.

Nearly one-third of them were tailors and seamstresses, and many belonged to the powerful garment workers' trade union. Most were also affiliated with at least one of the hundreds of synagogues and shtieblach (storefront congregations) that sprang up all over the East End.

John Muffty's tour of the old Jewish quarter takes in Bevis Marks, the oldest synagogue in England (erected 1701), and passes Sandy's Row Synagogue and some former synagogues. As Muffty explains during the two-hour tour, much of the neighborhood was either devastated by the Nazi blitz of World War II or demolished during the period of civic reconstruction that followed.

The Wentworth Street outdoor market seems as lively as ever, although the Jewish presence of a century ago is gone. Merchants hawk new and used clothes, trinkets, watches, toys and other cheap commodities in a series of ramshackle stalls along the street.

The tour also takes in the former Petticoat Lane (now Middlesex Street), the site of another once-thriving market. Muffty points out a boarded-up washhouse dating from 1846, and the once-elegant Soup Kitchen For The Jewish Poor, which opened in 1902 to help feed the indigent Jewish masses. The tour also encompasses Bloom's, the most famous kosher restaurant in Great Britain ("but not necessarily the best").

In the early years of this century, poor and hungry Jews in London's east end would be fed in this Soup Kitchen for the Jewish Poor, which opened in 1902. [Bill Gladstone photo]

After pointing out a few more architectural relics of the former Jewish presence, Muffty acknowledges that little remains of the once-vibrant Jewish community in this neighborhood. This tour participant was disappointed to discover that much of Old Montague Street, where his great-grandparents and other relatives lived during the 1870s, retains almost none of its 19th-century rowhouses. Alas, these have been replaced by several unattractive highrise towers.

The East End was still predominantly Jewish on the October 1936 day when some 2,500 fascist blackshirts decided to show their solidarity with Hitler by marching from the Tower of London eastwards, right through the heart of the Jewish community along Whitechapel High Street. According to Muffty, there were at least as many police in attendance as well as counterdemonstrators who had vowed to stop the march at any cost.

"People were throwing things out of windows at the fascists," says Muffty, who has a postgraduate degree in history. "The slogan of the counterdemonstrators was 'They Shall Not Pass.' "

After the two sides confronted each other at the traditional gateway to the East End, the marchers made an impromptu detour to Cable Street, where more clashes occurred. Seeing the explosive potential for violence, the police ordered the fascists to reroute their march because they could not guarantee their safety in the East End.

"It was the only mass demonstration of ordinary people protesting against the fascists in all Europe," says Muffty of the episode, which is known as the Battle of Cable Street. "The thing about this is it was a genuine mass movement of ordinary people from all over."

The tour of the Jewish East End starts most Tuesdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. and costs about $10. Muffty's company, Historical Tours, also offers walks on such themes as Dickens' and Shakespeare's London, royal and aristocratic London, literary London, and wartime London with Churchill's cabinet war rooms. Telephone 0181-668-4019.

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By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

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Travel

Shakespearean theatre is rebuilt

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

LONDON — According to the Jewish-American literary scholar Harold Bloom, the "great canon" of Western literature begins with the Hebrew Bible and includes the works of William Shakespeare, the Elizabethan playwright whose extraordinary literary reputation shows no signs of diminishing, even after four centuries.

Hamlet, Othello, King Lear, Macbeth and other of Shakespeare's plays were first performed in the Globe Theatre, built on the south side of the Thames River in 1599. After it was destroyed by fire in 1613, the Globe was rebuilt and became the most renowned theater in Elizabethan and Jacobean London until it was demolished in 1642.

For centuries afterwards, as literary historians groped for clues about Shakespeare the man, so too did they wonder about the dimensions of the legendary Globe Theatre.

A model of the Globe Theatre, where many of Shakespeare's plays debuted. It is being rebuilt in London. [Bill Gladstone photo]

Not until October 1989, when the theatre's foundations were discovered beside another unearthed theatre called The Rose, were they able to find conclusive evidence of its true form.

A polygonal wooden structure with three covered galleries, a covered proscenium stage and an open centre, the Globe was constructed of huge oak beams, clay bricks, thatch and lime plaster.

Now, a team of master craftsmen is reconstructing the Globe using Tudor-era construction methods. The new theatre is being raised beside the original site, which is partly occupied by a historical building.

The rebuilt theatre is expected to open later this year, in time for a few Shakespearean performances mounted as they were in Elizabethan times. The theatre will be lit by natural means, with live sound effects and music. Set design will be as it was in the days when Shakespeare supervised the production of his own plays here.

As the theatre goes up, visitors may view an exhibit on Shakespeare's Globe, then take a short guided tour of the theatre as construction progresses. The cost is about $9 for adults, $7 for students and seniors, $5.50 for children.

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Day school students get top marks in testing

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

With few exceptions, Grade 9 students attending Jewish day high schools attained outstanding results relative to the rest of Ontario in across the province tests in reading and writing.

All Ontario Grade 9 students wrote provincially-developed reading and writing tests earlier this year. The students who are presently attending Grade 9 will be tested this year as part of a two-year study by the Ministry of Education and Training.

The aim of these tests is to help students improve their reading and writing skills by providing information on their individual performance judged against provincial standards and to provide information useful in assessing and improving the effectiveness of existing reading and writing programs in grades 1 to 9.

To prepare the teachers to administer the tests consistently and fairly, workshops were held across the province. A six point scale was used to evaluate the performance results — superior, proficient, competent, adequate, limited and dependent.

The students were obliged to work on a number of reading and writing assignments which were assessed by specially trained markers at the Ministry of Education. Performance levels were also assessed by category for gender, participation in ESL programs, language spoken at home, number of years in Canada and other factors.

The results show that generally, students who performed well in reading also performed well in writing. Students who reported doing more reading out of school did better both in reading and in writing. As well, students who reported doing more writing in school did better both in reading and writing. Female students performed considerably better than male students in both reading and writing.

Sherri Wise, a teacher at Beth Jacob High School for Girls, whose students did well compared to the province, believes that the private day schools probably did better because of socio-economic conditions and because of the interest of the parents. "The students were continuing the kinds of activities that take place in the classroom."

Wise noted that the Grade 9 tests help educators in making informed curriculum decisions and the tests have educational validity.

Students at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) recorded high scores on the six point scale in both reading and writing when tested against the students in the province.

"The English Department at CHAT worked very hard to prepare the students for the test," says Rabbi Marvin Pachino, the headmaster. "Also, we realize that our feeder schools are, to a large measure, responsible as well, for the excellent results that our students achieved."

David Rawcliffe of Ner Israel Yeshiva College cautions against school by school comparisons for the results do not take into account the makeup of the school's student body. He said that there are some public schools which have programs or are located in areas where there is a highly educated population. As well, some private schools screen out weaker students.

"Therefore, to say a school performs better than another could be inaccurate if it is then assumed that the students work harder or the teachers teach better." Rawcliffe adds that it is good to have an independent view of your students' abilities. "As most information came out towards the end of the school year, it should be used in Grade 10 as a means of trying to help students improve their reading and writing skills."

Yeshivat Bnei Akiva Or Chaim - Ulpanat Orot Girls' School scored very high on the scale in both reading and writing. In line with the provincial statistics, the female students at Ulpanat achieved higher scores than the male students at Or Chaim. The female students at CHAT also surpassed the male students.

Dr. Norman Smith of Bnei Akiva-Ulpanat Orot told *The CJN* that in fairness to the province, there is a statistically significant difference "because their mission is to teach every youngster — our mission is that we deal with a more select student body. We do appropriate and challenging things with them to make maximum use of their abilities."

The ministry suggests that schools should determine the degree to which any difference between their results and the provincial results are educationally meaningful.

NEW CAMPUS OPENS

Students at the new Leo Baeck Day School enjoy their brand new class. See story page 41.

16,000 students getting Jewish education

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

Although the number of students enrolled in Jewish education classes is up, the percentage of the total population in such classes is down.

So said Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education, who reviewed the year's figures with *The CJN*.

Just over 16,000 students enrolled in Jewish education classes, 9,793 in elementary and secondary day schools, and 6,219 in supplementary schools. That is up 336 over last year.

But the good news about an increase is offset by a decline in the rate of preschool enrolment, Rabbi Witty said.

The 1994 figures show 8,391 students in Jewish elementary schools and 1,402 in Jewish high schools. Included in supplementary school figures are 632 pupils enrolled in five enterprenurial schools not affiliated with the Board of Jewish Education, and 579 children are enrolled in heritage language programs run by boards of education in Toronto, North York and York region. The program provides 70 hours of Hebrew instruction each year.

The closing of a school catering to children of Israelis was disappointing, Rabbi Witty said, because it was hoped it would attract Israelis to the Jewish school system. "Unfortunately, the Israeli community is not invovled at this time."

A second-year seven per cent cut in parent subsidy grants from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto impacted school budgets. The Federation grants amounted to $6,515,000.

The failure of Jewish school enrolment to keep up with the growth of the Greater Toronto Jewish community is more than a lack of dollars, in Rabbi Witty's opinion. It is a lifestlye choice, one in which Jewish parents choose to buy an extra car or a larger boat. "Unfortunately, Jewish education is an accessible victim to these costs," he said.

The decline in the percentage of children attending Jewish classes has been going on for the past 25 years, the executive director said. A committee of elementary and high school principals has been formed to find ways to boost enrolment.

The opening of the Bais Brucha school in Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, with 51 junior and senior kindergarten pupils, and the inauguration of the new Netivot Hatorah Day School, Leo Baeck Day School and Associated Hebrew Day School campus on Thornhill's Atkinson Avenue were signal events of the year.

Construction is expected to start on a new high school, Yeshiva Gedola, in the Bathurst-Lawrence area.

Looking back at Jewish education in Toronto, Rabbi Witty said the establishment of Israel, the presence of Holocaust survivors in the community, the awareness of Federation leaders of the importance of education, and the strength of the traditional elements have all combined to strengthen the system.

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Live & Learn

Teens beginning to make adult decisions

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

This year marks *The CJN's* fourth annual look at life through the eyes of four young people.

Alison Bresver, Naomi Emerson, Jacob Korenblum, all 15, and Chaim Greenwald, 16, are the focus of a series to be completed in the year 2000. They were recommended by their Jewish schools at the time of their bat and bar mitzvahs, as intelligent, articulate and fairly typical representatives of their backgrounds.

Ali, the only public school student at the time, has continued her Jewish education at Temple Emanu-El, where she now attends confirmation classes.

Naomi, an alumna of Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, a co-educational traditional day school, is now in Grade 10 at Ulpanat Orot, an all-girl Bnei Akiva School.

Jacob is a Grade 10 student in the gifted program at Northern Secondary School, which he entered after graduating from Bialik Hebrew Day School, and Chaim is boarding for the second year at Wisconsson Institute of Torah Study (WITS) in Milwaukee.

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The youngsters see themselves as being somewhere along the spectrum between childhood and adulthood. As Jacob put it, "You have to make some adult decisions, but you can also have fun. I think it's the best age."

All four students were moved by *Schindler's List*, Stephen Spielberg's award-winning movie about the Holocaust. Ali found herself in tears at the end of the film. "I'm not usually that emotional at movies."

Jacob Korenblum

What impressed Jacob was the number of non-Jews in the audience when he saw the movie. "That's an important thing. It's accessible to so many people. I think it was more successful than any other kind of educational program for non-Jews."

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Alison Bresver is a young woman who stands by her convictions. In last year's article, she was quoted as saying she didn't see anything wrong with interdating and implied that intermarriage was a viable possibility for her.

Her comments generated much feedback, not all of it positive, she reports. "A lot of people didn't agree with me, but this is how I feel."

Alison Bresver, with Cody

She still sees nothing wrong with interdating, she says. "I don't have a preference one way or the other. If he's a nice guy, then great." Because most of Ali's friends are Christian, she says that interdating would be a "logical" act, not a rebellious one. For now it's a moot point. Although some of her Grade 10 friends at Lawrence Park Collegiate have started to date, she has not.

Some of her peers have begun to experiment with drugs, but she says there is no pressure on her to join them. "I'm not going to follow them into it, but I wouldn't not be their friend because of it," she says.

Ali is very "into" sports right now and says her ambition is to be a sports announcer for *NFL Prime Time*.

She is struck by the differences between her and the other students profiled, particularly the two Orthodox students. "We're all so different, but we're the same religion."

Being Jewish, for Ali, means "to be spiritually involved; to do what you think is right." Sometimes she finds that "just thinking" during services gives her "more of a feeling of being Jewish than reciting prayers I learned a few years ago."

Ali is very excited about an upcoming trip to Israel this summer with her confirmation class. She admits that she is not knowledgeable about the political situation there. "I'm looking forward to the spiritual part of the trip. Everyone who's been says it makes you feel a lot stronger about being Jewish. To actually be there would be really cool."

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Naomi Emerson

Naomi shares Ali's excitement about Israel, and has been there four times, most recently last summer, when she visited for seven weeks after traveling alone to see relatives in England.

A Grade 10 student at Ulpanat Orot, Naomi is very comfortable with her Orthodoxy. "I was brought up this way. It comes naturally not to buy something that doesn't have a kosher symbol, not to turn the light on [on Shabbat]. Being Jewish is a whole way of living for me. It's standing out from everyone else, trying not to conform to the whole society. There are a lot of differences."

Naomi admits to having questions. "You don't always just do something because you're being told to do it. You want to know why. We've asked teachers questions, and I ask my parents a lot."

Naomi wouldn't consider interdating or intermarriage. "It's wrong," she says. "If there's so much intermarriage, Jews will just become totally assimilated."

Naomi would hesitate to marry a non-Orthodox man, let alone a non-Jewish one. "I don't think it would be possible for me to have a solid marriage with someone Conservative unless one of us [was willing to] bend."

Although Naomi attends an all-girl school, she counts boys among her friends and goes out in large mixed groups. "The guys, I guess, make it more fun," she says of school, "but [in an all-girl class] girls aren't afraid to excel if they want to. I think some girls don't want to look too smart in front of boys."

She thinks about working with special needs children some day, and is volunteering twice weekly at Zareinu (a school for children with multiple handicaps).

"As an Orthodox Jew, I feel chesed (acts of loving kindness) is as important as keeping kosher," says Naomi of her volunteer work.

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Chaim, like Naomi, is Orthodox. His life revolves around the yeshivah, where classes run until 9 p.m. Friday afternoons are free, but Sunday mornings are devoted to more classes.

To the best of Chaim's knowledge, nobody at WITS takes illegal drugs. "Sometimes people take coffee [to keep them alert through long hours of study]. People sometimes drink [alcohol] very occasionally. If you're caught, you get expelled."

Chaim Greenwald

Chaim says he feels privileged to be Jewish. "I think we're the chosen people."

That doesn't mean that he looks down on non-Jews, he stresses. "I respect non-Jews. All the General Studies teachers here are non-Jews. They have a good rapport with the kids."

An avid football fan, Chaim keeps up with the latest sports news by listening to the radio. He also plays on the school's new intermural football league.

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Live & Learn

Liberal Kolel 'a model'

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

When Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, former assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple, and later a congregational rabbi in Boston, took on the directorship of the Kolel in January 1991, there were no students, courses or teachers. "They [the community leaders] told me, 'Here's funding. Here's an office. Make it happen.' "

By September of that year, the Kolel, a centre for liberal Jewish learning, had 40 students. Today there are 250 people enrolled each semester and 1,700 people on the mailing list. "We have just burst at the seams in 3½ years," Rabbi Goldstein said.

The Kolel is now considered so successful that it has become a model for other liberal Jewish institutions, she said.

Each semester the Kolel offers 12 12-week courses which are given at a variety of locations throughout the Greater Toronto Area. The cost of a course is $100 for adults and $30 for students. The faculty consists of rabbis and Jewish educators.

A broad range of courses is offered, from advanced Torah study in biblical Hebrew, to basic Judaism covering the holidays and the life cycles. Other courses include Talmudic study, biblical Hebrew, Rabbinic history, a survey of Jewish theology and women in the Tanach.

The basic Judaism class — which she calls "Sunday school for adults" — attracts many people who have been disconnected from Judaism, she said. "They want a way back in, but not through a synagogue agenda."

Rabbi Goldstein finds that many of the people who attend the more advanced courses are also seeking spiritual renewal. "People are looking to reconnect," she said. "They are looking for an intellectual sophisticated connection."

The social and historical analysis of the religious texts offered by Kolel appeals to many students, she said. "People are grateful for another opportunity to study, especially in a high-level yet progressive atmosphere that is clearly egalitarian.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein (standing, centre) leads a class at the Kolel, an institute for liberal Jewish learning.

"We're not so afraid to do critical scholarship [of the sacred texts] using historical methodology. And when we teach our course on women and Judaism it's taught from a feminist viewpoint with a very clear lack of apologetics."

Rabbi Goldstein recently initiated the Chavruta Program for private Torah study. She will match partners for weekly joint Torah study sessions and hold monthly seminars for all the participants. "It's a program to get people excited about studying on their own," she said. There is no charge for this program.

Coming back to Toronto to run the Kolel was a gamble that paid off for Rabbi Goldstein, but the success of the centre is not something that can be quantified, she said.

"The truth is, success is not measured by the number of students or the amount of funds that are raised, but by how we touch people's lives, how we infuse their lives with Jewish meaning. I feel that's our [the Kolel's] mandate. It's a privilege and a blessing to be the director of a program that does that."

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Shlichim join B'nei Akiva

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

B'nei Akiva Schools, Or Chaim Yeshiva and Ulpanat Orot Girls School, has followed its religious Zionist philosophy with the appointment of two shlichim to senior staff positions.

Rabbi Shlomo Gemara is the new rosh yeshivah, replacing Rabbi Avishai David, and Rabbi Shlomo Brown is menahel (Jewish studies principal) of Ulpanat Orot, replacing Rabbi Moshe Rachimi.

Rabbis David and Rachimi have assumed positions in Israeli educational institutions.

The two schools, with a total enrollment of nearly 200 students, have five families on shlichut from Israel, with eight serving as teachers at the school.

They bring a unique atmosphere to the school, the two rabbis agree, describing how the families invite the youngsters to visit, for parties and to spend Shabbat with them.

The connection with Israel becomes something very real, Rabbi Brown says. "They hear our stories — and our stories are the story of Israel."

Rabbis Gemara and Brown studied at hesder yeshivahs (yeshivahs which combine Torah study with army service), and taught at religious zionist schools in Israel, Rabbi Gemara at Nechalim in Petah Tikvah, and Rabbi Brown at Midreshet Lindenbaum (known as Brovender's) in Jerusalem.

Both of their wives are teachers. Ofra Gemara teaches at Ulpana; Brazilian-born Rifka Brown teaches at Eitz Chaim and She'arim.

Rabbi Gemara told *The CJN* that he is committed to the fundamental values of B'nei Akiva Schools, which he defined as Torah, the land and the state of Israel, and Jewish identity.

As well, "I want to prepare boys and girls for the beauty of Jewish family life," he says.

To direct students to the highest spiritual level, he says, requires the separation of male and female students (boys attend Or Chaim, girls Ulpanat Orot).

"Generally, I want to develop a program using the new, modern education philosophy (which truly is our old traditional system!)" which transfers the onus of learning to the individual.

'Increase ahavat Torah'

He says that he wants to enable stronger students to have enriched programs, taught at their level, as well as for weaker students to be supported and encouraged.

"My goal is to increase ahavat Torah (love of Torah learning)," he says.

The school teaches Hebrew and religious subjects in Hebrew. Rabbi Gemara is aware that this can be a problem, as "we have to face the fact that the Hebrew level [of entering students] is not as high as I expected."

He has established an "ulpan" class, specially designed to have students able to enter regular Hebrew classes by the end of the first year.

"Baruch HaShem, we see that OAC graduates go to Israeli yeshivahs and michlalot (yeshivahs for women) with no problems.

"I want parents to know that we accept students with no Hebrew skills at all. We will give them the tools to bridge the gap."

Rabbi Brown says that while he recognizes the importance of both Torah and secular learning, he wants the students to understand that "it is more important to be a mentsh than to get 100."

He aims to teach this on a "one to one basis, every day," teaching by example and explanation.

Because Ulpana has only women students, the rabbi says he can teach according to their needs, being sensitive to their differences as women.

"This is not making a value judgement, or saying that boys or girls are better. The girls gain a lot, because we focus on their needs."

He is a firm advocate of the school's policy of encouraging students to spend a year in Israel after graduation.

For those who want to make aliyah, he says, that year is a good preparation. "They will know what to expect from the country."

Even for those who don't want to live in Israel, the experience is a good one, he says.

For one thing, it gives the sudents a year dedicated to pure Torah study, when "they take responsibility for themselves, do what they want to do, and generally have a break before making other major decisions.

"You send a kid to Israel: you get an adult back," he believes.

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Live & Learn

Leo Baeck gets new campus

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

The first day of school this year ushered in a new era for the students and staff of the Leo Baeck Hebrew Day School north campus.

They moved into their own building in Thornhill, vacating a rented North York school that Leo Baeck had used for 10 years.

Four hundred and forty students from nursery school age to Grade 8 take classes at the fully accessible three-storey building on Atkinson Avenue. Facilities include a chapel for weekly Kabbalat Shabbat services, a gymnasium/auditorium, a library, an arts and crafts centre, and computer and science rooms.

When architect Mark Nightingale of Makrimichalos Cugini Architects designed the 55,000-sq.-ft. school, he created a building filled with natural light.

Classrooms ring the building to capture an abundance of natural light through a wall of windows. The gymnasium/auditorium and the library are in the building's centre, but get indirect light through a skylight. "Even on a gray day," Nightingale said, "you don't feel you're in artificial light."

Leo Baeck, Canada's only Reform Jewish day school, is affiliated with the Holy Blossom Temple, Temple Emanu-El, Temple Har Zion, Temple Sinai and Temple Kol Ami.

The Holy Blossom campus currently offers senior kindergarten to Grade 3, with Grade 4 to be added in 1995.

The Atkinson campus has half-day nursery school and junior kindergarten programs. Senior kindergarten is a full-day made up of Hebrew, French, music, art, physical education and library.

The curriculum for grades 1 to 5 is divided into three segments: Hebrew/Judaic studies in keeping with the teachings of Reform congregations, English and math and science. Music, art, French, computer studies and physical education are integrated throughout the program. "There's a lot of creative activity in the school," said school director Zita Gardner.

The senior grades have their own area and their own program. Students follow a 45-minute timetable, with double periods for Hebrew and English. Each student has a homeroom advisor.

Grade 8 students regularly volunteer at Baycrest and other classes lead Kabbalat Shabbat services there. Last year students made a video they sent to a Reform day school in Israel, and this year they have pen pals at two Israeli schools.

Extracurricular activities at the Atkinson campus include folkdancing, a choir and girls' and boys' basketball teams.

Gardner stressed that the teacher is the key to a good learning experience. "Our teachers are all experienced, qualified and put a tremendous amount into their teaching," she said.

The new building also houses Temple Kol Ami, the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism, Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, and a community mikvah.

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Dating not a pressing issue

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Dating remains something Chaim has yet to "check into. We date to get married."

Assimilation is "not a big issue" within the yeshivah, according to Chaim. But WITS isn't totally isolated from the rest of the Milwaukee Jewish community, he notes. "The yeshivah has an outreach program and classes for non-Orthodox people in the community. We consider the yeshivah part of the whole community."

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Jacob is the only one of the four who has experienced both the day school and the public school system.

"I'm definitely glad I had the day school education," he says, "but I'm also glad I'm in public school now. You get a different experience. I like being exposed to people from different backgrounds, and I can take subjects I would never have been able to take if I'd gone to CHAT [Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto]."

He has kept up his Jewish education by continuing to attend a weekly class for high school students at the Bloor JCC.

This year he began teaching Hebrew to a young student, which keeps it fresh in his mind and gives him a feeling of connection to Judaism.

Jacob is an active alumnus of the Toronto Children's Chorus, and went Christmas carolling door-to-door with his musical peers this year. He called it "a pretty neat experience."

As a choir alumnus, he has already dealt with what he terms the "dilemma" of being Jewish and singing Christian religious songs. "You have to appreciate it for the musical values," he says.

About half of Jacob's friends are Jewish, he says. Every so often, he and a Catholic friend "do the religious argument, but it's not confrontational. It's, 'You do this. This is what we do. Can you tell me more?' Being Jewish obviously sets me apart, but not in a negative way."

As far as he knows, none of his friends are into drugs, but he does know people who drink. "I know technically it's illegal, but I don't really see what's wrong with it if it's once in a while."

Interdating is "not a pressing issue" for him right now, Jacob says. He has both male and female friends. "I don't think interdating is that big of a deal, but intermarriage certainly is, because if you're dating someone who's not Jewish, you're not going to spend the rest of your life with them, but intermarriage will definitely have an impact on your life."

Making the healthy choice

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Food is the favorite topic of every mother — my child eats too much, my child doesn't eat at all, my child only eats junk food, my child is a vegetarian. How do we get kids, especially teenagers, to practise moderation in their eating habits?

"Give them choices. Allow them to choose, from a variety of wholesome foods, what they would like to see in their lunches. Chances are, if they pick it themselves, they'll eat it. Also, get the whole family involved in a healthy lifestyle. Kids learn by example," says Fran Berkoff, a nutritionist at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Michal Capland, a physical education teacher at Beth Jacob, a Hebrew high school with an enrolment of about 300 girls, says she teaches her students the consequences of an unbalanced diet.

"I explain that too little food can affect their concentration and their energy level," she says. "I emphasize the importance of breakfast and encourage them to eat something small rather than not eat breakfast at all. These girls have a long day at school; so I also try to encourage them to eat a good lunch.

"I'm happy to see that in general, the girls are starting to make healthy choices. They are drinking more juice instead of pop and choosing a healthy snack instead of something with empty calories.

"For the past several years, I have had a nurse come in to teach the students about nutrition, as well as give them a chance to ask about anything the concerns them. Sometimes it is easier to approach a stranger about personal matters and it is important for the girls to be able to ask and get answers. They are at an age now when it is important to learn about a moderate lifestyle — excercise, good diet and enough rest."

Lil Fox, girls' athletic director at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) also has a professional come to talk to the girls about nutrition and eating disorders. "I like to have people in the field come in for a chat — people who can tell it just like it is. Sometimes the girls get tired of listening to us."

She says that teaching high school students about nutrition is a daunting task, because "they are at an age when they do not believe these things apply to them. It is at their age, however, when good nutrition is essential. Their bodies are still developing. If they carry on good nutritional habits until they are at least 21, chances are the habits will carry on into adulthood."

Fox concedes that parents have no control over what their kids eat for lunch, "but the best we can do is give them healthy choices. Find out what a kid likes and stick to it. Even if they eat the same lunch every day, at least they're eating something with some nutritional value."

Berkoff advises parents not to make an issue out of a child's weight. "They must be made to feel comfortable about their body," she says. "And even if other family members are concerned about their own weight, these attitudes filter down to the children. Families need to re-explore the whole issue of dieting and healthy lifestyles."

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Oakville preschool combines Jewish and secular content

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

Oakville's Jewish community has grown rapidly in the past decade as young Jewish families move to the area, but until recently none of the many preschools in the area reflected Jewish beliefs.

After watching the Reform Shaarei Beth El Synagogue almost triple its membership over a nine-year period, from 50 families to 140, Oakville resident Judi Setton began thinking of opening a Jewish preschool.

"I'm a bit of a dreamer," she said.

Setton and other parents realized that dream last September with the opening of the Gan Alon (garden of oaks) school. The preschool operates Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and is for children aged 2 to 5½.

Setton's 2-year-old son David is one of nine children attending Gan Alon. "He's really enjoying it," she said. Jewish content makes up about half of the programming and reflects Reform teachings. Monthly programs have included activities centred around Rosh Hashanah, Shabbat and Chanukah, and every other Thursday Rabbi Edward Goldfarb of Shaarei Beth El hosts the tots in the synagogue's sanctuary.

Gan Alon students pose for a class picture.

Rabbi Goldfarb oversees the curriculum with Setton, an accredited music teacher who is Gan Alon's music instructor. Twice a month the children learn songs in English and in Hebrew.

Gan Alon is run in cooperation with Little Scholar Preschool, a non-denominational preschool that has used Shaarei Beth El's facilities for the past seven years.

Marlene Rizzuto, the early childhood educator who operates Little Scholar, was enthusiastic about starting a Jewish preschool. She enlisted her 19-year-old daughter Raquel to research Jewish customs and holidays in order to build a program.

Most of Gan Alon's activities are carried on in one large room with areas for arts and crafts, blocks, interlocking toys, a computer and a drama centre, where kids dress-up and play with toy replicas of a house, a beauty salon, a bakery and a firestation.

The preschool incorporates both Jewish and non-Jewish themes. "It's learning, but learning through fun," Rizzuto said.

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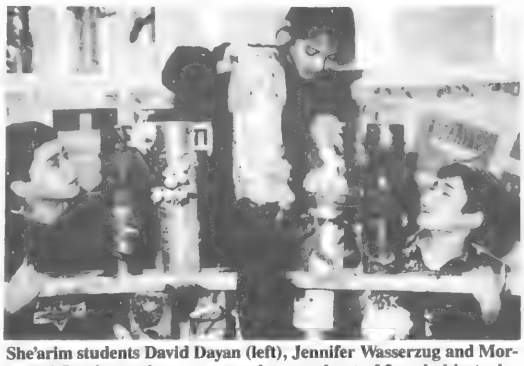
Arts program aids kids' skills

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter



She'arim students David Dayan (left), Jennifer Wasserzug and Mordechai Soroka work on a menorah created out of found objects, including plaster casts, and telephone wire.

Recycled paper rolls, bits of telephone wire, scraps of fabric and leftover simchah decorations are helping students of She'arim Hebrew Day School improve their cognitive, motor, organizational and social skills.

And the kids are having a ball taking part in Judy Spetter's Integrated Arts program.

She'arim is a school for children with learning disabilities; that is, those with difficulty taking in, processing or disseminating information.

Learning disabilities are in no way linked with intelligence. The children, who are often quite bright, tend to be aware that they have these problems, and get very frustrated.

Poor motor skills, as well as difficulty in dealing with other people, often accompany learning disabilities, compounding the youngsters' emotional upheaval and lack of confidence.

That's where the Integrated Arts program comes in.

Spetter began her program three years ago, with the assistance of the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. It is now funded by She'arim.

Part of her mandate, she told *The CJN*, is to work with as much recyclable material as possible. "There is a metamorphosis. The kids take something familiar, like a ladle, or a chair, and change its structure and function to something completely new."

The children learn planning skills, she explained. "They have to think through what they are doing. They have to problem solve, analyse, divide tasks, prioritize."

The process teaches them logical, independent and sequential thinking, as well as helping to reduce impulsive behavior, another frequent companion to learning disabilities.

Spetter said she may take a whole morning just to plan. The students confer with each other, listen, make choices. "The end product is something they all created."

Among the projects that the children have created are a golem (a realistic, plaster human figure), tissue paper and clothes hanger angels, a mural on Jewish history and menorahs.

Artist Judy Dan has donated looms and weaving materials to the school, and the students are learning to weave.

Spetter is enthusiastic about her newest project, origami, the Japanese art of paper folding.

"This is the richest art form for fostering cognitive functions and manipulations skills," she enthuses, explaining how youngsters have to learn precision, accuracy when transferring information from a pictorial model or from written instructions, and the skill of restructuring a simple unit, a flat piece of paper, into a more complex, three dimensional structure.

Teachers can (and often do) come to her with particular problems a student or a class seems to be having, and she will design a project to overcome it. This may involve getting a painfully shy child to present a project to other students, or a class where students don't get along with each other working on a group project, where each member has an equal responsibility for the finished product.

She'arim principal Dori Levine is more than pleased with the success of the Integrated Arts program.

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Live & Learn

Israel study year can boost graduates' Jewish identity

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

The coming weeks will be tense for Toronto student Chava Berman and those like her waiting to learn what the future holds for their education.

Berman, 17, is in her final year at the religious Zionist Ulpanat Orot high school. She hopes to spend next year studying towards her teacher's certificate in Israel, and to that end has applied to two women's yeshivot in the Jerusalem area. She won't know if she has been accepted until March.

"It's the worst month in our lives," she wails over the telephone from the school office in Downsview.

A study year in Israel has long been promoted by Jewish educators as a way for Canadian students to better identify with Judaism, whether pursuing religious studies in yeshivot or secular studies at one of Israel's eight universities.

"Being in Israel for a year is a very moving, very growing experience," says Rabbi Chaim Sacknovitcz of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT).

As director of guidance at CHAT, it is Rabbi Sacknovitcz's job to inform the high school's 106 graduating students about study options in Israel, which can cost between $6,000 and $15,000 for a year's program. Scholarships are widely available.

This year only six CHAT graduates have committed themselves to a year abroad, which means postponing their studies here. "Most kids are in such a hurry to go to university," Rabbi Sacknovitcz says, "that they think a year in Israel is a waste of time."

Not Laz Klein, now a third-year medical student at the University of Toronto. Klein, 24, credits his 1990-1991 year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Rothberg School for Overseas Students with helping him choose medicine as a career path.

"Having a year away from science, where not everyone was doing chemistry experiments, made me realize I wanted to apply to medical school," he says about the political science and sociology lectures he took in at Hebrew U. "Now I would never want to do anything else."

A junior year at the Hebrew U is one of the more popular Israel study options for Canadian students, with 100 taking credit courses through the Rothberg School last year.

Popular study option

The 10-month program, which runs over $13,000 without airfare, includes a six-week ulpan and dormitory room and board. The Canadian Friends of Hebrew University reports an additional 20 Canadian students enrolled last year for the mechinah (preparatory) program in order to complete their degree at Hebrew U.

Another popular study option is yeshivot. Hesder yeshivot combine religious studies in Hebrew with military service, while "American" yeshivot conduct their classes for young men in English.

Of the latter, Beit Midrash l'Torah (BMT, now Tochnit Torat Yerushalayim) has attracted a number of Canadian high school graduates like Rafi Cashman of Toronto.

Cashman, 19, spent last year at BMT in Jerusalem after completing his studies at CHAT. Now studying general arts at the U of T, Cashman says his Israel year "made me realize much more the value of learning."

An articulate young man committed to furthering his religious education, Cashman says his greatest difficulty was not in adjusting to Israel, but rather in returning to Toronto and reconnecting with the friends he left behind. Klein had the same experience, but says it was offset by the new friends he made in Israel.

Not every student will be comforted by the thought of future friendships. That is why some choose to study in Israel with their current friends.

Jerry Solomon, executive director of Yeshivat Or Chaim, the brother school of Ulpanat Orot in Toronto, says he expects that every one of this year's 20 graduating students is going on to study in Israel, mostly in pairs. "Networking helps the adjustment" to institutions like Yeshivot Ma'aleh, Or Etzion and the overseas program at Yeshivat Hakotel, Solomon says.

For Chava Berman that may be difficult. "I didn't apply to traditional schools for Ulpanat, places like Brovender's, Michlelet Orot and Michlala (Jerusalem College for Women)," she says, breathless from an interview with her number 1 choice.

Only one other classmate applied to the same $13,000 program, which accepts between 70 and 80 students a year. Berman knows it will be a matter of weeks before she finds out if she is one of them, but says it doesn't make the wait any easier. "Our entire future depends on this."

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By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
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If you want your preschooler to be educated in a Jewish setting, there are a variety of kindergarten programs to choose from in the Greater Toronto Area.

Most Jewish day schools have junior kindergarten (JK) for 4- to 5-year-olds and senior kindergarten (SK) for 5- to 6-year-olds. There are also some day cares and community preschools which have kindergarten programs.

Choosing a preschool program for children means balancing both the parents' and the children's needs, because many working parents have to send their children to full-day programs, Sadie Domb, the administrator of B'nai Shalom North, a Thornhill day care, told *The CJN*.

"It's important that young children gain that feeling of being proud of their Judaism," Domb said. "The younger they are exposed to a Jewish education the better, because they're like sponges. That's what they'll carry with them all their lives."

She suggested that parents looking for a preschool should visit perspective centres with the child, to observe his or her reaction to the setting. Parents should ask questions about the curriculum and structure, and make sure the program is licensed and run by qualified staff, she said.

Loving Care, another Jewish day care currently located at Eitz Chaim School in Thornhill, added an SK program three years ago. Devorah Weinberg, the day care director, said children who complete this SK program adapt easily to Grade 1 in a day school.

According to Weinberg, an all-day SK is advantageous because there's time to teach reading readiness. "We don't have to get it all in quickly," she said. "We have a whole day."

The purpose of kindergarten is to prepare the students for grade school, build their self-esteem and give them a love of learning, she said. The main difference between JK and SK is the amount of time students spend acquiring such skills as basic math concepts and reading readiness.

Eileen Goldstein, the preschool program coordinator at Netivot HaTorah Day School, an orthodox Jewish day school in Thornhill, also sees kindergarten as a preparatory program. "It's the bridge that goes from pure experiential learning to a more formal setting," she told *The CJN*.

Goldstein outlined several areas of skill development, which included listening, socialization, math readiness and fine motor coordination. Such skills are integrated through music, art, cooking and language arts, she said.

Goldstein stressed that enjoyment is crucial to the kindergarten experience. "We want the kids to have a good time," she said. "Playing is a learning experience. It's an important element."

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Parents investigating preschool programs should look for one that will develop their child's self-esteem and enjoyment for learning, said Yonah Ander, director of the Temple Sinai program. "It should be warm and loving."

She advises parents to choose a program with a low teacher-student ratio, to check the teachers' qualifications and to make sure the environment is safe and well-maintained.

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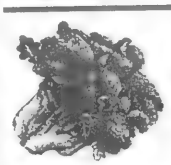

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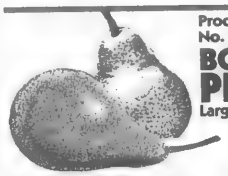

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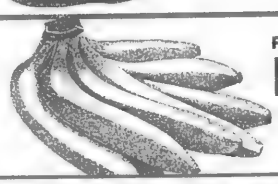

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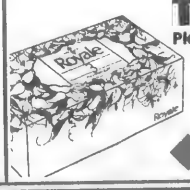

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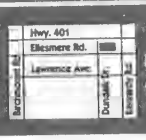

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Here, brides and grooms-to-be can see the latest wedding products and trends, one-stop shop for every need, get a head start on their own plans, and co-ordinate their decisions. Couples will find virtually every wedding product and service for every budget and taste.

There are over 250 exhibitors, representing bridal salons, florists, disc jockeys, orchestras, gift shops, invitations, jewelers, reception facilities, travel agencies, video services, confectioners and wineries. There are experts to advise on every aspect of the wedding from the ring to the honeymoon. As many of our exhibitors are party planners, anyone planning other special events such as a bar or bat mitzvah will also benefit from attending.

Among the highlights are two separate fashion shows, sponsored by *Today's Bride* Magazine and Braun. Presented on all three days, the fashion shows feature Toronto's top designers, and the newest Canadian and European collections for Spring/Summer '95. This year's theme is "True Love"; this is also the new perfume from Elizabeth Arden, who will decorate our fashion stage in a "True Love" theme.

In the **Couture Fashion Shows**, custom bridal designers bring their latest creations to the Toronto Bridal Show runway, Participants are: Anita Wilson (AWE), Maria Couturier Bridals, Marquessa, Morbella, Nadene Cain, Roksolana, Studio A, Tomé Dress Salon and Valencienne.

The **Boutique Fashion Shows** highlight Toronto's leading bridal boutiques, presenting their lineup of styles for the entire wedding party. Boutique Show participants are: Bay Bridal Salon "Ethos", Allie Fashion and Bridal Wear, Big Beautiful Brides, Bridal Warehouse, Lina's Boutique, Ritché and Sposabella, and Victoriana.

Tuxedo companies participating are: Andrew's Formal Rentals, Classy Formal Wear, Freeman Formalwear, Syd Silver, Tuxedo Royale and Tuxedo Town.

Just before each fashion show, there are draws for door prizes. Brides-to-be can win one of five Braun Kitchens, or one of Elizabeth Arden's fabulous Gift Baskets (value $250.00) with products from their new "True Love" fragrance.

Our Seminar Program offers couples an entertaining, informative look at planning a wedding to reflect their personal style. Here is the lineup for 1995:

Clinique's **"Bridal Beauty Countdown"** seminar starts with a skin care checkup, them matches your makeup with colors to complement your fabric, flowers and individual tastes. Clinique's team of experts will help you learn all you need to know about skin care, makeup and fragrance, to ensure that you are at your best on that special day.

In **"Color the Man of Your Life"**, Patricia DeSimone of Tuxedo Royale presents a seminar on color co-ordinating the men in your wedding party to complement any theme. Accessories are the key to a look of distinction; why not let Tuxedo Royale help you color the entire wedding party?

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In **"The Winning Way of Gift Registry"**, Suzanne Savage, Gift Registry Co-ordinator for The Bay, presents a new perspective on choosing wedding and shower gifts.

Piano Players Plus and Divertimento Music present **"Music, Maestro Please"**, with interesting combinations of musicians to add sparkle to your wedding day from ceremony to reception, and tips on choosing your music and musicians.

In **"Doing it Right for the Men in Your Wedding"**, Leonard Goldstein of Freeman Formalwear presents an informative look at dressing the men in your wedding party, with tips on co-ordinating color, style and fit.

In **"Dazzling Centrepieces"**, Stewart Hurry of Tidy's Flowers will create two centrepieces that demonstrate the Tidy's touch.

Bridal Show hours are: Friday 5:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Admission is $8.00. For Saturday night after 6:00 p.m., there is a special admission of $5.00. For more information, please call Kathy O'Hara or Marti Milks at (416) 661-2056; fax (416) 661-2094.

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National Bridal Show '95 - Schedule of Events

Friday, February 3

6:40 p.m.	The Bay "Winning Way of Gift Registry"
6:55 p.m.	Door Prizes
7:00 p.m.	***Boutique Fashion Show***
8:10 p.m.	Fenton's Flowers "Creating Unique Bridal Flowers"
8:25 p.m.	Door Prizes
8:30 p.m.	***Couture Fashion Show***

Saturday, February 4

12:40 p.m.	Tuxedo Royale "Colour the Man of Your Life"
12:55 p.m.	Door Prizes
1:00 p.m.	***Boutique Fashion Show***
2:40 p.m.	Piano Players Plus & Divertimento Music
2:55 p.m.	Door Prizes
3:00 p.m.	***Couture Fashion Show***
6:40 p.m.	The Bay "Winning Way of Gift Registry"
6:55 p.m.	Door Prizes
7:00 p.m.	***Boutique Fashion Show***
8:10 p.m.	Tidy's Flowers "Dazzling Centrepieces"
8:25 p.m.	Door Prizes
8:30 p.m.	***Couture Fashion Show***

Sunday, February 5

12:40 p.m.	Clinque's Bridal Beauty Countdown
12:55 p.m.	Door Prizes
1:00 p.m.	***Boutique Fashion Show***
3:40 p.m.	Freeman Formalwear "Doing It Right for the Men in Your Wedding"
3:55 p.m.	Door Prizes
4:00 p.m.	***Couture Fashion Show***

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Adeer Kosher Catering owner Ester Klein says that she is enthusiastic about the opportunity for her customers to plan their Simchas at the Hollywood Princess. "It's close to the Jewish community, and I know our customers will be thrilled with the facility," says Klein.

Klein's Adeer Catering chef has developed a variety of exceptional menu alternatives well suited for modest right up to absolutely lavish affairs. Klein is proud of her flexible menu options, offering superb choices from traditional dinners to trendy buffets.

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Ester says that she prides herself on making the host's job as easy as she can. "We offer lots of help to make the Simcha as worry-free as possible." She offers consulting to help arrange for such services as photography, florists, musicians or virtually any special needs.

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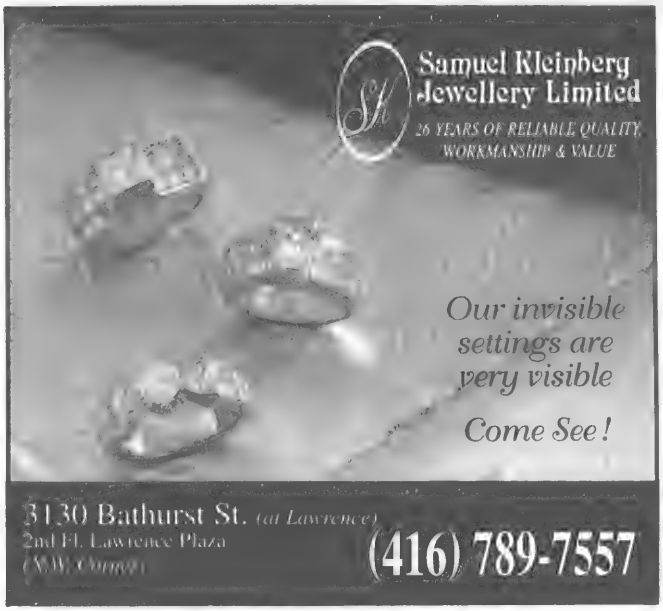

Shape, Shine and Glamour

by Joy Cherry

There's a new spin on that earlier period of elegance. Dinner at 8, and sounds of Benny Goodman's Big Band; dinner dressing, sweet notes of Ella and Frank — it's time to begin the beguine all over again.

We curvaceous, bosomy, zaftig, voluptuous real life females are the shape of things to come. Fashion designers are one and all making beautiful clothes for real live women; whether you're a 6 or a full 16, the clothes to come will shape and fit. As we say, "*fashion is in heat*", fallen head over heels for full busts and shapely legs. Bustiers are back, the push-up bosom is in. Watch for the cosseted, corseted, laced Louis XV bodice; obvious now and coming on strong for spring.

This time of the year is a renewal: end of one calender year, beginning of the new, and we instinctively reach toward the spring as an anchor to pull us through the dreary winter. Spring weddings give us hope, and the sense of renewal of our own commitments and those of the young.

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On February 2, Joy Cherry will join Tiffany & Co. and the Granite Club in hosting a presentation for brides. A Tiffany's New York representative will do a presentation on the Tiffany table settings illustrated in the famous Tiffany book. We are excited to have the President of Tiffany's, Philip Taylor, who will lecture on diamonds and jewellery. Our bridal department will present an outstanding fashion show highlighting incredible dream-like gowns from the couture bridal collections of Vera Wang, Priscilla and Christos — all exclusive to us in Canada. This will take place in the Grand Ballroom of the Granite Club on Bayview Ave. For a complimentary invitation, please phone Carol Gold at 416-489-8809. When these three major energies (Tiffany's, Joy Cherry and the Granite Club) merge, a splendid time is guaranteed for all. See you at the show!

As I say goodbye to 1994, certain events spring to mind. One was my visit to the Holocaust Museum in Washington and a personal tour by its brilliant architect, James Freed.

The impact of the exhibit is strengthened by the architecture, which leads its visitors on a historical journey to silence. There are no right angles. Everything is torqued and twisted, from the skewed skylight to the glass block fissures in the floor of the central atrium, symbolizing the fracturing of civilization. The four towers on the north side evoke the watchtowers of the death camps, and the overdoors have the triangular point of the badge of the ghetto. I watched people of all faiths and colours silently moving through the exhibits, tears welling in their eyes.

This museum is a tribute both to the American government for its role in erecting it and to James Freed for making it "one with its contents".

New York, with its thundering heartbeat and absolutely inescapable energy, was a welcome relief from the emotional exhaustion of Washington. We had a wonderful roasted pompano at Picholine on the west side near the Lincoln Centre and an outstanding dinner at the Union Square Café. It was so great I bought their cookbook!

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Alan Cherry Bridal ushers in a new era of elegance in Hazelton Lanes

One name alone evokes the cutting edge of fashion elegance: Alan Cherry. For over two decades, he has dressed the fashion elite in furs, leathers and formal wear. The recent opening of

his new bridal salon in Hazelton Lanes is a natural extension of his desire to design for the bride, creating a unique art form in his gowns.

Alan Cherry began his design career while still young, apprenticing in his parents' east end store, and later attending Gallasos School of Fashion Design and the Ontario College of Art. His family, one of the oldest retailers in Toronto, is synonymous with innovation in style. He was the first retailer in Toronto to import styles by Giorgio Armani and Hugo Boss. The exclusive line of designer gowns at Alan Cherry Bridal will allow him to continue in this vein.

As the only salon in Canada carrying bridal fashions by Christian Dior, Alan Cherry Bridal will present a trunk show on Jan. 26 and 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Jan. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., providing a preview of some of these exquisite fashions for 1995. Christian Dior representative Linda Pilon and Maria Arrigo, Vice-President of Alan Cherry Bridal will assist in the presentation. There will be informal modelling and refreshments.

Ever seeking the beautiful and unique, Cherry explains, "We search the market, travel at least two months out of the year. We are probably the biggest trend setter in Toronto; we're ahead of everybody." Buying trips include visits to such couture shows as the Paris Prêt à Porter, Moda Milano and Igedo. John Speziale, general manager of Alan Cherry adds, "We've scouted the world for the most magnificent gowns." Alan Cherry Bridal also carries St. Pucchi, Scaasi, Jim Hjelm, Fink, Galina, Diamond, and other leading designer lines.

The salon itself provides a beautiful and comfortable atmosphere, where the bride can feel truly pampered. Italian columns frame the hand-painted, frescoed *cupola*, making the bride the "centrepiece" as she leisurely tries a variety of gowns. Italian marble floors and antique-style furniture and mirrors with gilded, imported Venetian frames add a palatial air befitting such luxurious garments. Coffee, cappuccino, espresso and party sandwiches are always available.

Cherry sees the gowns as a type of sculpture in fabric — a costume for the bride's most romantic story. The selection of materials include silk shantung, silk brocade, duchesse silk-faced satin, silk organza and hand-beaded, re-embroidered alencon lace with Swarovski crystals. Styles vary as much as the brides themselves, with every gown designed specifically for each bride. Curved V-neck lines, dropped waistlines with roses and cascades of English net and cathedral trains come in shades of antique ivory with moss silk underlaying or white blush with white ice blue, to name but a few. Attendants' dresses come in rich vibrant colours of new plum, amethyst, iris, midnight blue, emerald, deep purple or claret. Alan Cherry Bridal has probably the largest selection of bridal gowns in Toronto, but it's also a one-stop bridal shop.

Cosmeticians are on staff for consultation and a hair salon from Hazelton Lanes will work with brides at the salon. Cherry emphasizes "one on one service, personal attention"; his staff are professionals, people that have been in the bridal industry for many years.

Mothers-of-the-bride can find their perfect dress, with the personal consultants and knowledgeable sales staff, in Alan Cherry's original store at 33 Avenue Road — still the destination of choice for dressy evening wear.

Bridal gowns, including those designed by Alan Cherry, are priced from $1,500. Accessories are custom-made: earrings, shoes, headpieces and veils. Speziale adds that lingerie is a specialty, and "only the most exquisite imported items" find their way into Alan Cherry Bridal.

All gowns pictured are Christian Dior for Alan Cherry Bridal

Christian Dior Trunk Show

Thurs. January 26 & Fri. Jan. 27, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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A fashion visionary, Alan Cherry is never satisfied with what he has done, always looking to bigger and better things. He expanded his interest in fashion into food with restaurant Lox Stock and Bagel, which has enjoyed such popularity since opening in the Lanes that lineups are common. Summer wedding festivities can be held on Lox Stock's outdoor patio, in the inimitable ambience of Hazelton Lanes. Cherry feels that "food and fashion are the same." Food has to be fashionable today, with both quality and finery.

Cherry will take fashion in formal wear one step further this year when he opens an exclusive men's wear store, to look after the needs of the groom and fathers of the bride and groom. They will be provided with pure silk and fine worsted tuxedos with beautiful accessories. The entire wedding party will look and feel regal and exquisite when dressed in Alan Cherry. It all adds up to the perfect wedding: Alan guarantees it.

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Tarantino offers the ultimate in formal attire to discerning clients

If there's a dichotomy between a man's regular wardrobe and his special occasion wear, Marcello Tarantino doesn't see it. Tarantino views the tuxedo as an integral part of the wardrobe, not an afterthought.

Seen in this perspective, a tuxedo purchase offers manifold advantages: "You're prepared for the weddings, the bar mitzvahs and the black tie affairs that always seem to be just around the corner. Instead of worrying about what to wear — and scrambling into something at the last minute that'll have you looking like a stuffed penguin — you simply go into your closet and take out exactly what you need."

No small part of the benefit stems from the ease and confidence with which you'll wear a garment that was custom made or custom fitted in the finest fabrics available. From the Scabal ready-to-wear collection, Tarantino carries a large selection of mohair and wool formal attire in all sizes. Impeccable in quality and finish, these tuxedos and capes can be custom fitted by Tarantino's staff of eminently qualified master tailors. For the ultimate in comfort and fit, you can have your formal attire custom-made in silk or any of Scabal's other luxurious fabrics. Ready-to-wear garments run around $1600, while custom-made start at $2700.

Once you've attended to the tuxedo, it's time for the evening shirts, bowties and cummerbunds. Enter Italy's Stefano Ricci collection, whose legendary attention to detail makes it the world's finest.

Tarantino continues: "It's ironic that the special occasions we cherish can be one of our greatest sources of anxiety. If you're neither confident nor comfortable in your attire, the anxiety can rob you of the joy you're supposed to be experiencing. The right outfit, on the other hand, becomes part of you, an extension of your personality — a source of comfort and confidence."

If you require a suit or jacket for a less-formal occasion, you'll be well-served by Tarantino's distinguished selection of imported ready-to-wear men's wear and accessories. If you prefer made to measure, the shop enjoys an international reputation for bespoke tailoring.

The quality of the goods at Tarantino and the dignity with which they're presented suggests that for the discerning men who shop here, **every** day is a special occasion, to be cultivated and enjoyed in the appropriate attire. The environment is devoid of flash and bravado, and full of the quiet commitment that befits a *maestro sarto*.

Flowers of the World covers the bridal spectrum

Tuula Kivinen's credentials as a bridal flower consultant are impeccable: ten years in the flower business coupled with an extensive previous background in textile design and hotel management. The skills she's acquired in the process enable her to offer a wedding flower service second to none in the industry.

Custom-made chupah

From textile design, she brings a sensitivity to colour; from hotel management, an appreciation for the critical importance of service and the finer points of floral display. Elements of both are evident in the sprawling bridal consultation area of her charming studio.

There, in addition to some spectacular floral arrangements, you'll find a fully-assembled chupah; arches wreathed in vines and chiffon; "vine globes" perched on wrought-iron pedestals; a fully set dining table on which table flower arrangements can be demonstrated; and a myriad of accessories to choose from, like vases, wrought-iron candelabra, and candles.

Fabric swatches are expertly matched with complimentary colours, and the floral and linen arrangements can be colour coordinated as well. The shape and size of bouquets are carefully chosen to flatter the bride's figure and stature.

Tuula's expertise and reputation for making special occasions look truly extraordinary have brought her into virtually every synagogue in Toronto. Her total commitment to her clients extends well beyond the initial consultation and sale: she or a member of her team will personally visit the venue of the function to ensure that all arrangements and bouquets are made perfect. "Punctuality and quality are paramount," she says. "When we tell our customers not to worry, we really mean it."

With such dedication and craft, it's little wonder that Tuula's clients include royalty, the opera ball, and the Estates of Sunnybrook. But the royal treatment doesn't necessarily cost more; you'll find her willing and able to work within your budget.

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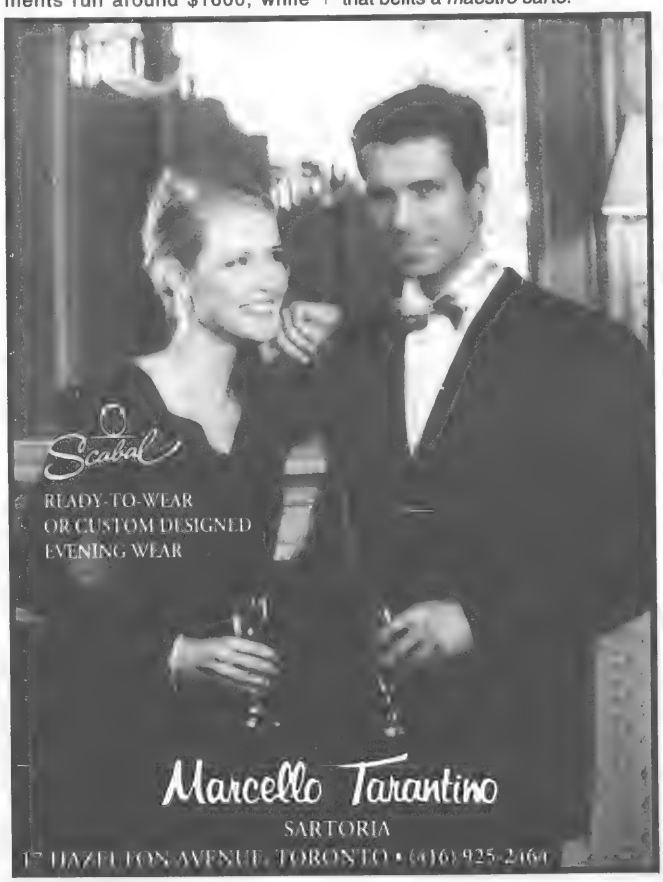

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Tricia Cochran — the "best thing that ever happened to a bridal gown"

In the world of fashion, there are thousands of designers, but only a few are capable of consistently creating a collection of couture quality. Tricia Cochran is one.

Elegant tea-length wedding dress in layers of romantic frothy silk georgette with hand ruched bodice and jewel neckline

Her bridal collection encompasses traditional, Victorian and contemporary designs with a varied selection of styles in each category. Fabrics for the collection include silk dupioni, rich duchesse, peau de soie, georgette and tulle. Tricia Cochran creatively combines these with fine French lace and Swiss embroideries.

The uniqueness of the collection is enhanced by the hand finishings which are soft and subtle: rouleau, beading, ruching, and appliqué are all handworked.

For Tricia Cochran the key is simplicity and each piece carries the signature of quality, fit and excellence which is the hallmark of a Tricia Cochran gown.

Many women feel that if they find the gown of their dreams, comfort is a bonus. Not so, says Cochran: "If you're not comfortable in your dress, then we haven't done our job properly."

From the sleekest modern silhouettes to the most elaborate Victorian forms, each Cochran piece makes the wearer feel good and look good. The bride can choose from an enticing array of exclusive headpieces and veils to accessorize her gown. The salon also carries a selection of silk shoes, which coordinate with the gowns.

All flowers by Tuula Flowers Of The World and photographs by Studio 87

Victorian wedding gown in champagne silk dupioni. Bodice inlaid with gold lace and tiny blush silk roses. Overskirt trimmed in a rose-ruffled silk garland; train lavishly bordered in gold lace with blush silk underlay.

Slender sheath gown in French re-embroidered lace and silk dupioni. Shoulders wrapped in ivory and blush pink roses; detachable train secured with silk roses.

Cochran's clients include the "who's who" of the community, but this demure lady is extremely down to earth, and her warm smile and Scottish burr will make you feel instantly at ease.

Her professional and understanding approach to the sometimes daunting task of purchasing a gown for such a momentous occasion makes the experience enjoyable and stress-free. She guides you through the maze of decisions with patience, expertise, and good common sense. She is genuine — not elitist — when she says "I enjoy working with people, and more so when they have an appreciation of fabric, quality and workmanship. I take it as a privilege to be entrusted with the task of crafting the bridal gown, being a special part of the wedding day celebration."

Gowns at Tricia Cochran are surprisingly affordable, due in part to the recently introduced three-level price range. This means that a gown chosen from the collection can be ordered as ready-to-wear in a standard size and then altered to fit. For those who prefer to have a pattern made and fitted to their measurements, level two provides the bride with a custom-made dress. Level three is a design service which entails creating an original design and custom making the gown especially for the client.

This year, Tricia is launching her first bridal party collection of ready to wear dresses and separates for attendants — contemporary pieces that can be worn again for other occasions. Prices for these Tricia Cochran exclusives average around $300.

Cochran comes by her sense of design and drama honestly. A graduate of the London (England) College of Fashion, she began her career creating costumes for theatre and television and then moved into the field of high fashion, where her handiwork graced Bond Street's finest stores.

She came to Canada with her longtime partners Muriel and Bill Williams. Together they have become a fifteen-year fixture in fashionable downtown Toronto. Cochran's obsession with quality has garnered a legion of followers — from the internationally renowned Bergdorf Goodman and the Royal Ontario Museum (which decided to acquire one of her creations as an example of contemporary couture), to the brides who wear her gowns. The letters and phone calls of thanks and praise are a lasting testimony to her talent.

Sophisticated Princess line gown in silk duchesse with pleated sweetheart neckline. Shoulder line and sleeve in pearl beaded silk chiffon. Separate chapel train in silk duchess.

Perhaps Cochran could be best summed up this way: As one of her brides once said, "Tricia Cochran is the best thing that ever happened to a bridal gown."

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A talk with Cary Silber about the Art of Catering

Question:

When you cater a special event such as a wedding, what is the most important aspect of your work?

Answer:

You'd probably expect me to say the food. And essential as the meal is, it's really part of a larger whole. That's because every aspect of the event must be work hand in hand, from music and bar service, right down to the individual place setting. The cumulative effect of all these elements is what really sets an Encore event apart.

Question:

Does that mean that you put less emphasis on food preparation that another caterer would?

Answer:

Not less emphasis, no. After all, we are creators of fine cuisine, and that is our primary role. Our menus are researched, planned and created uniquely for each function, and of course our mandate at all times, is to provide the most sumptuous meal that we possibly can. What I mean by the cumulative effect is that Encore goes beyond the host's expectations, to provide more than fine food alone. Service, presentation, menu planning, ambiance all contribute to the enjoyment of the meal. In other words, no matter how wonderfully our chef prepares a salmon filet, for example, if the wait staff serves it too abruptly, or if it's not presented with the right side dish that compliments the taste of the fish then it will detract from the guest's enjoyment of the food. That's what I mean by a cumulative effect.

Question:

How do you get to know the wedding party so well?

Answer:

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Question:

What is Encore's most important message to anyone planning a wedding or special function?

Answer:

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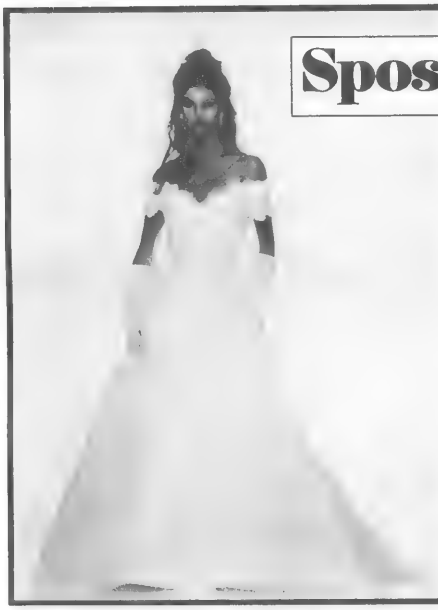
For more information about Encore, ask for Cary Silber at (416) 661-4460



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As catering manager, Joanne possesses both experience and a conscientious attitude. She has been kept busy booking weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and other special occasions and is delighted and very proud of the goals that have been accomplished at Regal.

Regal's philosophy is simple. Quality is achieved through attention to detail, and to the wishes and needs of the individual client. Plan your wedding with Regal, and you will discover that service has been refined to an art.

Joanne is a bubbly personality who exudes high energy and enthusiasm while effectively fulfilling her role as catering manager. The many thank-you notes and praise she has received from a long list of delighted customers are testimonials to the service that is provided by Regal Kosher Caterers. Now she believes, as 1995 begins, is the time to express her gratitude to all of the clients who have contributed to Regal's success. "A positive attitude is easy," she reflects, "when you enjoy success, and are so appreciated." This article serves as her response to the many words of praise that have come her way.

The most effective advertising, Joanne insists, is referral from a satisfied customer; and she's pleased to report that Regal is heavily booked for the months ahead. These bookings include the wedding of Joanne's son, Steven, in May 1995. It seems reasonable to assume that word of mouth played a role in his choice of caterers.

Large, varied menu

Regal offers a large, varied menu, and something which matters just as much: quality of preparation. Selection is important, says Joanne, but to make it genuine, you have to have the talent in the kitchen.

Once and for all, Regal disproves all the old stereotypes of Kosher food. Along with tried-and-true standards like prime rib steak, there are many delicious Oriental, Middle Eastern and Continental dishes. Regal has talented chefs to serve both the catering division and the restaurants.

Among their pasta creations are *Maritimes Taglialini*, a mélange of fresh market fish, tossed with thin, long noodles with tomato wine sauce and herbs, and *Tortellini Aurora*, vegetable filled tortellini in light tomato herb sauce, with button mushrooms. For meat lovers, the chef recommends *Pillard de Manzo*, scallopini of tender beef, flash-grilled with shallots, herbs and extra virgin olive oil. Those who fancy something spicy will enjoy *Cajun Chicken*, grilled breast of free-range chicken marinated and seasoned Louisiana style.

As always, Regal is committed to making quality Kosher food accessible to everyone. King Solomon's Table offers an all-you-can-eat Chinese dinner buffet. At lunch, a version of this buffet with fewer items, but still all you can eat, is available.

Regal's offices and permanent Kosher kitchen, as well as King Solomon's Table, are located in the Montecassino Place Hotel at 3710 Chesswood Drive in Downsview. King Solomon's is available for business luncheons as well as private parties. The Montecassino Place Hotel offers elegant ballrooms for simchas and comfortable suites for guests from out of town, with attractive group rates and weekend and overnight packages.

At the Wok 'N Deli in Thornhill, the innovative Chinese, Delicatessen and full Continental menu enjoys ongoing popularity at lunch and dinner. Here, the world's most delicious dilemma (do you wok or do you deli?) continues to intrigue the patrons. Even during peak hours, lineups are brief, and the service is friendly and efficient. The Wok 'N Deli is located at 441 Clark Ave. West, at the corner of Hilda Ave.

Growing clientele

The management and staff of Regal Kosher Caterers are unanimous in expressing their gratitude both to the community, for its ongoing support of all three establishments — and to Joanne Katz, for pleasing Regal's existing and growing clientele.

Joanne asserts that working with her clients is "a privilege and a pleasure", and invites you to contact her at Regal Kosher Caterers. She will take every care to ensure that your wedding is a success. To book your special occasion, call (416) 630-0303.

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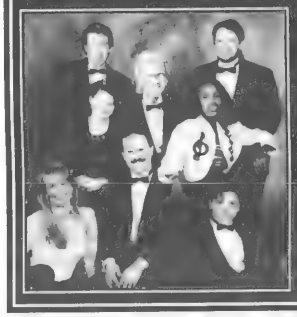

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High standards are a family tradition, and have made Firestone famous. "Our agenda is threefold," says Les: "quality, quality and quality. Value for the dollar will never go out of style. If we put smiles on our customers' faces, we've done our job."

Menus are innovative, so that every party is exciting and unique — for the caterer as well as the customer. The selection ranges from traditional fish, fowl and meat dishes to vegetarian; and the Firestones keep pace with trends, including the growing preference for lighter, healthier foods.

When even kids are sophisticated, old standbys like hot dogs and fries will no longer do. Items like fajitas and Chinese food are available, as are children's buffets.

Menus are customized to suit individual needs and budgets, with price options ranging from lavish to modest. "You don't have to spend a lot," says Les, "to have a great party. We give extra, but we don't charge extra."

In the catering business, a great chef is indispensable. Executive chef Jimmy Lyras and his team, says Les, are an essential part of Firestone's success.

Both Sam and Les believe a low-key, no-nonsense approach works best. They attend to all details without fanfare, right down to the colour of the decorations if you wish. While Sam is active as a consultant, Les as catering manager does the hands-on work of meeting customers' needs, from the initial interview until the affair ends. Les is always the last one to go home.

Firestone is Glatt Kosher, under strict supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (C.O.R.). There is a full-time mashgiach on the premises.

Although all catering is in-house, the banquet halls are also available to non-members of Shaarei Shomayim. Many non-members are attracted by Firestone's experience and reputation for quality and reliability.

Firestone caters all occasions: weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, sheva brachot, organization parties, corporate functions and meetings, sports banquets, engagement parties and receptions.

Attractive dates go fast, so call early to book your wedding or other special occasion. Sam Firestone Caterers is located in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, at 470 Glencairn Ave.; ask for Les Firestone at 782-8022 or 221-6329 (fax 789-1728).

Sam Sciarrino carries on the tradition of Horvath Studios

Stepping ably into the sizeable shoes of Tibor Horvath, who regrettably passed away in February '94 after a remarkable career, Sam Sciarrino is now continuing the 36-year tradition of Horvath Studios.

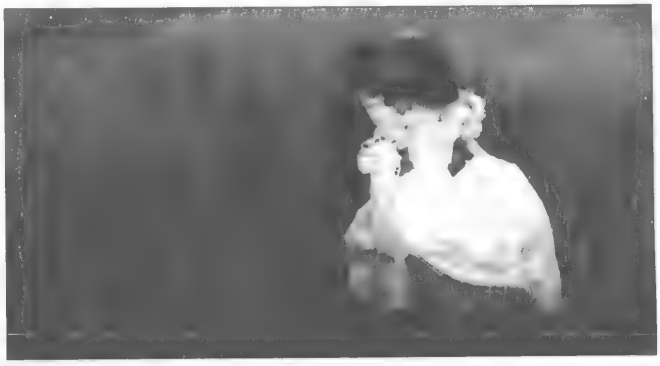
The transition is a natural one for Sciarrino, whose association with Horvath and the studio dates back to 1984. Hand-picked by Horvath to carry on the business, Sciarrino boasts a long list of photographic credits including Craftsman and Master of Photographic Arts (Professional Photographers of Canada) and Master of Photography (Professional Photographers of America).

A brief perusal of his award-winning work validates his reputation as a wedding photographer of choice. From the gauzy transparency of the sheerest veil to the grand sweep of a Scarlett O'Hara staircase, each detail is captured with stunning clarity, yet softly and romantically muted as befits the occasion.

Quality control of the printing process is a Sciarrino forté; many shots are reprinted several times until the desired effect is achieved. Since the state-of-the art lab he deals with is owned by his brother, it's reasonable to assume he has a "direct line."

Children's photos and portraits round out his portfolio, but weddings are a mainstay. Wedding shoots are usually "a family decision," says Sciarrino, with most or all of the adult family members involved in the consultation. Sciarrino's approach is low-key; if clients know what they want, he tries to execute their wishes and "let his camera do the talking".

That it speaks eloquently is evidenced by a multitude of return engagements at homes and synagogues throughout the city.



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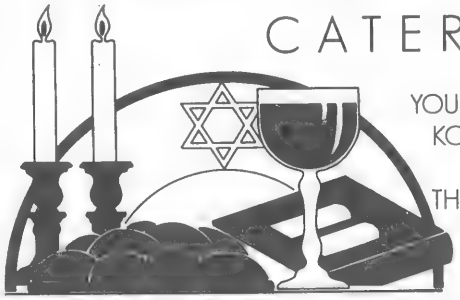

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When photographer Elliot Sylman sees that the people he photographs are having fun, he enjoys his work most. Although he has done commercial photography, most of his work is with people, at weddings and other simchas.

Elliot is a skilled craftsman who has done several showings, and is planning another in 1995. He does plenty of black and white work, and is one of the few people in Toronto to hand-color photos. Also this year, he will become one of the first in the city to introduce computerized custom coloring of black and white prints.

Important as professional skills are, they are only one half of success in any field, says Elliot. The other half is putting these skills at the client's disposal, and enjoying contact with people. His work often draws on his sense of fun, as when a client wants candid or humorous shots.

At the beginning of February, Sylman Photography is moving to a new facility at 495 Champagne Drive, near Dufferin and Finch. Four to five times bigger than his current location, this new facility will help him to serve his existing clients better, and to accommodate new ones. For information, please call (416) 635-6749

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Bronson's China and Gifts has built a reputation for excellence, both in its huge selection and in dedication to service.

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Often, one satisfied customer brings in another. Many of her clients have heard about Bronson's by word of mouth, from the recommendations of their friends and relatives.

Ilene prides herself on having one of the best bridal registries in the country, which caters to every budget and taste. The huge selection of quality items at Bronson's means the store has something to please every bride. What is more, Bronson's pricing policy ensures that brides who purchase their gifts and china here always get the best price.

Bronson's friendly staff of experienced, knowledgeable bridal consultants help brides pick out their patterns, and assist them in co-ordinating their tabletops from the store's huge selection of quality china, dinnerware, flatware, stemware and giftware. These consultants help make sure that the tableware will match and enhance the new lifestyle.

The atmosphere in the store is relaxed and friendly, and encourages customers to take their time looking and choosing. At Bronson's, friendliness extends to the guests of the bride. "Your guests are our guests too," says Ilene.

Bronson's offers modern and contemporary designs, as well as traditional patterns from all over the world. The famous international brand names to be found at Bronson's include Rosenthal, Mikasa, Noritake, Wedgewood, Fitz & Floyd, Villeroy and Boch, Royal Doulton and many others. Beautiful hand-painted Italian designs are also available.

The 7,000-sq. ft. store offers a full range of kitchen and decorative giftware. Stock is constantly updated, so that customers are sure to find the latest in home decorating items.

Gift wrapping, same-day delivery and telephone orders are a few of Bronson's special services. The computerized inventory means that service is always prompt.

Bronson's is located at 2 Steeles Ave. W., with plenty of parking. For bridal convenience, Bronson's is open seven days a week, Monday to Saturday 9:30 to 6:00, Thursday till 9:00, and Sunday form noon to 5:00.; telephone (905) 881-9930. To place cross-Canada orders, please call Bronson's toll-free line: 1-800-387-2766.

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The business that began with still-active founder Nash K. Parakh selling a half-dozen bolts of silk from the back of a beat-up Acadian has grown into the biggest silk importer in North America. Twenty-seven years later, his loft holds 5,000 bolts and the man who "doesn't believe in show business" still sits behind the same scarred oak desk acting as his own secretary and customs broker. He doesn't have a receptionist because "customers would have to pay for that, and everyone will tell you Nash James's prices are the best in town."

"Trying on the goods" is a relaxed experience at Nash James International

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All silks are hand spun, hand woven, hand dyed, and milled in Italy, France, and the Orient. Prices range from $6 a yard for "el cheapo" noile to $50-a-year French taffeta like that used in Lady Diana's wedding gown. Nash James stocks some 150 shades of solid douppioni, 50 to 60 stripes and checks in breathtakingly beautiful colours. Blouse weights, linings, and sheers are here too — if it's silk, Nash James has it.

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But silk isn't the only story here. An exquisite collection of French laces, brocades, and chiffon gives brides a dizzying selection of gown opportunities. Most brides come armed with a photograph of a wedding dress they like, purchase the fabric and then have it sewn by a designer of their choice. The result is a custom-made gown at a rock-bottom price.

Mothers-of-the-bride, bridesmaids and flower girls have a myriad of fabric options. Any woman seeking a special-occasion dress will be well-served here. The selection of French péne (cut velvet) is particularly outstanding.

It's a true family business, with Nash's son James and his wife Sheri completing the picture. They're friendly and helpful; you can truly relax here, and let your fancies take wing as you wander through the marvellous multitude of colours, textures, and patterns.

James Parakh, wife Sheri and founder Nash are a family team

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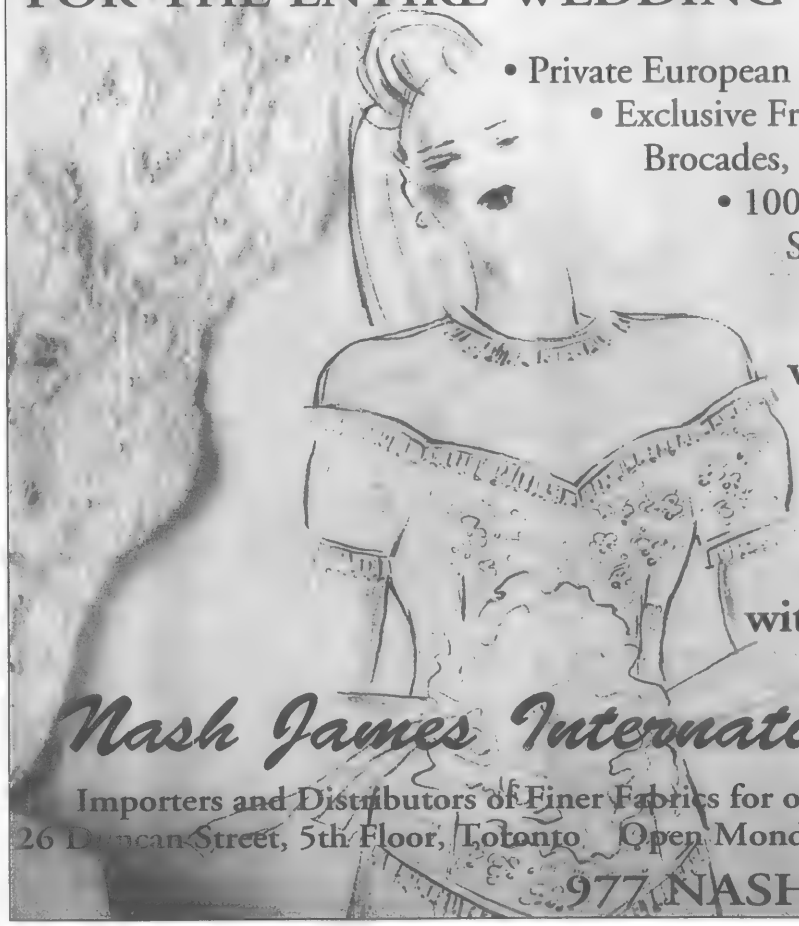

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Ritché's boutique steeped in history and success

The talent that has made Jack Ritché so well known in the bridal industry is the same talent that saved his life during WWII.

Captured by the Russians during WWII, he was sent to a Siberian prison camp. It was while interned there, that he was able to use his talents to captivate the Russian soldiers by making dresses for their wives and mistresses.

"He made such an impression on the Russians that he was offered a job in a Moscow fashion house after the war but anxious to leave Russia, he turned them down.

The training my father had been given in his family's tailoring business, kept him alive," says his daughter Vivian Prussky, who works in the family business.

Ritché returned home in 1946 to discover that his parents, brothers and most other relatives had perished.

In 1948, not wanting to remain in Europe, he and his pregnant wife, Helen, embarked on the long journey to Canada and on to a new life.

"He had to find work to support his wife and infant son and even though his English was minimal, he found a job at a Spadina Ave. custom tailor shop. Even then, however, sixty cents an hour did not go a long way, so after trying to better himself by changing jobs several times, he realized the only way to get ahead was to go into business for himself. Ritché Couture was born," says Prussky.

News of the talented man in the custom tailor shop at King and Bay spread quickly and eventually a customer approached him to design a dress for her daughter, who was about to marry the producer, Norman Jewison. "The bride realized my father's talents and suggested he open a shop on Bloor St., the soon-to-be fashion centre of Toronto."

Business on Bloor St. flourished and after becoming more renowned in the bridal business, Ritché was the first designer in Toronto to put on a full bridal fashion show. "These shows were so successful, they had turnouts of 800-1200 people. The bridal business was booming and my father was in the centre of it," says Vivian.

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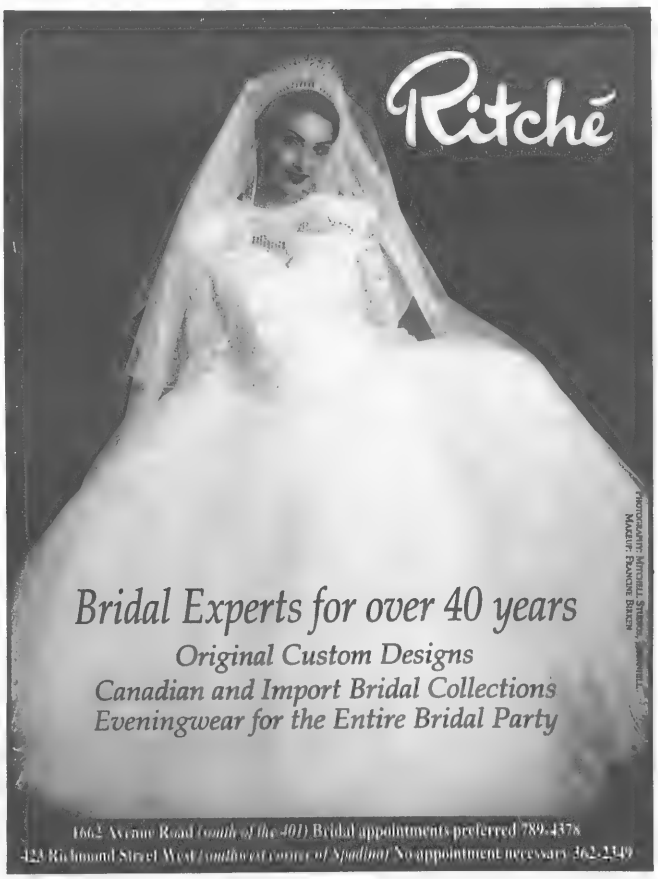
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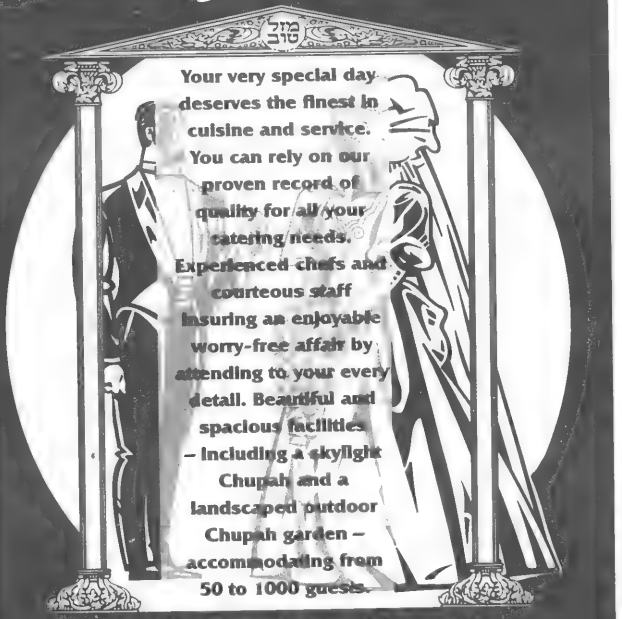
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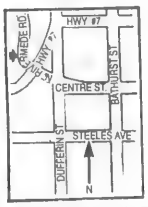

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Operating under the supervision of the Orthodox division of the Toronto Jewish Congress, and approved under the Kashruth Council of Ontario, each menu is custom designed.

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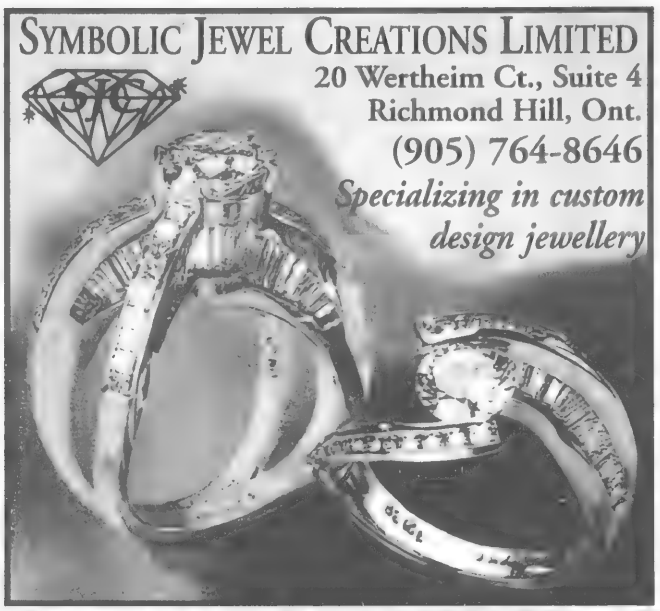

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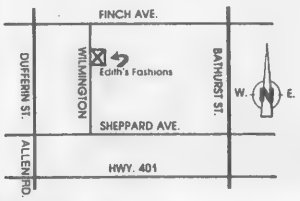

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Territories to remain closed

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JERUSALEM – The Israeli government has extended the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the wake of the Jan. 22 suicide bombing near Netanya that claimed the lives of 21 Israelis.

The cabinet decided Sunday to close off the West Bank for another week.

As for the autonomous Gaza Strip, the government said the closure would remain in effect until the Palestinian leadership lived up to the security commitments spelled out in its self-rule accord with Israel.

The government is continuing to explore the possibility of erecting a fence that would separate Israel from the Palestinians, and will now deploy dogs near the border to detect Palestinian infiltrators.

The closure prevents thousands of Palestinians from working at low-paying construction and agricultural jobs in Israel. The cabinet approved bringing in 6,000 foreign workers to fill those jobs.

Among those voicing support for the move was Uzi Baram, the dovish tourism minister, who told Israel Television he supported a permanent closure.

The government stepped up pressure on the Palestinian Authority by saying that workers from the Gaza Strip will be able to return to their jobs in Israel only when the Palestinian Authority starts taking meaningful steps against terrorists from the fundamentalist groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

The cabinet also extended its freeze on negotiations for the release of additional Palestinian prisoners and the opening of safe passage routes between the Palestinian self-rule areas of Gaza and the West Bank-Jericho enclave.

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The sister of Lt. Eyal Moshe Levy weeps at her brother's grave. Levy was fatally wounded in the Beit Lid bombings that killed 21 Israelis last month outside Netanya. Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility. [RNS photo]

Parents of disabled call out to community

A cry for help

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Zareinu pupil Jessica Silver, 5

TORONTO — Frustration is a constant companion to parents of seriously handicapped children and those who work with them.

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Frustration at the endless, bone-numbing demands on their time, energy and resources.

SPECIAL REPORT

And frustration at the realization that the dreams for their children will remain just that — dreams.

Twelve-year-old Gerry (the names of parents and children in this article are changed at their request) has a chromosomal disorder that has left him unable to walk independently, speak or be toilet trained, and subject to seizures.

His mother Susan says he seems to comprehend what is said to him, and communicates somewhat using a word board.

'I cried for hours'

Gerry used to go to Zareinu, an educational centre for young Jewish children, but when staff there could no longer help him, he was transferred to a public school.

This was a blow to Susan, who is Orthodox. "I liked him being there, in a Jewish environment."

As Gerry gets older, Susan says, everything seems harder. Programs are harder to find, and when one does open up, it is farther and farther away. Funding is drying up, and she is concerned that what meagre facilities and grants are now available will be even further reduced.

Worst of all for Gerry, she says is "he doesn't have friends. People don't say hello to him, kids don't ask him to play.

"I guess they are uncomfortable — they don't know how to react."

Her reaction has been to take the initiative and find programs, people to help, money. "You always feel guilty — you always feel you should be doing something more to help."

Karen's 22-year-old son Mark suffers from autism, a severe developmental disorder that affects mainly communication and behavior.

She remembers being told, clinically and coldly, "your son will never be normal. He will always need a lot of care. Here is a list of preschools." He was two.

"I sat down beside his crib and cried for hours," Karen says. "I don't think I stopped crying for weeks."

But she did stop, and with the fierce determination that marks these parents, set out to learn all she could about this still misunderstood condition and become active in the Autistic Society.

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CANADA

Airborne No Longer

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith are asking for an inquiry into the armed services following Defence Minister David Collenette's decision to disband the disgraced Canadian Airborne Regiment.

Congress called for an inquiry into how officers allowed the "deplorable racism and violent hazing" Canadians witnessed on a leaked videotape, and sought assurances that such incidents would not be repeated.

B'nai Brith welcomed the minister's announcement and urged that such an inquiry focus on systemic issues in the armed forces.

Volunteer honored

WINNIPEG — Lawyer Yude Henteleff was one of 23 individuals and four organizations named recently as recipients of the Citizenship and Immigration Ministry's Citation for Citizenship.

Henteleff was recognized for his work with the Learning Disabilities Association of Canada, through which he addressed the human rights of the mentally handicapped.

The Citation for Citizenship pays tribute to Canadians who have made exceptional contributions to the life of their communities by promoting freedom, justice, equality and respect for diversity.

Articles Sought

TORONTO — The Holocaust Education Centre of Toronto is planning an exhibition commemorating the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Europe by Allied forces.

The centre is seeking objects, photos and correspondence from or relating to experiences in displaced persons camps, evacuation marches and liberated concentration camps.

The exhibit will be on display for one year beginning April 12. All materials will be returned to donors.

For further inforation call Pnina Zilberman at 416-635-2883.

Fighting Racism

TORONTO —The Canadian Council of Christian and Jews (CCCJ) has organized an anti-racism bumper sticker program sponsored by National Grocers Company Ltd. during Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week from Feb. 12-19.

CCCJ will be distributing 25,000 bumper stickers across the country with the words "Hate Hurts: Say No to Racism."

Abe Arnold Honored

WINNIPEG — Writer and historian Abe Arnold was co-recipient of the sixth annual Manitoba Human Rights Achievement Awards for his work in combating discrimination.

The award was presented to Arnold and retired labor leader Ed Blackman by the Community Legal Education Association.

Arnold called for broader mandates for overburdened human rights commissions across the country in his award acceptance speech.

ISRAEL

New Green Line

JERUSALEM — A special ministerial committee will study how to implement full separation between Israel and the Palestinians, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin announced last week.

The committee will explore various possibilities, including the construction of a security fence near the Green Line, he said.

He said the committee would submit its first recommendations within two months.

PLO-Jordan Accord

JERUSALEM — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat traveled to the Jordanian capital of Amman for his first meeting with King Hussein since Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty three months ago.

Jordanian officials said the two sides had reached an understanding about control of Muslim holy sites in eastern Jerusalem.

The PLO acknowledged Jordanian custodianship over the holy sites, while Jordan backed what was called future Palestinian sovereignty in eastern Jerusalem.

Palestinian sentenced to life

JERUSALEM — The Nazareth District Court has sentenced a Palestinian to life in prison for the terrorist murder of Liat Gabai, a 19-year-old soldier, in Afula last November.

According to the charge sheet, Wahib Abu el-Rod, 26, went to Afula armed with an axe with the intent to kill a soldier.

He attacked Gabai on the town's main street, striking her in the head and body.

Soviet Jews Unhappy

JERUSALEM — Many of the 550,000 Jews who immigrated to Israel during the past five years from the former Soviet Union are settling into Israeli life, but most are unhappy, according to a new survey released last week.

The survey found that 86 per cent of new arrivals were employed, one-third owned their own cars and nearly 40 per cent had taken out mortgages to buy apartments.

But more than half the respondents said they were dissatisfied with life in Israel. Much of the dissatisfaction was attributed to their employment status.

Arafat Slams Islamic Jihad

JERUSALEM — PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat scorched Islamic Jihad for perpetrating the Beit Lid attack, which he said derailed a planned Israeli release of 1,700 Palestinian prisoners.

"No one has any right to use the Palestinian liberated land to carry out acts against the authority and the state," he said at a Gaza rally.

Arafat also accused Israel of exploiting what he called "every small problem" to impose collective punishment on Palestinians.

WORLD

Bombing Suspects Arrested

LONDON — Israeli diplomats and Jewish organizations are praising the efforts of British police, who arrested five people in connection with two bomb attacks against Jewish targets here last July.

The arrests came nearly six months after the July 26 and 27 bombings of the Israeli embassy and the offices of the Joint Israel Appeal. At least 18 people were injured in the two blasts.

The three male and two female suspects were being held in custody under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Two were charged, one female. All are Palestinians born in Jordan or Lebanon.

Peres Pays Respects

BUENOS AIRES — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres paid his respects to the victims of last summer's terrorist bombing and offered his government's support in an ongoing investigation into the attack.

Argentina's courts are still investigating the July 18, 1994, bombing of the country's largest Jewish community organization, as well as the March 1992 attack on the Israeli embassy here. The two attacks claimed more than 100 lives and injured hundreds more.

Women On The Move

NEW YORK — The rise of women in the "general" Federation hierarchy in both lay and professional positions is continuing a long-term trend, but growth at the top levels is concentrated primarily in the smaller communities.

That's the pattern revealed by a study undertaken by the Council of Jewish Federations. A total of 123 of the 187 North American federations responded to the survey.

Torahs stolen in Hungary

BUDAPEST — Seventeen Torah scrolls valued at more than $100,000 were stolen recently from the synagogue in the eastern Hungarian town of Debrecen.

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Hecht to seek presidency of CJC

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Thomas Hecht of Montreal will seek the national presidency of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

Hecht, a veteran communal leader, will officially announce his candidacy in Toronto on Feb. 5, at a meeting of the CJC national executive committee.

If successful, Hecht, 65, will succeed Irving Abella of Toronto at the CJC National Plenary Assembly in May.

He would be the first Montrealer since 1989 — and the first European and Holocaust survivor, he said — to preside over the affairs of "the parliament of Canadian Jewry."

The last Montrealer to hold the post was Dorothy Reitman, who was president from 1986 to 1989.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Hecht said he decided to run after consulting with Jewish leadership, mainly in Montreal and Toronto. They felt that his multifaceted longtime involvement in the Jewish community made him well qualified for the post.

Hecht has been president of the United Israel Appeal and of State of Israel Bonds, and has chaired the Combined Jewish Appeal in Montreal. He has also held leadership positions at Ben Gurion and Bar-Ilan universities, where he founded the Begin-Sadat (BESA) Centre for Research Studies.

Hecht also said he is seeking the position for other reasons.

One is a sense of obligation he feels towards the Jewish community, without which "I could not have survived the Holocaust," he said.

Born in the former Czechoslovakia, he escaped to Canada in 1942 with the help of the Joint Distribution Committee.

A longtime lobbyist for Israel, he also believes that if elected, he could markedly increase CJC's role in Israel advocacy, in "cooperation" with the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC).

Five years ago Hecht, who has been Quebec chair of the CIC for seven years (a post he will soon relinquish, failed in a bid to win the CIC national chair.

"Many of the [CJC and CIC] activities overlap," Hecht said. "An important contribution can be made by Congress to enhance the Israel advocacy programs of CIC," he said.

Hecht, who is known for his conservative approach to the Middle East peace process, pledged not to let his personal views interfere with the CJC's public position strongly in support of the peace process.

Hecht said he would be an "active, hands-on" president working on the Canadian-Jewish agenda. He would decrease his activities as president of his Montreal pharmaceutical company, Continental Pharma, he said, and devote himself virtually full time to the post.

Thomas Hecht

Under his leadership, said Hecht, who is fluently bilingual, CJC would continue to "be at the forefront" in the national unity debate.

Hecht would continue to work on current domestic issues, such as combating racism and anti-Semitism, pursuing Nazi war criminals, and reaching out to small communities.

He would also like to see CJC establish a closer relationship with international Jewish organizations, with other Jewish communities around the world and with other Canadian cultural communities.

UJA '95 campaign goes over the top

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The 1995 United Jewish Appeal (UJA) campaign went over the top, despite increased competition for Jewish charitable dollars and the problems posed by an economy just climbing out of the recession, said Wendy Eisen.

"It's not a matter of raising funds, it's a matter of raising consciousness," said Eisen, who with Bob Masters co-chaired the campaign which raised $35.5 million.

To the energetic Eisen, the UJA campaign was a fresh challenge after her role as one of the leaders in the rescue of Soviet Jewry.

"This time it was not just raising voices on behalf of Soviet Jewry but raising funds to help pay for all the Soviet Jews who went to Israel, and that was harder," she said.

She believes the success of the campaign was due to the ability of the local Jewish community to renew itself, to provide new leaders to take the place of the old, and to broaden the base of its volunteer team of 2,000.

"For example, the names on our list of top givers changes every year, reflecting the hard times in a particular industry and the emergence of new lines of business. Fortunately, we have efficient and hard-working members of the Young Leadership Division who keep us in touch with these changes."

Another factor, she said, is the campaign's success in identifying more specifically why the money is needed to finance the services which result in the Toronto Jewish community's being considered as a model in North America.

"This [the campaign] is one of the few places where the whole spectrum of the Jewish community becomes involved, the Orthodox, the Conservative and the Reform, the left wing and the right wing, the hawks and the doves," said campaign director Mark Gryfe. "It's a great equalizer."

Wendy Eisen

Opening new doors to enable volunteers to become involved in newsletter production and other activities as an option to fundraising brought in fresh people with new ideas, said Gryfe.

Despite some adverse conditions, the Women's Division raised $3.9 million, the same as last year. Chair Barbara Bank attributed this to the division's ability to reach out to unaffiliated younger women, age 25 to 35, living north of Steeles Avenue and south of St. Clair Avenue.

At every level, lay people make the decisions on the allocation of UJA money to local agencies, whether it is the subcommittees who vet the original requests, the overall committees in the social, cultural and community fields, or the executive lay board, said Morris Zbar, associate director, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Campaign '94 allocations

From the 1994 UJA campaign, a total of $38.3 million was made available. After campaign expenses, allowances for doubtful pledges, and other items, a total of $32.2 million was distributed. Half of this amount was sent to the Jewish Agency for Israel.

From the remaining half, the following allocation were made:

Education subsidies	$7,600,000
JIAS services for new immigrants	$1,320,000
Jewish Family and Child Services / needy families	$1,100,000
Jewish Vocational Service / day schools	$445,000
Immigrant Integration Program	$344,000
University and college students	$331,000
JFCS / Chaplaincy	$121,000
Hot meal program - Bernard Betel Centre	$68,000
Reena Foundation programs	$53,000
Jewish Camp Council scholarships	$45,000
Senior Care	$31,000
Jewish cultural committees	$27,000
Jewish Book Fair	$15,000

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From coast to coast

Memories of Auschwitz haunt Holocaust survivor

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — "For us there was no liberation, no victory," said Auschwitz survivor Avrum Feigenbaum. "The Allied armies had a victory, and by coincidence some of us were saved."

Fifty years later, Feigenbaum told a hushed audience he will never truly be free of Auschwitz; it still haunts him. And he is dispirited by the thought that the Allies could have done more to save Jewish lives, such as bombing the railway tracks to Auschwitz or its crematoria.

"There was no roof over Auschwitz; the world knew what was being done to the Jewish people and others, but refused to do anything about it."

Feigenbaum's real liberation came years later. "The first time I felt free was when I arrived in Canada at the age of 31 and the immigration officer said, 'Welcome to Canada.' That was the first time someone said I was welcome."

Feigenbaum and fellow survivor Stephen Bleyer spoke for those who were silenced at Auschwitz, those whose bodies were seen in the gritty, black-and-white images of a film taken by the Soviet army in January 1945.

The archival footage of sunken-eyed people behind barbed wire, of gas chambers, crematoria and common graves, was used to begin a commemoration of the liberation.

Sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre (MHMC) the service was attended by an overflow audience at the Cummings House auditorium.

Bleyer, who was 14 in 1945, also stressed that his day of liberation was not one of joy. "The concept of freedom and the idea of a new life were not within the capacity of comprehension of those walking skeletons. Anguish and fear were the dominant feelings. Survival was very uncertain for many ... on that dreary January day."

Bleyer, president of the MHMC, will dedicate this United Nations-declared Year of Tolerance to teaching the younger generation the consequences of hatred and "enforced conformity" and the value of diversity, freedom and social justice.

"Cultural diversity, instead of being celebrated as beneficial in humanity's social evolution, is imputed to be the cause of many of our present-day conflicts," he said.

"I believe we have to teach our history and learn from the past. We have to remember the events that we would much rather forget."

CJC Quebec region chair Manuel Shacter said Jews and non-Jews share responsibility for combatting Holocaust deniers.

Shacter referred to the lack of progress in the prosecution of Nazi war criminals. "The survivors, in sharing their painful memories, sought to ensure that those responsible for the murder of so many innocent men, women and children not go unpunished.

"In this regard, we are all too aware that justice has not been entirely done. We must not allow the perpetrators of these heinous acts to escape justice."

Shacter said if there is any lesson from the Holocaust, it is to strive for mutual understanding.

"Our experience as Canadians at managing conflict and at building relationships between communities is a model upon which the world can build."

Israeli Consul General Daniel Gal quoted the words found on a scrap of paper amid the ruins of Auschwitz. In Yiddish, the 14-year-old boy had written: "Even if all the continents were covered with paper and the seas were filled with ink, it would not be enough to express our tragedy."

Among the many messages the Jewish community has received, those from Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Premier Jacques Parizeau were read.

Some of the province's most prominent politicians were present, including Vice-Premier Bernard Landry; the Quebec government's member responsible for Montreal, Camille Laurin; Liberal leader Daniel Johnson; and Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque.

During the reciting of the K'El Maleh Rachamim and Kaddish by Rabbi Michael Kramer and Cantor Yaakov Motzen, some in the audience sobbed.

The event ended on a hopeful note with the singing of the Partisan Song, Hatikvah and O Canada.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer Fred M. Catzman has been researching their origins over the past few years. Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

LACKSTONE

My friend, Serle Lackstone, gets his name from a shtetel named Lukshtany.

NISKER

Aaron Nisker of Toronto writes that his father was born in Toronto, but that his grandfather was born in Poland with the surname Nisky. He bears a distinguished name which is shared by my illustrious friends, Max and Ab, both engaged in the investment business.

Poland boasts of several shtelech, which may have given birth to the Nisker clan.

There is Nisko, near Stalowa Wola in south-eastern Poland.

There is also Niski Grad in north-eastern Poland near Lomza and we should not overlook Nieszkow in southern Poland.

A Nisker of Ukrainian origin would owe his name to the hamlet of Nizki.

The Month at a Glance

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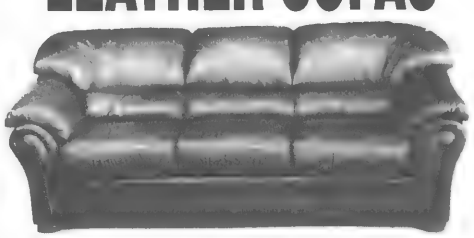

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From coast to coast

Syrian soldiers prevent Jewish leaders' visit

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When the KLM flight touched down at the airport in Damascus, most of the passengers deplaned without any trouble. But heavily armed troops who surrounded the aircraft prevented a group of about a dozen North American Jewish communal leaders from leaving the plane.

Instead, it was towed to a remote corner of the airport, kept for 3½ hours and finally allowed to depart for Amman.

Irving Abella, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, was one of the members of the Jewish group on board. Like his American associates, he had looked forward to meeting with government officials, academics and business leaders in the Syrian capital.

The "get acquainted" trip to Syria, followed by visits to Jordan and Israel, had been arranged through travel companies in Syria and Israel with the approval of Syrian officials. It had been seen as offering the Syrians the opportunity to demonstrate to the world that it was opening its doors to Jewish visitors.

Irving Abella

But two days before the scheduled departure, "the Syrians cancelled the group's travel visa, saying our group was problematic, that we weren't tourists and we were not welcome," Abella said.

For the Congress president, the incident reflects a division in Syria between uncompromising hardliners and more moderate hardliners. "The less hardline ones lost."

Abella believes the incident "makes clear what the Israelis have to deal with in Syria and the difficulty of making peace with a government that is not prepared to allow visiting groups of Jewish leaders in for 1½ days."

The Jewish group included lay and professional federation leaders and community centre officials from the United States. Abella was the only Canadian in the group.

Following their unceremonious departure from Syria, the group continued on to Jordan, where the reception was quite different.

"As cold as it was in Syria, it was warm in Jordan," Abella said. Where the Syrians were closed, obsessive and secret, the Jordanians were open, hospitable and welcoming.

People in Jordan are anxious to experience the benefits of peace, particularly though investment and business opportunities. "They want the economic benefits of the peace process [and they want them] yesterday," Abella said. "They're very impatient."

Travelling to Israel next, Abella found a pervasive "mood of despondency." The country is experiencing "deep divisions and concern" over the wisdom of the peace process, he said.

It was during a visit with Palestinian leaders in Ramallah that the group learned of the suicide bombings that claimed 19 lives. The Palestinians, who are associated with the PLO, were "quite concerned and quite apologetic," Abella said. They were worried that the attacks would make peace more difficult.

But at the same time, the Israeli media reported that other Palestinians rejoiced at the carnage.

"It was quite disturbing," Abella said.

JCC's debts to be paid off

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After months of uncertainty, it appears the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) has a new lease on life.

Late last week, an Ontario Court judge approved a proposal that will see the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto pay off much of the JCC's debts and allow for the JCC's reorganization into three independent entities.

The planned reorganization and liquidation of debt is expected to take place towards the end of February, said Robert Harlang, spokesperson for Richter and Associates, the JCC's court-appointed receiver.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto will bankroll the reorganization to the tune of about $13 million. The Federation has already poured almost $2 million of emergency funds into the JCC to help pay its creditors and keep operating.

In giving the green light, Judge James Farley noted that the JCC's creditors had voted nearly unanimously on Dec. 16 to approve the proposal and that the only alternative would be bankruptcy.

Earlier, Farley heard from lawyers representing Richter, the JCC's terminated employees, the JCC, the Federation and the public trustee.

Agnes MacNeil, representing 16 of the fired employees, told court her clients would not file a formal objection to the proposal. "By allowing the proposal to go forward it can serve a healing process and others in the community can assist them in getting their lives together," she said.

MacNeil later told *The CJN* that, on average, the employees would get only about half of what they would otherwise be entitled to under the common law, which is based on sufficient funds.

Dana De Sante, representing the public trustee, told the court he was concerned about an apparent "misapplication of [endowment] funds by the directors of the JCC."

De Sante also expressed concern over a term of the proposal that would see the JCC's former directors released from personal liability for their apparent "breach of trust" in misapplying the endowment funds.

He said in situations involving "a breach of fiduciary duty or breach of trust, usually you have a hearing or an investigation to see if the individuals acted reasonably or fairly. None of that has been done here."

Judge Farley noted his concerns but said it would have been helpful had he raised them earlier.

Commenting on the court approval, BJC spokesperson Howard English said "we've passed a tremendous milestone. This is the second last stage (pending closing of the deal) before the horrors of the past are behind us. It is another indication that the BJC is in good health and on the road to complete recovery."

Under the proposal, the Bloor branch of the JCC will be taken oven by a members group, which will attempt to raise $5 million, $3 million of which would go to pay the JCC's bank debt, the remainder to upgrade the building.

The Valley branch of the JCC on Leslie Street will also become independent and raise $1 million towards payment of the JCC's bank debt.

"We anticipate a bright future ahead for these important educational, recreational and cultural institutions," said Bernie Ghert, president of the Federation. "Together with the JCC's creditors, we have all worked very hard to develop a plan which we hope will satisfy almost everyone."

World WIZO marks its 75th anniversary

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The 75th anniversary of World WIZO was kicked off at Israel's Knesset last month during an executive plenary attended by the Vancouver-based president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

Judy Mandleman attended the Jan. 16 to 19 plenary, at which 85 delegates attended sessions on the peace process, absorption of immigrants and, most importantly, on family violence.

Israel WIZO chair Helena Glaser prepared a report on family violence given by Mandleman to *The CJN*. In it, 200,000 women and 500,000 children in Israel are reported to "live in the shadow of violence.

"It stems from Israel's patriarchal society, a symptom of social struggle characterized by inequality," Glaser writes. "There are no such thing as battered women. There are only battering men."

WIZO, the Women's International Zionist Organization, has made prevention and treatment of family violence its mission for 1995.

Its message is being circulated through Israeli television, posters and dramatic leaflets. "This is a war," Glaser said.

WIZO-Israel is planning to add to the family violence treatment and prevention centres now in Ramat Gan and Jerusalem with facilities in Ashkelon, Hadera and Netanya.

The roughly 50 WIZO federations around the world, including the Canadian one, have launched a fundraising campaign for the centres. Israel's labor ministry will help cover operating costs.

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From coast to coast

Parents of disabled children face many burdens

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Mark spent his younger years in Adventure Place, a facility for which she has only praise. Adventure Place takes children up to six.

After a disastrous stint in public school special education classes, Mark went to an adolescent boarding school where he still lives part time.

For Karen too, government cutbacks are giving her sleepless nights, particularly since his current home is theoretically only for teenagers. There is no place else for him and others like him to go.

It is getting harder to take him out because he may scream and lunge, and that scares people, even though Karen knows he is harmless.

"My husband and I are getting older. We are tired out — and not just physically," she says.

Avraham Friedman, supervisor of patient resources for Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), recognizes the tremendous burdens carried by families of such children. JF&CS offers counselling, access to services, camps and programs, information, respite care and financial aid.

It will also arrange foster care for parents who simply can't cope.

At Zareinu, which teaches young children with physical, developmental and learning challenges in a consciously Jewish setting, co-directors Carol Goldman and Marion Goldmintz believe that Jewish children with special needs deserve a Jewish education whatever their abilities.

A staff of full-time, on-site psychologists, speech pathologists, music, communication, occupational and physical therapists and special education teachers evaluate and assist the children, run infant intervention programs, and provide advice and support to families.

"The daily stresses of having a child with disabilities can be overwhelming," Goldman says.

Parents are encouraged to be partners with the school so they will become advocates and what Goldman calls "effective consumers" for the children.

The Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto funds Zareinu's augmentative communication program, which provides such assistive devices as talking machines and word boards, but this falls far short of the $22,000 total tuition cost per child.

The shortfall is made up through fundraising by the school's board of directors, and by the popular Zareinu Dollars program. The school receives no government or other community funding, but no child is turned away for financial reasons.

The families and professionals were asked for their views on the recent second degree murder conviction of Saskatchewan man Robert Latimer. Latimer admitted to asphyxiating his severely handicapped 11-year-old daughter Tracy to end her pain.

Those interviewed were sympathetic to his desperation, and the professionals looked at the case as a warning to be watchful for signs that a family has reached the end of its rope and needs extra intervention. Nevertheless, they universally condemned his actions.

"Sure you get tired and worn out," Susan says. "But that doesn't mean you love them any less. He took a life. How did he know the child was in pain? He was in pain."

Karen wanted to know "if [Latimer] gets enough sympathy, is that going to make people look at the disabled differently, just when we are finally getting some understanding? Will people say, 'If it is OK for him [to kill his child], then it's OK for others?"

Rabbis give support

Both the Vaad Harabonim of Greater Toronto and the Toronto Board of Rabbis (TBR) have issued statements supporting those parents and institutions that help severely handicapped children.

Rabbi Wayne Allen, president of the Toronto Board of Rabbis, called Zareinu "a paradigm of how as Jews we are commanded to look after the needs of the physically and developmentally disabled. We must recognize that their lives are as equally precious as our own."

The Vaad Harabonim, through its president Rabbi Moshe Stern, said that "parents who find themselves with handicapped children are challenged in ways most of us will never know or understand. Their great courage, patience and love reach heights that can only be admired."

Both rabbinical organizations said the Jewish community needs to do more to provide the resources necessary for handicapped children to lead productive lives.

The Vaad and the Toronto Board of Rabbis both denounced the actions of Robert Latimer.

— L.S.

West Bank fence to be examined

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During Sunday's cabinet session, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin authorized Police Minister Moshe Shahal and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat to examine the security details and economic ramifications of establishing a fence around the West Bank to separate Israelis and Palestinians, a proposal Rabin first floated in the wake of the Beit Lid attack.

Agriculture Minister Yakov Tsur said a separation of the two peoples could lead to a Palestinian state. "Today 'separation' has security implications, in barring [Palestinian] workers," he said. "But separation could be in the Palestinians' own interest as well. In the long term, it will mean setting borders, removing settlements, and, indeed, the formation of an independent Palestinian entity."

Dogs will now be used along the border with the West Bank and at roadblocks to prevent Palestinian terrorists from infiltrating Israel and to detect explosives. Israel has avoided using guard dogs in the past because of their association with Nazi concentration camps.

During Sunday's cabinet meeting, Meretz minister Shulamit Aloni lashed out at Rabin for his recent hard-line statements, saying they serve only to set back the peace process.

Rabin retorted that Aloni was busy serving Palestinian interests, while he was occupied with Israeli ones.

Rubenstein set to visit Kelowna

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

KELOWNA, B.C. — The Okanagan Jewish Community (OJC) will be host to Eli Rubenstein, representing the United Israel Appeal (UIA) in Toronto, at a Shabbat weekend Feb. 17 and 18.

The program will begin with a Friday night service and discussion led by Rubenstein, followed by a Saturday morning service.

On Saturday evening, Rubenstein will lead a program of Yiddish storytelling, and a fundraising session will be held for the UIA. On Sunday, Rubenstein will tell Yiddish stories to the children of the OJC Hebrew school.

Orit Katzov, the UIA shaliach from Vancouver will also attend.

Mel Kotler, of the OJC, says his organization "is appreciative of the efforts made by UIA to reach out to the smaller communities and get them involved in Jewish programming."

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From coast to coast

Israel-Diaspora relationship concerns CZF

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The scheduled topic was Jewish continuity, but participants in the recent annual Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF) conference expressed more concern about their future relationship with Israel than with any loss of identity in the Diaspora.

"The Diaspora considers itself definitely connected to Israel," said Allan Nutik, "but we're not sure of the reverse. We want to know what the connection of Israel to the Diaspora is", especially among the younger generation.

Nutik, president of the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim Men's Club (one of the day's co-sponsors), said North American Jews are confused by the seemingly conflicting messages from Yossi Beilin, Israel's deputy foreign minister, and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Prof. Julien Bauer, who led a workshop on Israel-Diaspora relations, complained that Beilin has left the impression "we don't need you or your money."

However, David Kofsky, past president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, suggested Beilin is confronting the old model of Diaspora-Israel relations that is not appropriate today when most Jews are Zionist and Israel is moving toward unprecedented stability and independence.

There was no disagreement that the gulf between young Diaspora Jews and Israelis appears to be widening. For many, simply being Israeli is enough Jewish identity, Bauer said, but among North Americans who are neither particularly religious or Zionist, it's hard to feel Jewish.

Israeli Consul General Daniel Gal responded that Israel wants to strengthen its relations with the Diaspora, but toward a more equitable partnership. Israel wants to be seen as "a country of opportunity," not only one needing charity, he said.

"People have traditionally asked: What can we do for Israel? We would like them to now ask: What can we do in Israel?"

Gal noted that Israel's Gross Domestic Product grew by 7 per cent last year and per capita income has reached a very respectable $14,000 (U.S).

"We don't want Jews to just come to Israel to take photos of the kindergarten where they give money. We want you to share in our life," he said.

He suggested the formation of a "Jewish peace corps" in which young Diaspora Jews and Israelis would volunteer for a year together in troubled Jewish communities, such as the former Soviet Union.

Rabbi Stanley Peerless, principal of Hebrew Academy, observed that Zionist education in Jewish schools is failing to instil in children "a concept of Israel as an inherent part of Jewish identity — central to our lives." Then there are the other 50 per cent of Jewish children who do not attend Jewish schools and may not be reached at all, he added.

The CZF itself came under scrutiny, with the day's guest speaker, Clive Lawton of London, director of an organization fostering Jewish continuity, pronouncing that it and the other Zionist federations in the world had had their day.

During a workshop, some participants felt the party system is outdated and one should be able to join the CZF directly without a partisan affiliation.

Israeli folk dance company to perform in Mexico City

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — North America's oldest and largest Israeli folk dance company has been invited to participate in one of the world's major Israeli dance festivals.

The Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble will travel to Mexico City in March to take part in the Festival Aviv Carlos Halpert and present works selected especially for the occasion.

"It's a dream come true not only for Chai but also for the community in Mexico City, which has extended an open invitation to our group for the past five years," says Casey Chisick, Chai musical director.

The relationship between Chai and Festival Aviv artistic director Guillermo Treistman was established in 1991 through the Shalom Dancers in Vancouver.

"They told us what a wonderful dancer and choreographer Guillermo is," said Marshall Miller, Chai's artistic director. "We contacted him directly."

Since then, Treistman has twice been to Winnipeg to choreograph original pieces for Chai and Chai has performed works choreographed by Treistman for his own group, Ma'agal CDI of Mexico City. Last summer members of Ma'agal came to Winipeg to perform with Chai in the annual Folkorama festival.

The Winnipeg troupe's artistic staff members have twice been to Mexico to observe Festival Aviv. This year's trip by the whole ensemble has been largely made possible through the generosity of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba.

The festival runs for four days and features exhibitions and competitions highlighting a range of Jewish dance from the horahs of the Israeli pioneers to interpretations of biblical themes set to classical or rock music. The premier Mexican groups and international groups perform as special participants.

In addition, over 25 junior dance troupes from Mexico's Jewish community centres, day schools and synagogues — the Shorashim (Roots) — participate in the event.

For Chai, this will be its first performance outside Canada and the United States. It will also be the first time the Festival Aviv has had a dance group performing to live music. Chai is the only Israeli folk ensemble in North America which features live singers and musicians as accompaniment.

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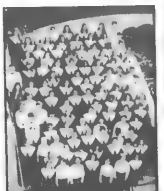
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A false dichotomy

The victims of the Beit Lid bombings had been buried less than a week when the editorial writers of "Canada's national newspaper" decided yet again to hector the government of Israel. In a puzzling, if not perverse, sweep of logic they determined that "withdrawing Jewish settlers from the West Bank" was "the obvious next step" for Mr. Rabin to take in the wake of the killings. "The options are clear" concluded the editorial, "settlements or peace?"

This dichotomy, however, is false.

The Oslo agreement, the Washington declaration and the Cairo accord are all predicated on good faith, bilateral negotiations between the PLO and the government of Israel. Among the many issues they have agreed to negotiate is the question of border adjustments. By definition, this means considering whether, how and where Jewish people will live in an autonomous or independent Palestine. The parties have never agreed that Jewish people will be forbidden to live near or among Palestinians in Palestine.

The Beit Lid bombings were perpetrated by Islamic Jihad. Jewish settlements are not the cause for which they kill, nor the motive of their hatred. The Jewish state is. They are violently, unalterably opposed to the very concept of a Jewish state. In this passion they are joined by Hezbollah and Hamas.

At this stage in the bloodied process, "the obvious next step" for the government of Israel is to ask whether the PLO still represents the majority of Palestinians; and if it does, whether it can control those Palestinians who hate Jews more than they love their own brethren.

For the love of fairness

Last week in Ontario, a five-member Royal Commission on Learning released its report entitled *For the Love of Learning*. The report was hailed as sensible and pragmatic. It called for a back-to-basics approach to education with appropriate balance and emphasis on teacher development, early intervention and streamlined bureaucracies.

The report also commented on the question of public funding for independent schools. That it did so, without being formally asked to, indicates the issue could not pass conscience without comment. "[We] believe a serious public airing is exactly what's needed...To tell the truth, we ourselves were divided on the question, and we now leave it to others to resolve it a later stage."

The commissioners very eloquently stated their conclusions. On the subject of equity in funding, albeit in reference to the public and separate school boards, they wrote that "it [is] the clear responsibility of government to ensure an equitable amount of funding to each student in the province so that each is able to receive comparable services and programs."

In similarly unambiguous terms, they expressed the educational worries of minorities. "Like Franco-Ontarians, First Nations are very concerned about the survival of their cultures and languages. They fear their children are failing to develop a better sense of their identity...".

Applying the logic of the commission, one is led to the conclusion that Jewish and other religious school students have as much right to "comparable services and programs" as do other publicly-sanctioned minorities in an attempt to ensure the "survival of their culture and language".

For the love of learning and for the love of fairness, we urge the government of Ontario to provide public funding to the independent schools.

A parent's tears

In this week's *CJN*, we explore humbly and only at the edges, some of the issues raised by the heart-breaking predicaments in which many parents of severely disabled children find themselves. We offer no prescriptions. Jewish tradition is our guide: every individual a human being, every human being a universe of wants and of needs, of dreams and of aspirations.

We do however express the hope that within the community there are the resources and the will to provide as much support as possible for families in need. A parent's tears sadden us all.

Dry Bones

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Report did include Jews who convert

I read with interest the letter sent by Brocha Shizgal (*CJN*, Jan. 19) entitled "Questioning Establishment Attitudes," and I understand her concerns regarding Jewish unity and the role of information to educate our community. I would like to clarify two points of misunderstanding which the letter expressed, as the information referred to by Ms. Shizgal was taken from a report prepared by the Community Planning Department of Federation CJA.

Firstly, the census data *does* include Jews who have converted to Judaism, as mentioned in the original article by Janice Arnold. It may not necessarily include those who converted out of Judaism. This is an important point, because the goal of Federation CJA is to include as many members of the community as possible in our demographic analyses.

The breakdowns for Jewish Day Schools give us an indication of the percentage of children who enrol in our school system. The intent was not to divide the Jewish community into different groups but rather to show that still more efforts can be made to encourage enrolment in Jewish schools, particularly among certain sectors of the community.

All in all, statistics are an important tool for making informed planning decisions, allocating resources and taking the pulse of the general state of our community. I do agree with Ms. Shizgal that figures should promote understanding and not division.

Charles Shahar
Research Co-ordinator
Federation CJA
Montreal

Questions video on "chick's" trip

Re: "Chick's trip from pen to plate," by Leila Speisman, *CJN*, Jan. 5.

In her article, Ms. Speisman describes a video released by Empire Kosher Poultry on the steps taken to produce kosher chickens. Ms. Speisman praises the producers of the video for having "resisted the temptation to be graphic." She compares the video with others that "are so bloody and detailed that viewers come away with nightmares."

It is unfortunate that Ms. Speisman would prefer to shield from viewers the truth about the actual slaughter process. That viewers have nightmares is indicative that there is something profoundly disturbing and brutal about the mass killing of defenceless animals. I would predict that the video similarly does not illustrate the unnatural lives of these chickens, who are debeaked, confined, crowded and highly stressed. Without this side of the story, the video is incomplete and it cannot possibly be "an excellent teaching tool."

Sharon Greene
Toronto

Teacher charted maps while Prince hunted

The Soncino English Talmud displays a map of Babylonia, which is the work of my maternal grandfather, Prof. Jacob Obermeyer, *ZTL*, an awesome task carried out under the most extraordinary circumstances.

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Thus, while the royal Arab pupil and his companions searched for game, his Jewish teacher produced a unique map for posterity! March 21, 1995 marks the 150th birthday of my grandfather.

Hanna Tennenhaus
Montreal

Supports Rabbi Riskin's stand on funds

The CJN (Jan. 19) criticized Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, the Chief Rabbi of Efrat, calling his comments "irresponsible and dangerous," and implying that he was guilty of "Sinat Chinam." Nothing could be further from the truth. The thousands of Jews who have the privilege of knowing the rabbi through his educational activities and weekly articles published internationally, can attest to his love for all fellow Jews.

I do not recall *The CJN* criticizing Prime Minister Rabin for his repeated irresponsible and dangerous statements, denigrating in the most unsavory terms the 150,000 Jews in Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan. Rabbi Riskin was, of course, not advising donors to refrain from supporting local causes. He was referring specifically to Shimon Peres' "United Jericho Appeal" from which the PLO will receive at least $75 million (US) this year. Rabbi Riskin has joined many other Jewish leaders worldwide who wish to avoid this debacle. Thus, funding should be directed to specific projects in Israel, especially those in Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan.

Michael Wilschanski, MD
Toronto

Says afterlife central to Jewish prayers

In his letter of Dec. 22, Rabbi Reuven Bulka says that the major concern in Judaism is not the afterlife but this world. Nevertheless, the former is not a minor concern for Orthodox Jews. Rabbi Bulka quotes part of Pirkei Avot 4:22 to bolster his point. Yet elsewhere in this verse, and in the previous one, the afterlife, not this world, is exalted. And one recites before each chapter of Pirkei Avot an excerpt from a Mishna, which states that all Israel have a share in the world to come.

The daily Amidah and Birkat Hamazon prayers call attention to the afterlife. Rashi begins and ends his commentary on the Torah with references to the afterlife (Genesis 1:4, Deuteronomy 34:2). According to Maimonides, belief in the resurrection of the dead is one of the 13 principles of Judaism. And the coming of the Messiah, the yearning of many Jews, is but a prelude to the resurrection.

It is a sad irony that Jews, much of whose history is a litany of misery, should minimize the afterlife, when it is such a powerful source of inspiration. It is a religious irony that the concept of the resurrection, which is of paramount importance in Christianity and Islam, is derived from Judaism, and yet it is Jews who are least concerned with it.

Jacob Mendlovic
Toronto

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Perspectives

EVERY INDIVIDUAL A HUMAN BEING

A trip of hope to Jerusalem

By DR. MITCHELL PARKER

"Why would you want to send a retarded child to Israel? You could fly him to Montreal and tell him it was Jerusalem. He would never know the difference."

This was one of the comments I received when I first began planning to take a group of teenagers with developmental disabilities to Israel. Luckily, remarks such as this were in the minority. Instead, people were generally supportive and enthusiastic. Parents, travel agents, airline officials, the staff at Camp Ramah in Canada and other teenagers lent their verbal and financial assistance. As a result of these combined efforts, Aviva Silverman and I had the unique privilege of accompanying two boys and two girls, ages 17 to 19, on their first trip to Israel. Plans that were initially discussed with the four of them when they were campers in Camp Ramah's Tikvah program in the summer were realized when they boarded the plane on Dec. 19, 1994.

During our too brief stay, we visited the old and new cities of Jerusalem. We prayed at the Kotel and mourned the victims of the Holocaust at Yad Vashem. We stood at the top of Masada and swam in the salty waters of the Dead Sea. We mingled with Israelis in the outdoor Ben Yehuda mall and in the largest indoor mall in Jerusalem, as well as in the bustling Dizengoff Square in Tel Aviv. We strolled along the Mediterranean and admired the deep blue waters of the Sea of Galilee from atop the Golan Heights. We moved slowly and cautiously through the underground crusader tunnels in Acre and marvelled at the stalactite and stalagmite formations in the cave of Absalom. We prayed in Orthodox, Conservative and Reform congregations. We sampled the many foods of the Middle East.

Throughout the trip, we were impressed by the diversity of the land of Israel and its people. Everywhere we went we were welcomed and accepted graciously.

Each day we were together I recalled the words of the skeptic. How much of the trip would they remember? Did these young men and women have the capacity to understand the uniqueness of the State of Israel to the Jewish people? In fact, I will not know for several months which experiences made lasting impressions upon the participants and how these experiences have permanently affected their Jewish identities. Nonetheless, by observing their reactions to the sights and sounds of the country and perceiving Israel through their eyes, I am already confident that our visit had much more of an impact upon them than just another field trip or family vacation.

Ryan, for instance, seems to have been particularly struck by the spirituality of the land. Quiet by nature, he did not hesitate to proclaim his wonder that all the signs had Hebrew letters as our plane was approaching the terminal at Ben Gurion airport. (In contrast, he had said almost nothing during the 15-hour trip from Toronto.) He already knew that this was a special land. Ryan left his favorite baseball cap in his suitcase and chose to don a kippah which he bought on the first day of the trip, in a shop in the old city of Jerusalem. He wore it wherever he went. Ryan struggled with the words of the message he wanted to leave to God in the chinks of the Kotel, and he proudly proclaimed that when he came home he wanted to observe Shabbat! Perhaps the most precious moment occurred when Ryan was approached by a beggar asking for money for Shabbat. Without hesitation Ryan took out his wallet and gave the man a dollar — the only money he had.

The Tikvah group standing in "the light of Jerusalem."

Each of the teenagers was affected by Israel in a unique way. Larry, whose mother is Israeli, attempted to speak Hebrew with every Israeli he met, even though he probably had an active vocabulary of fewer than 100 Hebrew words. He proudly displayed what he knew by initiating conversations. He was eager to identify with his people.

Carrie, a remarkable young woman with Down's Syndrome, was almost overwhelmed by everything she saw and did. She travelled from peak experience to peak experience.

Debbie enjoyed making special contacts. She looked forward to meeting Israelis, visiting old friends and making new acquaintances. For her the Jewish people became the Jewish family.

I look forward to spending some time with my travel mates in the next few months, reviewing scrap books and admiring photographs of the trip. I am interested in hearing about their recollections. Most of all, I am grateful to them for allowing me to share with them their first trip to Israel.

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Camp Ramah in Canada has offered Jewish educational and recreational programing for children throughout Canada and parts of the United States for over 30 years. Now, for the second consecutive year, this experience will be available for teenagers with developmental disabilities.

The program, which is called Tikvah, is modelled after similar Tikvah programs which have operated successfully in other Ramah camps for many years.

Dr. Parker is director of the Tikvah program at Camp Ramah in Canada.

Comparative law: On passive euthanasia

By RABBI MARK DRATCH

Recently, we have been witness to a young woman with Lou Gehrig's Disease pleading with the courts to enable her to commit suicide, a father killing his paraplegic daughter, and a mother taking her own life along with that of her disabled son. Our hearts break for their suffering. Because of them, and cases similar to theirs, euthanasia, mercy killing, death with dignity, and quality of life have become buzz words in our debates about how to care for our sick and dying, and legislators have begun to discuss laws that would allow such actions as assisted suicides.

Does Jewish law permit ending the life of a suffering person? The answer is unconditionally no. All authorities agree that "Thou shalt not murder" (Exodus 20:13) prohibits the active shortening of any life, regardless of its viability or quality. The more significant question debated by religious authorities is that of passive euthanasia, i.e., whether it is permissible to withhold medical treatment from a dying patient. While this is not the place for detailed halachic reasoning, and certainly not halachic decisions, it is important to discuss this pressing issue.

Three biblical verses serve as the source for the requirement of medical care: "He shall cause him to be thoroughly healed" (Exodus 21:19); "Thou shalt not stand by the blood of thy neighbor" (Leviticus 19:11); and "Thou shalt restore him to himself" (Deuteronomy 22:1). (See Baba Kama 81b, 85a and Sanhedrin 73a.) We may not rely solely on Divine Providence to cure us, but must seek human help to return us to health and to save our lives.

There are halachic authorities who view this obligation as absolute. For example, Rabbi Eliezer Waldenberg says there are no situations in which medical care, even the most extraordinary, may be withheld from a patient (in *Tzitz Eliezer* VIII, 15.3.16; IX, 47; *Ramat Rachel*, no. 5 and no. 28). This prohibition is based on the fundamental theological assumption that since one's soul is not his own but, rather, the property of God, a person does not have the right to destroy it, and must do everything to protect and further the life that God has granted him.

There is, however, another view which, while forbidding one to actively hasten a person's death, permits the removal of impediments to it. Rabbi Moshe Isserles (Rema) writes in *Yoreh Deah* 339:1: "If there is anything which causes a hindrance to the departure of the soul, such as the presence near the patient's house of a knocking noise, such as wood chopping, or if there is salt on the patient's tongue, and these hinder the soul's departure, it is permissible to remove them from there because there is no act involved in this at all but only the removal of the impediment." Thus, there are occasions when passive euthanasia may be condoned by Jewish law.

Rabbi Moshe Feinstein holds that when there is no cure for a patient's condition, and continued treatment would merely extend his pain and suffering, such treatment may be withheld (*Iggerot Moshe, Choshen Mishpat* II, 73, 74, 75). Rabbi Feinstein argues that the healing obligation is operative only when healing is possible and that it is no mitzvah to extend the dying process. He further argues, based on Rema's gloss, that if one is permitted to withdraw circumstances which inhibit the departure of a person's soul from his body, one certainly is not obligated to introduce new means which would delay death. Rabbi Feinstein finds support for this opinion in the Talmudic account, Ketubot 104a, concerning the death of Rabbi Judah the Prince:

Seeing the pain of her employer and knowing his disposition, Rabbi Judah's handmaid determined that, in his present condition, he would not want to live. She interrupted the prayers of the rabbis, thus allowing Rabbi Judah to die. We learn from this account that the obligation to save someone's life is based on the presumption that he wants his life to be saved. However, if a patient makes known that this is not his wish — and he is mentally competent to make such a decision — the lifesaver has no obligation toward him.

In line with this opinion, the Rabbinical Council of America has issued a health care directive form, which a person completes to indicate preferences if he should, God forbid, become terminally ill and treatment would merely extend the process of dying.

The anguish faced by patients and their families dealing with the issues we have discussed is real, and at times unbearable. Fortunately, our tradition has provided guidelines which help families make difficult decisions, support them in times of crisis, and protect the safety and integrity of the most vulnerable in our society. There are circumstances in which passive euthanasia may be compatible with Torah values. Certainly both competent halachic and medical authorities must be intimately involved in determining each case on its own merits.

As Isaiah (25:8) prophesied, so we pray, "May He destroy death forever; may the Lord God wipe away tears from every face, and remove from all the earth all insult against His people; for the Lord hath spoken."

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Opinions

About dice and myths

The journal called *Eretz-Israel* contains archeological, historical and geographical studies and is published in Jerusalem by the Israel Exploration Society. In volume 24, Prof. William W. Hallo of Yale University published an article entitled *Games in the Biblical World*. It deals with dice, which are traced to prehistoric Pakistan, the home of the Indus Valley culture.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

From there, the little six-sided cube spread westward and eventually reached the Near East and the land of Canaan, the future home of the Jewish people. All of this happened before the year 2000 BCE.

The rabbis were therefore right when they considered gambling with dice as a foreign vice and found a passage in Psalms to back up their condemnation of such activity, although they never outlawed it completely.

The ancient dice were sometimes arranged like their modern counterparts — with each of the opposing sides having the sum of dots adding up to seven — thus five and two, one and six, three and four. But others had different kinds of arrangements, though the basic idea was the same.

There was also a board game called Asha which was known to the Jewish community of Cochin in southern India. "According to the recollections of an aging member of this community," Hallo writes, "the game was played only by women, and even by them only once a year, during the first day of Tisha b'Av." (If any readers can render an explanation for that, I would like to know.)

While the dice and other board games travelled from east to west, it is different with one game familiar to everyone who has played dreidl at Chanukah. This comes to us from England and dates back to the beginning of the 18th century. The inscribed

Miracle of the Chanukah lights

letters were originally represented by T, A, D, and N, standing for the Latin words total, aufer, depone, nihil — meaning all, take away, pay, nothing. The game was adopted by Jews, and the Hebrew letters nun, gimel, he, and shin were inscribed on the four sides of the dreidl. These originally represented the Yiddish words equivalent to the Latin and later became Hebraicized into the sentence, "Nes gadol haya sham" (a great miracle happened there), referring to the miracle of the Chanukah lights.

On another issue, somewhat less amusing, I came across a book entitled *The T. S. Eliot Myth*, written over 40 years ago by Rossell H. Robbins. Eliot is not frequently quoted these days, but a generation or two ago he was considered one of the finest English poets alive — and his supporters made sure that some of the less desirable aspects of his writings were hidden away.

Unfortunately, as Robbins shows us, they were many, and here is one example taken from Eliot's *Burbank with a Baedeker; Bleistein with a Cigar*. Baedeker was the most popular guide book to the world's great cities and is carried by a respectable gentile; while Bleistein does not need the Baedeker because he has his cigar. The two men visit Venice and admire its glory. Here is Robert Graves' possessive description of the piece:

"Burbank (the gentile) sees the strength and wealth of Venice departed, the remnants of her glory enjoyed by an upstart Chicago Jew who probably started life as a furrier's apprentice.

Burbank sorrowfully pictures the rialto of other days. The rats are underneath the piles now, and the Jew (the eternal Shylock), is the rat of rats. The jew (Jew is written with a small initial letter like rat) is a rat because he has made money and because for some reason Jewish wealth, as opposed to gentile wealth, has a mystical connection with the decline of Venice."

This, alas, is not Shakespeare's Shylock, who at least had some attractive and redeeming qualities, but an image spawned by out-and-out anti-Semitic propaganda.

Perhaps it will be just as well if Eliot, who died in 1963, does not make a comeback.

Canonical debate

A canon is a body of documents which has become part of a sacred tradition. The Hebrew Bible is one such body which contains a large number of books within its sacred precincts.

By Arnold Ages

The rabbis of the Talmud were instrumental in determining the contents of the biblical canon. It was their support which made the Book of Ecclesiastes part of the Hebrew Bible.

The word canon is being tossed about a great deal these days. The university world is awash with bitter controversy over this term and how it is being applied to the humanities curriculum.

It is easy to dismiss the debate as irrelevant. The battle over the literary canon, however, is no ivory-tower debate but an early warning for society in general.

For the past 10 years there has been a concerted effort on the part of a coalition of academics to alter the liberal arts and humanities curricula by dislodging the literary and intellectual canon that has been at the core of western universities for 300 years.

Proponents of the new radicalism argue that the traditional university canon is peopled by dead white European males (DWEMs, for short), whose fame was the product not of some native genius, but of the connivance of imperial European economic interests. In this perspective, gauging genius through the judgement of history is replaced by economic values.

The assault on this canon pivots around the value of literature. The new criteria have it that all literature is of equal value and that there must be a level playing field for all entrants. Thus the Bible must be removed and Shakespeare has to go, according to the new academic centurions. They say Montaigne, Swift, Goethe, Moliere and another two or three dozen DWEMs who have "monopolized" the university curriculum are to be replaced by women, minority and Third World writers.

This is affirmative action applied with a vengeance to the world of art, literature and ideas. As Mrs. Astor is reported to have said on the Titanic: "I asked for ice but this is too much."

One man has been fighting a brave rearguard action against the attack on the traditional canon: Harold Bloom, an academic whom I salute for his recent book, *The Canon*, in which he explores why western literary traditions must be protected.

Bloom's vision is 20/20 in his defence of Shakespeare and the other immortals of western literature, and in his dissection of those who promote economic (read Marxist), gender, color and political tests for admittance into the humanities curriculum. Bloom's knowledge of world literature is intimidating, and he writes with panache.

Aside from his controversial views on the Hebrew Bible — too eccentric to reproduce here — Bloom's eloquent justification of the traditions of western European culture is a much-needed antidote to the current blitz against those who helped, through their creative spirits, to shape the consciousness of modern society.

Arnold Ages, a professor of French at the University of Waterloo is the director of the university's journalism option.

What to put in a resume

I used to have a resume that sparkled, full of all kinds of high class qualifications to do all kinds of things that I don't do anymore. In fact, I'm glad I don't do them, at least for now.

By Erica Meyer Rauzin

I am qualified to run a publication, but I am running a household. I am credentialed to cover the political or government goings-on at big league conventions and celebrity events, but my credentials are no help at the PTA, where the only cum laude that matters is cookie baking and envelope sealing, and the only celebrity is the principal.

As I conclude another day of chauffering, cheffing, cleaning and — in the garage in my "spare" time — merrily freelancing at the computer, I remember my years in the journalistic and administrative workplace with mixed feelings.

I loved the challenge of being a reporter, and the sense of involvement that came from working for the government, but my best job was being a magazine editor, which I did for eight years up until our second child came along and I went home to be a penny-pinching Mom who writes instead of a salaried writer who Moms.

Each year of my magazine job had 12 great moments: the instant each month when the magazine came back from the print shop, pristine and new, the moment it rested in my hands as a fresh accomplishment, the moment before I opened it to find the inevitable typographical glitch. But I loved shaping a publication, deciding on its contents and its artwork, creating a full package for readers. On the other hand, I don't think I could return to the deadlines, the pressure, or the 60-hour weeks. Today, my deadlines come

Deadlines come from carpools

from carpools and columns, my pressure is preparing Sabbath dinner, and my weeks aren't measured in hours, but in the years that fly by as babies turn into little kids, and little kids turn into big ones.

So I still have a resume, and on the firm conviction that mom work is just as valuable as office work, I have rephrased part of it:

Job Title: Domestic Logistics and Lifestyle Coordinator.

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Education: *High School:* Child of two people; *College* wife of one person; *Graduate School:* Mother of three people. (My actual graduate degree only counts these days in our garage-slash-office, but the Mom-degree counts all over the house.) *Extra Curricular Seminars:* Current or former ownership of three dogs, two hamsters, two cats, one bird, and multiple dead fish; outside experience with horses; nodding familiarity with milking a cow.

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Professional Ambitions: To continue in present occupation permanently or at least until all the drawers are arranged neatly, all the closets are cleaned out, and all the kids are trained to brush their teeth without prompting, whichever comes first.

Features

Life is hard in the Arava desert

Sheldon Kirshner visits a kibbutz which seemed threatened by the peace process.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Hillel Tobias, the outgoing treasurer of Kibbutz Yahel, remembers the unbearable tension.

"We were really very nervous," he recalled. "We had spent 18 years of blood, sweat and tears building this place."

His fellow kibbutznik, Laura Sperber, nodded her head. "We were in a situation of uncertainty."

Yahel, founded in 1976 as a joint venture of the United Kibbutz Movement and the Movement for Progressive Jewry, lies 65 kilometres north of Eilat, in the arid bleakness and raw splendor of the Arava desert.

Last summer, as Israel and Jordan crept toward the peace treaty that was eventually signed in October, rumors swept through Yahel and its belt of sister settlements in the region.

"We were concerned we'd lose part of our land to the Jordanians," said Tobias, a native of Cape Town, South Africa who made aliyah in 1980.

The fear was that Israel would give up territory claimed by Jordan and thus deprive Jewish farmers of some of their choicest fields, upon which they depended for their livelihood. The settlers of Yahel were particularly concerned, since 500 of the acres they farmed were technically beyond the Green Line in Jordan.

According to Tobias, Israel had unilaterally moved the border eastward into Jordan in 1974 because the soil there was far superior. "The grass seemed greener on the other side," explained Tobias.

The farmers of Yahel planted dates, pomelos, tomatoes, peppers, onions and watermelons, produce that is exported to Western Europe during the winter months. "Seven and a half million dollars of our income comes from those fields," Tobias said. "It would have been a major economic blow if we had lost those 500 acres."

The uncertainty that hung over Yahel last summer was exacerbated by the government's disinclination to discuss the matter with the anxious settlers. "No one was willing to tell us what stage the [peace] negotiations had entered," said Sperber, a former Long Island, New York resident who's in charge of the regional data processing centre in Yotvata. "All we were told was that it would be OK."

Not until the very last moment were they informed of the news. As part of its treaty with Jordan, Israel would relinquish 116 square miles (300 square kilometres) to Jordan, leasing back a portion of it under a special 25-year arrangement. Much to its relief, the status quo prevailed in Yahel, and, as Tobias tells it, "we did not lose a square inch."

Sperber was optimistic that Israel and Jordan would eventually come to terms. "I don't think I could have lived here had I thought there was no hope for peace."

But she is under no illusions. "It'll take at least a generation to achieve *real* peace. There is a lot of deep-rooted antagonism, and it's going to take a long time for people to change their fundamental attitudes. Things can and do change, but it ain't easy."

Now that peace officially prevails along the Jordanian frontier, Israel's longest, Sperber is cautiously hopeful that Yahel's 10 bomb shelters will, as in the past, be used for recreational purposes.

Since the Six Day War, the Arava has been relatively free of terrorist border incursions, and Yahel has never been attacked. However, Yahel's Reform neighbor, Lotan, 15 kilometres south, was the scene of an incident in the late 1980s, in which two women were taken hostage and one Arab intruder was killed by an Israeli sharpshooter.

With peace finally a reality, Yahel hopes to capitalize on its close proximity to Petra, the fabulous Nabatean ruin in Jordan carved out of the jagged red and purple Edom mountains.

If a border crossing into Jordan is built in the vicinity, Yahel wants to get into the tourist business on a really big scale, offering travellers food and lodging and guided tours of *both* sides of the desert. "Our strategy," explained Tobias, "is to increase our means of production. We're working on several projects."

Yahel, with about 220 members including children, has never turned a profit. It continues to rely on grants from the Jewish Agency and assistance from the Reform movement and Toronto Jewry through the medium of the United Israel Appeal and Project Renewal.

Hillel Tobias and Laura Sperber. *[Sheldon Kirshner photo]*

The Jewish Agency has poured millions of dollars worth of allocations into the kibbutz, while the Movement for Progressive Jewry has provided funds for Yahel's synagogue, library, youth hostel, landscaping and educational projects.

From Toronto, Yahel has received subsidies for adult education programs and furniture and equipment for its youth lounge and seminar centre.

Yahel is at the mercy of external donors because the pillar of its economy, agriculture, is basically unsteady.

"Farming in the Arava is one of the last pioneering things you can do in Israel," said Ariel Immerman, the South African born manager of Yahel's packing house, which, among other things, is expected to process approximately 950 tons of melons, 1,500 tons of onions and 200 tons of peppers in this fiscal year.

"Unfortunately, agriculture in our day and age is not an economically sound industry. We earn enough money only to cover our expenses."

Water, or lack thereof, remains the chief stumbling block to further development. "We have a quota of 1.7 million cubic metres of water per year," said Tobias. "We should have 2.7 million cubic metres."

With access to more water, Yahel could conceivably increase its agricultural output and possibly achieve profitability.

Certainly, the quality of Yahel's water is infinitely better today than it was several years ago.

For the first few years of its existence, Yahel relied on water brought in by tanker trucks. Yahel's three wells were simply insufficient, while the quality of its brackish, iron-tinged water left much to be desired. Water filters have since been installed, but Yahel is essentially water-impoverished.

Yahel, too, is dogged by slow growth. The original plan called for 1,000 inhabitants, but Yahel has fallen far short of that mark. "We can't increase our population without increasing our means of production," Tobias observed. "We don't have enough income-producing outlets to support a bigger population."

Apart from its bountiful fields, Yahel depends on its dairy herd, fish ponds, educational programming and guided excursions in the Arava. Not all its members work on the kibbutz. Some, like Sperber, commute to jobs in the area.

Everyone agrees that life is hard in the Arava.

"I've changed my expectations along the way," said Sperber, the mother of three children. "I wasn't prepared for the difficulties, which have taken a tremendous toll on our community and its ability to attract more people. It's been a much more overwhelming harsh desert than I had expected. There have been times when people have packed up and left. But this has strengthened us."

The searingly hot summer weather, in which the temperature rarely falls below 40 degrees celsius, is a perennial source of discomfort. "There are days when you feel you've just walked into an oven," sighed Sperber.

"I'll give you an idea what it's like," Tobias added. "We built a swimming pool before a synagogue."

The isolation, the less than adequate bus service and the lack of cultural facilities also pose problems. There is a medical/dental clinic in Yahel, but the nearest hospital is in Eilat.

Despite these drawbacks and inconveniences, Tobias is satisfied with his life here. "Generally speaking, we're a very happy community," said Tobias, who went straight to Yahel from Ben-Gurion Airport upon making aliyah. "People get on well."

Jewish World
By Sheldon Kirshner

They left footprints in the sand

In memoriam...

Louis Nizer was a great American trial lawyer who was an authority on contract, copyright, libel, divorce and anti-trust law. His memoir, *My life in Court*, was a best-seller.

Arthur Krim, his partner, was an entertainment lawyer and trusted advisor to U.S. presidents. As head of Orion Pictures and United Artists, he produced about 1,000 movies (including *Rocky* and *Annie Hall*), and advised John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Jimmy Carter.

Canadian-born **Harry Saltzman** produced several James Bond films — among them *Goldfinger, Dr. No, From Russia With Love* and *Thunderball*.

Chaim Raphael wrote British crime novels under the pseudonym of Jocelyn Davey. His best-known books were *The Naked Villainy, The Road From Babylon* and *Murder in Paradise*.

Joe Kirby (Jacob Kurtzberg) was called the King of the Comics. Working for Marvel Comics, he helped create two vivid characters — Captain America and the Incredible Hulk.

Lawrence Spivak founded the enormously popular NBC-TV talk show, *Meet the Press*, which marks its 50th anniversary this year.

Aleksandr Chakovsky, one of the few high-ranking Jewish communists in the old Soviet Union, was editor of the influential *Literary Gazette* from 1962-1987 and a member of the ruling Central Committee.

Frederick Praeger founded two publishing houses, Praeger Press and Westview Press, which gave Western readers insights into communism and foreign affairs. His most memorable titles were *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and *The New Class* by Milovan Djilas.

Josef Gingold was a distinguished U.S. violin teacher. Two of his pupils were Joshua Bell and Jaime Laredo.

Jon Kimche was a seasoned journalist who edited the London-based *Jewish Observer and Middle East Review* and the *New Middle East*.

Keith Joseph (Lord Joseph) was a Conservative party cabinet minister under British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, an architect of her free-market philosophy and a member of Parliament.

Milton Shapp, the governor of the state of Pennsylvania in the 1970s, was the first Jew to seek the Democratic party nomination for the U.S. presidency. He made his bid in 1976, but shortly afterward dropped out.

Shlomo Zabludowicz, a Polish Holocaust survivor who settled in Finland after the war, was an arms manufacturer. His company, Soltam, sold ammunition and small arms to Israel. In the late 1950s, he convinced Germany to buy Israeli-manufactured military equipment.

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יזכור

The Jewish National Fund of Toronto announces, further to the request of members of the community, the establishment of a Memorial Grove in the Toronto Community Forest at Yatir, Israel in memory of the nineteen young Israelis killed in a terrorist attack at Beit-Lid near Netanya on Sunday, January 22, 1995.

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Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

The world is full of takers. That's an old truism, but the world is also full of people who refuse to take, and that's a sad fact. They're among those addressed by the opening verse of this week's Torah portion, Terumah.

Terumah is an offering made by free will, an offering of the heart, which the Israelites made for the sake of constructing the wilderness sanctuary. Yet the text calls upon Moses and his minions that they should "take [not give] for Me an offering."

Actually, terumah helps us learn that every gift requires taking, and often the taking itself is a gift. Many people, desiring to prove their self-sufficiency, refuse the support and sustenance of others, or refuse to let others bring them tokens of love, whether gifts of a material nature or simply gifts of the heart, like a visit or a hug. Yet such people often want to be the ones who bring gifts. They like to give. They don't like to receive.

So the Torah indicates that taking a free will offering is a gift in itself, allowing the giver to enjoy the good feelings that comes from beneficence. Those who find it hard to be "takers" ought to remember that in the taking, they allow pleasure to others.

Similarly, when we think about the Torah itself, reports the Vilna Gaon, we often view it as a gift. The festival of Shavuot, for example, is "Zeman Matan Toratenu," the time of the giving of the Torah. But the Book of Proverbs states, "I have given you a good doctrine," (using the Hebrew lekach, which has the same root as the verb, to take). That means the Torah is not just a gift, but also something to be taken.

We Jews are offered the gift of the Torah, but unless we take it, accept it and live it, the Torah remains a gift unreceived. We all recall how frustrating it is to offer a present, only to be refused by the person we're honoring. Imagine, then, how frustrating it must be to the Holy One of Israel to give us a Torah of truth, only to have us Jews walk away from it.

This parshah also hints at those who give without willing hearts. Since the terumah was taken, it is possible the givers' hearts were not inclined to the task, and the gifts taken against their will.

Rabbi Akiva Eger reminds us of the Talmudic verse, "The All Merciful requires the heart." When the Israelites of the Torah first heard of the terumah, they may not have been inclined to give. As the time approached to make their offering, they attuned their hearts to the task. When it comes time to give to a sacred cause, we have to move our hearts to do what is right. There should be no unwillingness in matters like terumah.

How wonderful it would be for those who collect tzedakah whether for Federation, synagogue, or other endeavors, if they viewed their taking of the donation as a gift to the donors, and if the donors simultaneously moved their hearts so all tzedakah would be offered ungrudgingly.

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Haredi Jews, archeologists clash at construction site

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Haredi Jews and archeologists have again locked horns, this time at an electric company construction site in Beersheba, which the haredim claim contains Jewish remains.

The conflict began when ruins of a Byzantine church were uncovered at the site where the company planned to build. Archeologists asked to excavate the area and then discovered the remains.

These were turned over to the Ministry of Religious Affairs at the direction of the attorney general. The head of the excavation site said no more human remains have since been found.

The excavations are continuing, as are haredi protests over what they claim is the desecration of Jewish graves.

This is the latest eruption of friction between the Antiquities Authority and Haredi Jews, who have clashed in the past over various sites in Israel.

The authority last week sent Knesset members copies of a report that said that several of the haredi neighborhoods in Jerusalem have been built on graves from the Second Temple period.

The Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz* said the document, *Two or Three Things You Didn't Know About the Antiquities Authority*, was sent in response to a series of critical articles that appeared in the haredi press recently.

Among other things, the report said that "during archeological excavations in Shuafat and Mazor, which were undertaken to build haredi neighborhoods, dozens of ancient graves were discovered, including those of Jews, and no one protested until it was reported in the press."

Antiquities Authority spokesperson Efrat Orbach said the authority had informed the haredim about the Jewish graves, but they did nothing in response.

A spokesman for the Athra Kadisha Society, which monitors sites for the haredi community, said in response that the authority's claims were empty accusations with no basis in fact.

"Maybe in Shuafat they found one grave, which they quickly destroyed so no one would know," the spokesperson told *Ha'aretz*.

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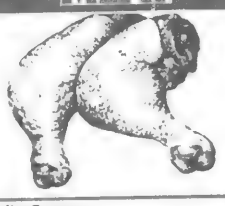

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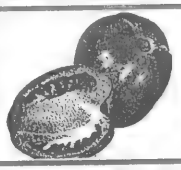

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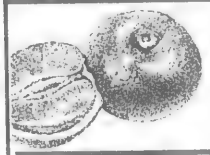

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From coast to coast

Soviet family gets landed immigrant status

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Jewish family from the former Soviet Union whose members said they faced certain death if deported have been granted landed immigrant status in Canada as political refugees.

"This ends four years of terrible suffering," said a happy Felix Gogniev, 56, who with his ex-wife, Dina Tsallaeva, and daughters Fatima, 27, and Zalina, 25, were ordered to leave Canada by May 26 of last year.

Zalina was to be deported even though she is married to Gera Roth, a Canadian citizen.

The only cloud remaining over the family is the absence of Tsallaeva's name on the official Immigration Department document, but Gogniev believes it was a clerical error.

The Gognievs have been given work permits effective immediately.

The relieved family came direct to Canada from North Ossetia on visitors' visas four years ago.

They had high praise for Jewish Immigrant Aid Society (JIAS) case worker Etya Kanyevsky, the JIAS officials who successfully appealed their deportation order, and for lawyer Christine Kurawata.

"If, in fact, we had been deported to North Ossetia we would now be just seven kilometres from the border of Chechnya and 70 kilometres from Grozny," Gogniev said.

In 1992, H.R. Hanson and W. Bauer, two former members of the Immigration and Refugee Board, ruled that the family had not proven its Jewish origins and, even if they were Jewish, might face discrimination in North Ossetia but not persecution. Their request for refugee status was denied.

Their case dragged through a hearing and an appeal at a time when the Immigration and Refugee Board was experiencing internal turmoil. Michael Schelew, the deputy chair, known as an advocate for refugees, resigned after some IRB members charged political interference. Schelew had asked some board members to justify their decisions against refugee applicants.

The Gogniev family maintained in evidence to the board that they were tortured and harassed because they were Jewish.

Felix Gogniev and his family.

They claim to be descendants of the Grigorin tribe which made its way to the mountains of Russia from the Middle East through Iran and Persia. Gogniev still does not have full use of one hand, and walks with a limp because of the torture.

"I'm not bitter about this, Canada is a wonderful country, and we look forward to beginning a new life," Gogniev said.

He has registered his job search with the Jewish Vocational Service. He has the equivalent of a PhD in economics from Russia and would be happy with a research or clerical post in business management or food processing.

While in Canada, he worked as a volunteer economics analyst for the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and as a volunteer cook at Yorkdale Secondary School.

Fatima has a part-time job as a dental assistant and Zalina works part time in an accounting office.

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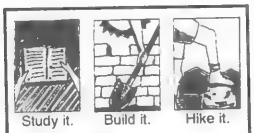

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From coast to coast

Domestic violence part of community

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Domestic violence is as prevalent in the Jewish community as it is in the general population, according to social workers from Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS).

The only difference is that in the Jewish community, although abuse is just as severe, there is a less frequent use of weapons, said Joan Hurley and Blanche Wiseman.

Hurley and Wiseman who run groups at JF&CS for abused women and for abusers, were part of Hadassah-WIZO's recent breakfast program on Domestic Violence: How Can we Break the Cycle?

The program launched the new Women for Women campaign aimed at raising awareness and providing support for hot lines, shelters, halfway houses and legal aid to women in crisis in both Israel and Canada.

Other speakers were Mary Lou Fassel, director of legal services at the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic; and Catherine Fox, public education coordinator at the Yellow Brick House, an emergency shelter for women and children.

Fox cited the statistics that in Canada, one out of five women is assaulted by a male partner and two or more are killed by their male partner each week.

"We have to accept that there is at least one abused woman in this room right now," she said.

Fox, who grew up in an abusive home, stressed that the victim is not the one to blame in an abusive relationship. "Being a victim is a learned behavior — children are trained to become victims.

"On an uplifting note, however, there is something we can do about it. When we go into schools we can talk about not giving up power. We are not talking about being powerful, but rather, being empowered. Fewer women would be abused if they felt good about themselves."

Fassel said the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic, named after a young lawyer who was murdered the night she was called to the bar, shows something good can come out of tragedy. "The clinic was developed by Barbra's friends and colleagues because we felt the need to have something of value come out of her death."

The free legal and counselling service for victims of violence has seen about 8,000 women since its inception in 1985.

"Eighty-five to 90 per cent of these women need legal assistance, and partner assault represents about 40 per cent of the legal work we do. This reflects the need for special legal services for women, as well as community and government support," Fassel said.

Toronto mayor, Barbara Hall, who went to law school with Barbra Schlifer, brought greetings from the municipal government and blamed the housing crisis for keeping many women in violent situations. She said it was because of that issue that she first got into municipal politics. "Women's safety should not be jeopardized because of a lack of housing."

Hurley and Wiseman see "women from every socio-economic group." They urged the women to take a brochure if they or anyone they know needs help.

As well as running a shelter with a kosher kitchen which can facilitate one or two families, JF&CS has a network of shelters where kosher food can be provided.

In Israel, Hadassah-WIZO provides services for battered women that include legal advice, a shelter, a halfway house project that provides temporary independent accomodations to the newly single parent ready to leave the shelter, a telephone hotline and self-help groups.

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Sexuality report draft comes under debate

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Rabbinical Assembly's controversial draft report on sexuality, first made public last year, was fodder for an animated debate at Beth Tzedec Congregation last Monday evening.

The debate between the report's author and a right-wing critic came one day before the eighth draft was unanimously accepted as an official document of the Conservative umbrella Rabbinical Assembly (RA) in New York.

Rabbi David Novak, 53, who left the organization to found the Union for Traditional Judaism, claims the document represents a "fundamental theological problem" in the Conservative movement.

A Rabbinic Letter on Intimate Relations puts forth a religious context for sexuality.

Speaking opposite report author Rabbi Elliot Dorff at the Issues & Insights series sponsored by the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rabbi Novak took particular exception to the report's discussion of homosexuality and non-marital sex.

He likened it to a 1950 RA document granting Conservative Jews permission to drive to synagogue on Shabbat. "This is where the problem began in the Conservative movement," he said.

Beth Tzedec's Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl acted as moderator before a mixed crowd of 250 people. All three rabbis are close friends.

According to Rabbi Novak, who

Rabbi David Novak

Rabbi Elliot Dorff

teaches Modern Judaic Studies at the University of Virginia, the document reflects "an unwillingness to clearly articulate what it is to live under the law of God. I hope many people in my former community, the Conservative movement, will express their disapproval."

"David, you're just wrong," said a genial Rabbi Dorff.

The report does not condone but rather addresses the issue of sex outside of marriage, the 51-year-old provost at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles stressed.

"Our choice was to say nothing or say something," he said. "Not saying anything [implies that] unless you're having sex within the bounds of marriage, then you do whatever you want."

The report discusses Jewish ethical values like honesty, fidelity, modesty, love and holiness within sex-related issues.

"If you're going to have sex [without marriage], these [ethical] obligations are still incumbent on you, maybe even more so, because you don't have marriage to impose them," said Rabbi Dorff.

"A document can always be misread," he said. "I hope this letter will be the vehicle by which we as a Jewish community confront these issues openly."

Bikur Cholim starts campaign

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian supporters of Jerusalem's Bikur Cholim Hospital are undertaking a $900,000 (US) fundraising campaign to expand the hospital's emergency department.

The Canadian Friends of Bikur Cholim, formed in 1979, may not be the newest kid on the fundraising block, but the expansion is its biggest single project to date.

The Jerusalem hospital, located since 1925 at the intersection of Jaffa and Strauss roads, treated over 22,000 emergency cases in 1993. The much-needed $1.5 million (US) expansion, to which British supporters have pledged $600,000, will be complete by early 1996.

The Canadian Friends of Bikur Cholim has traditionally raised funds through parlor meetings, art auctions and mailings within the Orthodox community. The group raised over $1.25 million between 1992 and 1994.

The current fundraising campaign will kick off with a March 22 forum on menopause. Public relations director Hindy Abelson said she expects 1,000 women of all ages will participate in the event, which promises to explore medical and alternative approaches to menopause.

"Bikur Cholim is a hospital with a heart," said Canadian Friends president and co-founder Leah Aryeh. Those treated at the hospital include wealthy Rechavia residents, Arabs from East Jerusalem and patients from the nearby Mea Shearim district.

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Family support seen important for new baalei teshuvah

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Serious rifts in a family when one of its members becomes more religious are usually the result of a problem in the family — not in the religion, say two prominent psychologists.

Rabbi Michel and Faige Twerski are active in outreach to baalei teshuvah (those becoming religious). In the last of a weekend series of talks at Aish HaTorah, they told the standing-room only crowd that with understanding, consideration and support on all sides, the process can be a healthy and successful one.

We must consider what other family members might feel and think when a loved one becomes religious, Rabbi Twerski said.

Parents might see it as a rejection of their value system, or a rejection of themselves as good people, or an accusation that they aren't good people.

They might feel they are being replaced by new parent figures (such as a rabbi) and by a new community. They are concerned that the newly religious person doesn't attend family functions with the same spirit.

They might feel the child "is constantly making demands for *us* to change for him."

They might see religious observance as just another fad their youngsters are going through.

A spouse, on the other hand, may see it as an attempt at manipulation or domination, "an attempt to disparage in a way that permits no response."

Religious requirements

As the newly religious partner leaves for classes, prayers and new activities, the spouse may "feel as if there is no time for them."

Religious requirements, such as kashrut, impinge upon the spouse, and taharas hamishpachah (the laws of family purity) "seems to have intruded on the most private, intimate part of their life."

Both the parents and the spouse, Rabbi Twerski said, fear that the baal teshuvah loves something else (religion) more than he or she loves them.

The baalei teshuvah, in the meantime, are bewildered by what they see as obstinancy or a lack of understanding. "If they really loved me, they would make this accomodation," they may think.

They feel abandoned at a time when they need security and encouragement, the rabbi said.

Faige Twerski suggested that the baalei teshuvah probably feel very frustrated that, while they may be educated and functioning well in their professional lives, in the Torah world "they are suddenly at a very basic level."

In their frustration, she said, "they lash out at those closest to them, in ways that may not be appropriate."

Everybody involved in such a situation, the Twerskis said, must commit themselves to maintaining their relationship.

The baal teshuvah, Faige Twerski said, must reassure the parents or spouse that they are not being rejected, judged, or any less loved.

"We must explain that Judaism encourages and solidifies relationships. And that so much of what is in Torah is already in them, like kindness, respect, integrity.

"We must acknowledge, to ourselves and to our parents, that we are what we are because of them."

If the situation really reaches an impasse, Rabbi Twerski advised seeking outside resources, such as an outreach person, a rabbi, or other families who have been through the same thing.

Because the baal teshuvah is less knowledegable about religious observance, he may be more rigid. The outreach person, the rabbi said, can help deal with the family in ways that are comfortable rather than confrontational.

Most of all, the Twerskis said, the baal teshuvah should "try to do his or her own thing without making a big deal out of it."

"Don't yell at people to turn off the TV on Shabbes. Go to your room and observe Shabbes there," Rabbi Twerski said, while Faige Twerski warned, "Don't be G-d's policeman."

She also said that the baalei teshuvah can show good faith and commitment to maintaining good family relationships by compensating in other ways. For instance, she said, if a couple used to go out on Saturday, promise to go out on Sunday instead. If you used to call your parents once a week, call them three times.

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Quilt commemorates end of war

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A local artist is creating a quilt commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and dedicating it to family members who perished in the Holocaust.

"Doing this has made me almost feel as if I knew these people," said Linda R. Goldman of her grandparents, three aunts, cousins and other relatives from her mother's side who died during the war.

The memorial quilt includes pre-war photographs of Goldman's grandparents and her three aunts. Her mother, Annette Goldman (formerly Diamond), smuggled the pictures into Auschwitz-Birkenau and kept them until she was liberated from Bergen-Belsen.

Goldman, 44, made a point of using photos of happy picnics and relaxed gatherings before the Holocaust. "I wanted to show happy things too," she said.

The photographs, which have been printed directly onto fabric, are surrounded by 12 Stars of David, four of them embroidered with the names of the dead. The pale yellow stars will be framed by squares of plain and patterned fabric symbolizing the four seasons and aspects of the Holocaust, like a pale blue square for the sky above the camps that inmates looked to when they cried to God and asked "Why me?," Goldman said.

Goldman's Spadina Avenue street scene hangs at Baycrest Centre.

A brown square represents the earth Jews shovelled when they dug their own graves, while striped fabric is for the inmates' uniforms. Green is for the forests where many Jews fled during the war.

Goldman's inspiration came from a painting shown in *The Canadian Jewish News* last fall of Jews in Belarus forced to strip and dig their own graves before being shot. She wept when she saw the picture, she recalled. "It was very upsetting."

The quilt, which Goldman estimates will be 5 ft. by 5 ft., will be complete by early spring. Until then, the artist — who is head of the graphics department of the Toronto Public Libraries — will be spending much of her time working on it.

A graduate of the Central Technical School's art program, Goldman began making quilts and applique wall hangings in the '70s.

A 1975 write-up in *Toronto Life* magazine brought Goldman her first commission — from Moses Znaimer. Now Goldman's work is in private collections in Canada, the United States and Europe.

One of her most-loved pieces, a bright Spadina Avenue street scene, hangs at Baycrest, where one resident told Goldman's mother how much it cheers her up.

"As an artist I've always wanted my work to give people pleasure and hearing this comment made my day," said Goldman.

BBW/C chapter uses tabs to purchase wheelchair

TORONTO — Sha'aron Chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada (BBW/C) recently presented a wheelchair to the stroke recovery group of the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

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This is the fourth year of project and to date, seven wheelchairs have been purchased. Previous wheelchairs have been donated to Zareinu, Group Visions, the Children's Aid Society and Lincoln Place.

The Bathurst Jewish Centre wheelchair was presented to stroke recovery group president Irene Lastman by Sha'aron chapter president Sandi Ben-David and project chair Evelyn Brager.

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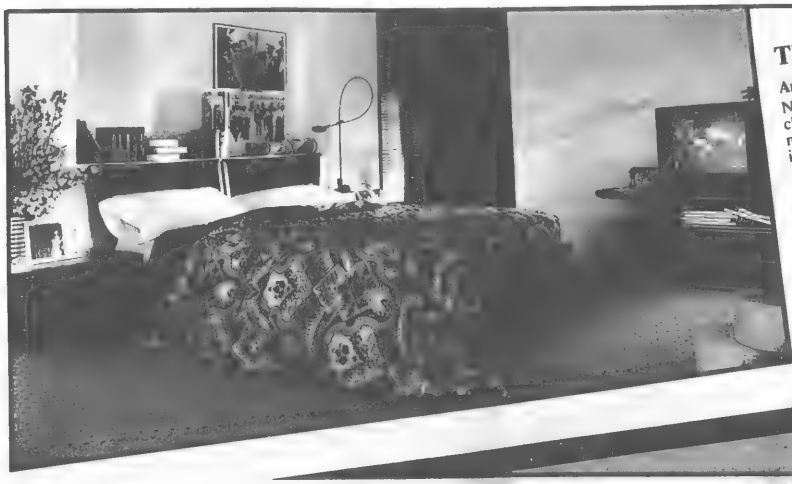

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Draimin re-elected as the president of Pardes Shalom

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Bill Draimin

TORONTO — Lawyer Bill Draimin's office is filled with the usual law books, diplomas and family pictures, but with one difference: the framed painting of a serious-faced boy dressed in Victorian short pants.

That boy is Draimin's great-uncle Samuel King, born in 1867 and one of the first Jewish lawyers in Ontario.

Bill Draimin is proud of his family, which came to Canada in the 1860s and 1870s, not just because of their deep Canadian roots but also for their long tradition of serving the local and Jewish communities.

Draimin is following that tradition. Last Sunday he began his fourth term as president of Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park, Pardes Shalom cemetery, in Vaughan.

Draimin is a member of the Reform chevra kadisha. He call that and his work at Pardes Shalom, which Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple helped purchase in the early 1970s, "the most fulfilling work," citing the traditional view that it is the greatest mitzvah because one is offering a service to those who can't offer thanks.

The 89-acre cemetery, under executive director Ben Schneider, now has 48 organizations representing the secular, Reform, Conservative, Orthodox and benevolent society worlds.

While the cemetery is one of the largest in the country, the search for new land is constant. "Cemeteries think in terms of 50 to 75 years ahead," Draimin said. He says Pardes Shalom will be fully allocated by the year 2030.

One of the most important issues the cemetery will have to face in the next five years, he says, is the burial of non-Jewish spouses. The cemetery bylaws state only members of the Jewish faith may be buried there.

Breast cancer rate higher in Ontario

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Women must not be lulled into complacency about breast cancer, a physician said at a recent forum.

"The reason we are here is that breast cancer is the most common cancer and the leading cause of premature death among Ontario women. Ontario has one of the highest breast cancer rates in Canada and Canada has one of the highest rates in the world," said breast cancer specialist, Dr. Judith Weinroth.

The forum, sponsored by Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood also included Carry Greenberg, a researcher in diet and breast cancer prevention and Sharon Hampson, breast cancer survivor.

Weinroth, medical coordinator, Ontario Breast Screening Program, Toronto Centre, said that breast cancer is a topic many people are afraid to discuss.

"It is important however, to talk about it," she said. "In 1993, there were 6,200 cases in Ontario and in 1994, 6,500 cases. Over 2,000 women die annually from breast cancer in Ontario alone.

"Although there is no proven method of preventing breast cancer, it is possible to reduce deaths by 30 to 40 per cent by finding the disease early and treating it properly. Breast cancer is not a death sentence. Early detection can save 300 to 400 lives a year in Ontario."

Weinroth told the capacity crowd that the Ontario Breast Screening Program, funded by the Ministry of Health, is a program of the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation and is administered through regional cancer centres and Princess Margaret Hospital. It offers women 50 years and older mammography, physical examination of the breasts, information on breast self-examination and a reminder to return for screening. Its unique features are that a doctor's referral is unnecessary and that patients receive their own results.

Greenberg, currently working on the Diet and Breast Cancer Prevention study, the only study of its kind in the world, said there is a clear relationship between what we eat and the risk of getting breast cancer, but it is a complicated relationship — one aspect of a diet does not make a difference.

"In Japan, where there is lower fat consumption, the incidence of breast cancer is lower," she said. "It is clear, however, that it is not one dietary component but what a person eats in total that matters."

Sports

Judo experts keep opponents on the mats

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Three years ago, Masha Kazakevich was feeling resentful of the fact that as a woman alone, she worried about being attacked on the street.

So, she took matters into her own hands and signed up for judo lessons at a neighborhood martial arts club.

Almost immediately her natural abilities began to bear fruit — in competitions if not on the street.

In each of the last three years, the 19-year-old Kazakevich has slammed, stunned and generally overwhelmed her opposition in competitions. Recently she took home her third consecutive Ontario Open Championship in judo.

A green belt in the 56 kg class, Kazakevich has taken on brown and black belts and beaten them handily, sometimes in matches that last as little as 10 seconds.

Her coach and Samurai Club operator Moni Aizik says Kazakevich "is good at ground fighting, bringing [her opponents] to the ground and making them submit with a choke or an arm lock.

"She can take on the strongest guy and bring them to the ground," when training at the club.

Aizik said Kazakevich's strengths are her speed, her flying arm lock and her keen appreciation of judo's technical aspects. "She tries to understand the details. She's a perfectionist."

Kazakevich trains five times a week for up to three hours at a time. She also trains in Israeli army "survival" techniques in which anything goes.

"I think the best way to win is as fast and clean as possible," she said. "If you get them in an arm lock or a choke, they have to give up immediately."

A native of Grodno, Belarus, Kazakevich and her family immigrated to Canada via Italy about 10 years ago. While her father has been supportive of her interest in martial arts, her mother was worried about the physical aspects. Those concerns were amplified when Kazakevich once broke some bones in her wrist, but she shrugs that off. "You have to learn to take a certain amount of pain."

Kazakevich looks to Israeli Yael Arad, an Olympic silver medalist in judo, as an inspiration. "I like to see a strong Jewish people to break the stereotype," she said. "It's a strong nation all over, not just physically."

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Unlike Kazakevich, Igor Korol was an accomplished judo fighter when he immigrated to Canada from Riga almost five years ago.

Masha Kazakevich gets ready to slam Igor Korol to the mat in this made for *CJN* picture.

He began learning the sport at age 12, moving to judo from the less rugged game of chess because, the 24-year-old asserts, chess and judo have a lot in common since both require strategy.

Back in the U.S.S.R., Korol, then 19, won a junior championship on behalf of his Dynamo club.

He took first place in the under 65 kg category for black belts at last month's Ontario Open Judo Championship.

"He's very gifted physically," Aizik said. "He's very strong, very agile and experienced."

An instructor at the Samurai Club, Korol is setting his sights on the Canadian championships in May, as is Kazakevich.

He won a bronze medal at the 1993 Maccabiah Games in Israel. Ultimately, Korol would like to represent Canada at the 1996 Olympics. "Everything is possible," he believes.

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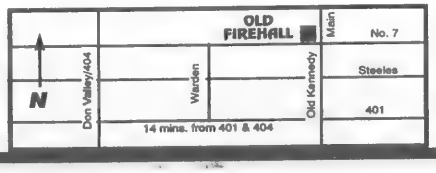

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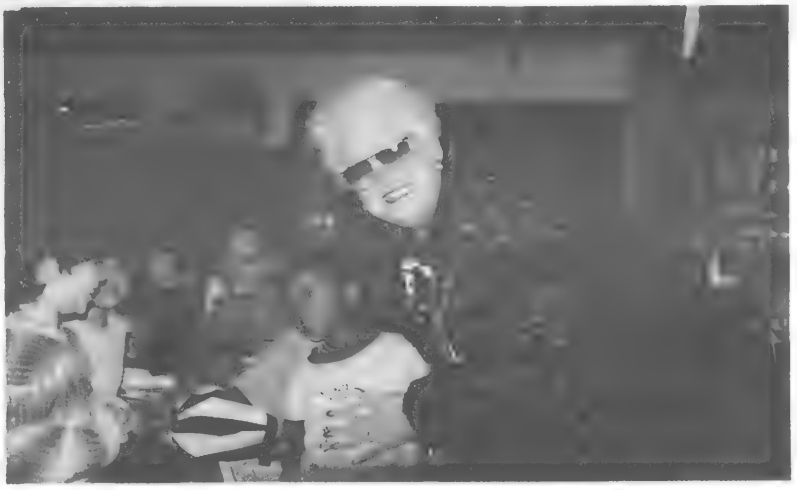

Esther Gold meets children attending a nursery funded by UJA in Kfar Gvirol.

UJA's Project Renewal helps fund centre in Israel

TORONTO — Israel's only school inside a community centre is being built in Kfar Gvirol.

Kfar Gvirol, about 20 km outside of Tel Aviv, is one of three municipalities adopted by United Jewish Appeal (UJA) in Toronto under a program called Project Renewal.

Twenty-two classrooms for children from kindergarten to Grade 6 will be placed inside a building used by the entire community. The library, educational workrooms and craft rooms will be shared by students and Kfar Gvirol residents.

"The relationship between the school and the community centre is still being worked out," said Project Renewal committee member Esther Gold, a professional educator who recently returned from planning sessions in Kfar Gvirol. "There will definitely be joint programs."

UJA, which funded the town's existing community centre, is contributing $600,000 towards the new facility's $3 million cost and $400,000 for operational expenses.

Although Kfar Gvirol will soon have two community centres, the school inside the new building will be a first. Children are now bused to their classes outside town.

The unique community centre concept is well suited to Israel's school hours, said Project Renewal co-chair, Bill Kassel.

"The school day only goes until 2 p.m.; so even when school is out, the building will be in use all the time," he said.

Kassel said the new facility will ease overcrowding at the old centre, which will be able to keep children busy after school until their parents pick them up.

Construction on the second community centre is expected to start this summer.

Brain alterations focus of study

TORONTO — Baycrest's Rotman Research Institute is studying brain alterations in people who are aging normally.

Institute director Dr. Donald Stuss said the difficulties faced by stroke-free older men and women sometimes mimic those who have brain damage caused by stroke.

The healthy elderly, he observed, may experience problems with memory organization.

"Some of the models of normal aging indicate that memory dysfunction may be the result of brain changes," he said.

However, the normally aged can take advantage of memory improvement methods more quickly and effectively than those who have experienced strokes.

Understanding what happens to the brain during aging is one of the institute's highest priorities.

The institute is also placing high priority on research into dementia, the all-encompassing term for general brain deterioration. Alzheimer's disease is one form of dementia, but there are many more, which, Stuss cautioned, are sometimes improperly diagnosed as Alzheimer's.

Although scientists have so far failed to discover a cause or a cure for Alzheimer's disease, they are learning a lot about the minds of Alzheimer's patients.

In addition to directing the Rotman Research Institute, Stuss is vice-president of research at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and president of the 3,000-member International Neuropsychological Society.

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Holocaust education offered in schools

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Auschwitz-Birkenau survivor Judith Rubinstein has been telling junior and senior school students about her wartime experiences for the past six years because she fears history could repeat itself.

One of 50 survivors who addresses students visiting the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre (HEMC), the 74-year-old Rubinstein tells them that tolerance is the magic word "or else [you] can get into trouble."

Last school year 16,000 students from the Greater Metropolitan Toronto area toured the centre and heard survivors speak. They include students from exclusive private schools, public schools with a high percentage of Jewish students and students from Catholic schools.

"We use the historical period of the Holocaust as an example of what prejudice and racism can lead to if it's not stopped," said director Pnina Zilberman.

Chair Anita Ekstein talks to students about her experiences as a hidden child in Poland because of her belief that racism is "rearing its head. I think we get through to them," she said, citing letters sent to speakers by young people moved by their lectures.

The HEMC visits are just one facet of Holocaust education programs offered in area schools. In North York, a program has been offered since 1987 when Board of Education trustee Elsa Chandler and Carl Hogg, the curriculum coordinator for middle and secondary schools, published subject material for English and history classes.

The teaching unit includes chapters on taking a stand against evil, human behavior, victims, resistance, responsibility and survivors. It is taught at all 20 North York high schools during Holocaust Remembrance Week in November, when students work on related projects.

Taking stand against evil

The Holocaust, Hogg said, is also taught in Grade 10 history, a required course for Ontario students.

Cheryl Rosenthal, a teacher at Newtonbrook Secondary School in North York, took a multicultural group of 30 students to the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., during Holocaust Education Week last fall. The students, mainly from Grade 10 and OAC, couldn't have cared less about American history, said Rosenthal, but there was not "one reaction like that from the Holocaust museum."

Students who take Mike Bernstein's course on the Jewish experience at Thornlea Secondary School in York Region study the Holocaust intensively for one week and visit the HEMC. "Even our own kids tend not to realize the extent of the persecution and suffering Jews underwent in the Holocaust," he said.

After looking at the events, his classes — students from Grade 10 through to OAC — discuss questions that are hard to answer, such as why did God let it happen, and talk about the lessons that can be learned from the Holocaust.

The Holocaust is covered in other courses at Thornlea.

Canada's complicity examined

At Upper Canada College (UCC), the Holocaust is taught in Ministry of Education-approved history and world politics courses in grades 9, 11 and 12. It is covered in the context of World War II, with attention paid to Canada's complicity.

Michael Eben, who teaches an OAC-level German literature and language course at UCC, devotes about 20 per cent of class time to studying the Holocaust through poetry, short stories and film. He takes his students to the HEMC.

When his students watch *Night of the Fog*, a Holocaust documentary Eben describes as "blunt and hard," he says they are taken aback because few have seen or heard anything about the Holocaust.

At Jewish schools like United Synagogue Day Schools (USDS), survivors are invited to speak to students as young as Grade 4. They can be surprised at the thoughtfulness of the questions, said Judaic studies program director Laura Wiseman. "Some of them will be about basic logistics, other children ask more philosophical questions," she said.

Survivors, often the relatives of students, speak to grades 4 and 5 each spring around Yom Hashoah. At that time of year, teachers may take their classes to the HEMC or the Beth Tzedec museum. USDS has a Yom Hashoah commemoration at the school.

Grade 8 USDS students study the Holocaust as part of the Jewish history curriculum, and stage a special event in conjuction with Holocaust Education Week. This year the students watched the play *Lisa* based on the Carol Matas novel about the Danish resistance.

Uri Korin, the principal of the Bialik Hebrew Day School, said to help make Holocaust education more meaningful to students, the school is setting up a living museum of the Holocaust with a kibbutz in northern Israel.

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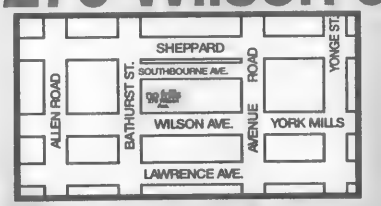

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By Carolyn Blackman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publicaion date. Feb. 2 is deadline for Feb. 16 issue and Feb. 9 is deadline for Feb. 23 issue. I receive calls and sort mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Feb. 2

GENERATION TO GENERATION

Generation to Generation sub-committee presents the premier screening of *In Search of Joy*, written, directed and produced by **Isabel Fryszberg** and **Tracy Thomson**, 7:30 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. Fryszberg, child of Holocaust survivors will facilitate a discussion following the screening. Admission $2. Call **Pnina Zilberman**, 635-2883, ext. 144 for further information.

AISH HATORAH

Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz discusses Judaism's practical guidelines for dealing with resentment, anger and hate, Aish HaTorah Thornhill, 8 p.m. For information call 636-7530.

Saturday, Feb. 4

VOICES OF CHILDREN

Musica Beth Tikvah, co-produced with Beth Tikvah Sisterhood presents Toronto Children's Chorus, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The chorus, recently returned from a debut at Carnegie Hall, will perform the music of Bernstein, Copland, Adler, Friedman, Mahler, Nurit Hirsh, Mira Chen and Mendelssohn. Special family rate, $35 for family of four.

PEACE PROCESS

Prof. Efraim Inbar, director, BESA Centre for Strategic Studies, Bar-Ilan University will speak at Shabbat Services, Beth Emeth Bais Yehudah Synagogue, 100 Elder St., on Hawks, Doves and the Peace Process — In Which Direction Are We Flying? At 4:30 p.m. there is an open discussion on Are More Compromises Necessary to Ensure Peace?

CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood Family Shabbat presents **Rachel Turkienicz** who will give biblical and Talmudic insights into the relationship between children and parents. Responsibilities at various life stages will be discussed after a pre-registered lunch. Call Beth Tikvah office, 221-3433 for information.

Sunday, Feb. 5

AROUND ISRAEL'S BOUNDARIES

Dr. David Newman, visiting professor of political science from Ben Gurion University of the Negev will speak on boundaries and related issues facing Israel, 8 p.m. For details for this event sponsored by Canada Israel Forum call 925-5046 or 972-1143.

ISRAEL'S PLANTS

Shaarei Shomayim adult education committee presents **Jo-Ann Gardner** who will speak on Israel's Plants in Traditional Jewish Life and Lore, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Admission free.

YOUTH AND NEO-NAZISM

Young Professional Network, United Jewish Appeal presents Is Today's Youth Vulnerable to Neo-Nazism? with speakers **Warren Kinsella** and **Bernie Farber**, 7:30 p.m. Ford Centre for Performing Arts.

STORYTELLING FOR ADULTS

Friendship and love is the theme for the next meeting of Jewish Storytelling for Adults, 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., north of Glencairn at Bathurst. Open to all who wish to tell or listen to Jewish stories. Call 440-1330.

IS ISRAEL SECURE?

BESA Centre for Strategic Studies, Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, Mizrachi Organization of Toronto and Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation present **Prof. Efraim Inbar**, director, BESA Centre for Strategic Studies, Bar-Ilan University who will speak on Deterrents in the Peace Era: Is Israel Secure?, 8 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. W.

AUCTION SALE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood is holding an auction sale featuring all new merchandise, 6:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Free admission and refreshments. Call 633-5500 for information.

AIDS/HIV

Dr. Sigmund Krajden, head of Infectious Diseases Centre, St. Michaels Hospital and co-director of AIDS Clinic, St. Joseph's Hospital will discuss AIDS/HIV — Where We've Been and Where are We Going, Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood breakfast, 470 Glencairn Ave. Services 9 a.m., breakfast, 9:30 a.m., speaker 10 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 6

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT JUDAISM

Rabbi Nechemia Coopersmith dispells some prevalent misconceptions about traditional Judaism, 8 p.m. Aish HaTorah Thornhill, upstairs offices of the Promenade, Suite 303. Admission free. Call 636-7530 for more information.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Women's Institute for Advanced Torah Study presents **Chana Weisberg**, Monday evenings, 8-9:30 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Topic is: Are the Sacrificial Laws Relevant to Modern Society. For information call 905-889-6066.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic is scheduled at Bathurst Jewish Centre. For information call 974-9900.

JEWISH DIABETES CHAPTER

Diabetes, Feeling Good About Yourself is the topic, at 8 p.m., Sharei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. W. Everyone welcome. Admission $1 members, $2 non-members. For more information call **Esther Schwartz**, 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt**, 225-1989.

JEWISH MYSTICISM

Theme of the joint Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am continuing education series with **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum** is Leaders of Jewish Mysticism and Hassidism. Tonight's topic, 8 p.m., Beth David, Two approaches to Jewish Mysticism.

RABBI GUNTHER PLAUT

Rabbi Plaut, senior scholar, Holy Blossom Temple, leading historian of Reform movement, author and editor will speak 8 p.m., at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study, Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., presents **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, who will lead a class on the Role of the Community in Judaism, 10-11 a.m.

Sarah Chana Radcliffe will speak on Social Graces, How to be Polite the Torah Way, 7:45-8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

LIGHT PASTA COOKING

Alpha Omega Auxiliary presents Light Pasta Cooking with **Rose Reisman**, 8 p.m., Dublin Heights Elementary and Middle School, 100 Bainbridge Ave., $18. Cookbooks available. Proceeds from event and cookbooks go to charity.

LIVING WITH PEOPLE

Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz discusses Judaism's practical guidelines for dealing with resentment, anger and hate, Village Shul, 8 p.m. Cost $5. For information call 636-7530.

PREMIER PERFORMANCE

Ben Steinberg (left) congratulates John Reeves on the premiere performance of his composition *In Memorium Primo Levi*. The piece was jointly sponsored by Toronto's Italian Cultural Institute and Temple Sinai, where it was performed as the highlight of a Holocaust remembrance concert. Also pictured are from left, mezzo soprano, soloist Sandra Boyes; organist Dr. George Brough; Cantor Thomas Schwartz; and actor Paul Soles who recited selections from Levi's Holocaust prose and poetry.

HELPING OUT

Families from the Secular Jewish Association recently helped out at the North York Food Bank. Alex Wilmer, 8, is seen here sorting food.

LEORA CHAPTER BBW

Gaston of Gaston's French Restaurant will speak 7:30 p.m, Lifestyle Retirement Home, Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave. $15 at door or call **Kim Koblinsky**, 905-770-3950 for tickets.

NEW BBW CHAPTER

Ten reasons for joining this new chapter for an evening of Pictionary and potluck dinner include: all the girls are in their early to mid 20s; it's a terrific way to meet new people; being a member looks great on a resume; and its a whole lot of fun. For information call **Eileen**, 630-9313 days or **Dori**, 764-8222 evenings.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Bring sewing kits and join Baycrest fabric hangings project coordinators **Sue Krivel** and **Sarah Silver**, 8 p.m, Holy Blossom Temple.

HELPING CHILDREN

Young Families Group, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue presents Helping Your Child Under 10 Help Themselves with **Althea**, director of Kinderschool. $3 members, $5 non-members. For information call **Beth** 785-0338 or **Rhonda**, 905-731-9441.

WHAT IS A CONVERT?

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich continues the adult education series, 7:30 p.m. at the Pride of Israel, 59 Lissom Crescent. Everyone welcome. For information call 226-0111.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

Tonight's meeting, 8 p.m., 3 Versaille Court, Richmond Hill discusses proper positioning of the baby, overcoming breastfeeding difficulties and adjusting to the role of a new mother. Meetings open to pregnant or nursing mothers. For information call **Joyce**, 905-881-8779 or **Robin** 905-886-8364.

OR CHAIM KOLLEL PROGRAM

Guest speaker, 8-9:45 p.m., 159 Almore Ave. is **Rabbi Reuven Tradburks** of Kehilat Shaarei Torah Synagogue.

Thursday, Feb. 9

IMMIGRANT ISSUES

B'nai Brith Canada Halton-Peel Lodge presents **Marvin Kurz**, Ontario legal coun-

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sel, League for Human Rights, B'nai Brith Canada, 7:30 p.m., Peel Board of Education, Brampton Room, Hurontario and Matheson Blvd. W., Mississauga. Call 905-678-9691 for information.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

THE WHO'S TOMMY

State of Israel Bonds Construction and Development Division presents a special performance of the Broadway rock musical *The Who's Tommy*, Wednesday, Feb. 22. Admission is minimum new Bond purchase of $5,000 per couple (eligible for self-directed RRSPs). Call **Jacques Vogler**, 789-3351.

KOLEL SPRING SEMESTER

Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning begins its spring semester in two weeks. Adult education classes include Women in Tanach, Biblical Hebrew, Rabbinic History and Modern Jewish Thought. Call 905-709-1900.

CHILD CARE CONFERENCE

Jane Farris will cover issues such as work and family balance, self-nurturing and getting more out of life at the 10th annual conference for child care professionals, students, parents and volunteers, Feb. 11, Birchmount Park Collegiate, 3663 Danforth Ave. Register by calling 750-9121 or at the door.

RIKUDIYAH '95

Children's Israeli dance festival, co-sponsored by Bathurst Jewish Centre and Board of Jewish Education celebrates 25 years, March 5, York University, Tait McKenzie Gym. Twenty-one groups participate with guest performing group The Chai Dancers. Tickets $5, children 12 and under $1 available at BJC, 4588 Bathurst St. beginning Feb. 8.

ONE MARRIAGE — TWO RELIGIONS

Six-week series for engaged or recently married couples to discuss the impact of interfaith backgrounds on your relationship and relationships with families. How does this affect raising children, celebrating holidays and belonging to a community? Begins in March. For registration information call **Pat Lieberman**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 215.

SUCCESSFUL STEP-PARENTING

A group for couples living with other people's children to discuss the myth about step-families, building a solid couple relationship, guidelines and strategies for step-parents and helping children adjust to step-family life, begins Feb. 7. Call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215 for details.

WEEKLY TORAH PORTION

Chana Weisberg will take a deeper look into the weekly Torah portion, Mondays, 8-9:30 p.m., Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study, Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Register by calling 905-889-6066.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following groups: Looking Ahead After Separation, begins March 31; For Women Only, explores self-esteem, stress management and inter-personal relationships, begins Feb. 22; Adult Children Losing a Parent begins March 4. For more information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

Rachel Turkienicz will delve into the story of Esther, her personality and the unique Jewish victory in which she played a central role, 8:15-9:45 p.m., Jan. 9-Feb. 6.

Feb. 13-April 3, 8:15-9:45 p.m. Turkienicz will analyze Moses, his upbringing and his relationship with G-d.

Dr. Reuven Gellman will discuss Minhagim and Halachah, Feb. 7-Feb. 27, 8-9:30 p.m. All classes sponsored by Shaarei Shomayim adult education and held at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Cost for each series, $10 members, $20 non-members.

SHABBAT SERVICES IN THE CITY

Downtown Reform Minyan Shabbat service program at the Bloor JCC will hold services, Saturday, Feb. 4, 10 a.m.; Friday, Feb. 10, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m.; Friday, Feb. 24, 7:15 p.m. with kiddush following each service. For pre-recorded message call 905-844-4185.

OHR SOMAYACH

Class for women who want to study Torah from the original source is held Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-noon. Ability to read Hebrew text not a prerequisite.

Class for women on the weekly Torah reading given by **Rena Schochet**, director of Women's Studies Program, Wednesdays, 10 a.m. All classes at Ohr Somayach, 613 Clark Ave. W. No admission fee. Babysitting available. Call 905-886-5730.

BEAT THE BLUES

Israel Cancer Research Fund is hosting its fifth annual bash, Beat the Blues on Bourban Street, Sunday, Feb. 19, 8 p.m. at RPM. Tickets, $25 in advance, $30 at the door. Tax receipt will be issued. Call 487-5246.

PARENTING PROGRAMS

Learn effective discipline, communication and how to develop a positive family atmosphere at courses offered by Parenting Education Centre of Ontario. For information call **Corey Finkelstein**, 512-8135.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Pride of Israel Junior Congregation meets every other Shabbat from 10-11:30 in the Ganz chapel. All children ages 9-18 are invited. Kiddush follows service. Next service, Feb. 4.

FEMINIST WEEKEND RETREAT

Jewish Feminist Weekend Retreat, Jewish Women/Jewish Lives, facilitated by **Sandra Butler**, March 3-5, Maple Lake Resort. Call **Temi Firsten**, 656-5650.

SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz teaches a 10-week course on Family Relations in Jewish Law, Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. Fee $75 adults, $40 students. Call **Helen**, 905-709-1900. Annual Solel Art Auction, Saturday, Feb. 11, admission $3. Preview begins 7 p.m., auction, 8 p.m. Call **Albert Amar**, 905-896-8216. Family services Friday, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. Regular services Friday, Feb. 3, 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4 and 11, 10 a.m.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave. holds Shacharit services weekdays, 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv, 5:30 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits**, 8 a.m. For information call **David**, 256-1600.

WOMEN AND JUDAISM

Nishma's Women and Judaism seminar open to men and women continues its in-depth research and discussion of the distinctions between men and women within Jewish law, with a study of the Laws of Parenting, Mondays, 8 p.m. Nishma Centre, 358A Wilson Ave. Call 630-0588.

for seniors

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Feb. 6 the Israeli movie *Across the Ocean* will be shown in Hebrew.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club Sunday dance with live band, Feb. 12, 7:30-10:30 p.m. in community centre. Members $4, non-members $5. Saturday dance in clubhouse Feb. 4, 7-10 p.m. Seats still available for Atlantic City trip March 6-9. Members $315 per person double occupancy, non-members $325 per person double occupancy. Call for information on day trips. Ongoing activities include bingo, movies and dance classes. Call 395-7881.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2 for tai chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 905-886-2625.

Lunch and Learn in Retirement, Holy Blossom Temple, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 12 noon, features **Beth Feffer** who will talk on Confronting the Impact of Intermarriage. Bring lunch. $1 fee for program. Coffee, tea and cookies served.

The Wagman Centre, Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays 9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in the Boardroom. Next meeting is Feb. 3. For information and registration call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is planning a six-day trip to Washington in May. Future trips include Artpark July 19, *Most Happy Fellow* and August 8, *Singing in the Rain*. Stratford trip, Sept. 27, *Boyfriend* and Oct. 25, *Gondoliers*. For information on programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna**.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents The Safe Use of Medication, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1-3 p.m. in the cultural room. Register at Wellness Desk.

Movie, Sunday, Feb. 5, 2:30 p.m., *Sound of Music*.

Dance to the exciting music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 5. Members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

Wednesday afternoon social, Feb. 8, 1:30 p.m. features singer **Faye Kellerstein**.

at the JCC/BJC

Lenka Lichtenberg entertains with songs from around the world at the next Tuesday luncheon of Senior Adult Services, Feb. 14. Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call **Yvonne**, 636-1880.

Bathurst Jewish Centre Senior Adult Services Learning Experience program, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 1 p.m. Learning to Record your Autobiography. Presented by authors of *Treasured Memories*. Call Yvonne, 636-1880.

NEW ISRAEL FUND

At the recent General Assembly in Denver, the New Israel Fund of Canada was invited to present Sukkah by the Water, an innovative outreach program for Jewish women. From left, Chari Cohen, New Israel Fund of Canada representative and one of the creators of the sukkah structure; Deanne Stone, representative from Boston federation; Barbara Dobkin, founder and chair of Ma'yan in New York; and Susan Weidman Schneider, editor in chief *Lillith* magazine.

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From coast to coast

Hockey tourney planned

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — A regional hockey tournament for 8- to 12- year olds will be held at a Dundas, Ont. arena on April 2.

Participants will come from Hamilton, Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, Mississauga, St. Catherines and Brantford. The tournament will be followed by a social at the Hamilton Jewish Community Centre (JCC).

In organizing the tournament, Dr. Leslie Berman, past chair of the Hamilton-Wentworth and Area JCC youth committee, spent four months talking to youth leaders from neighboring Jewish communities and discovered "how some of [the youth groups] are really languishing," he told a recent meeting of the JCC community planning and priorities committee.

"The future of all our Jewish communities ... depends on our children," he said.

Berman believes that Jewish children must be given opportunities to meet socially and for recreational programs. If they play together, "hopefully, they will remain together and Jewish continuity will take care of itself."

Berman, who has an 8-year-old and a 12-year-old, said he is concerned not only about the lack of intercommunity programming, but also about the fact that there is little contact between local teen youth groups.

He said it is of utmost importance to establish an area-wide youth committee in which all youth groups can work together.

He feels that the federation and the JCC must network with local leaders and those in the surrounding communities to provide programs, especially for younger children.

Berman hopes the hockey tournament, which is sponsored by his clinic, will be the first in a series of youth activities that will keep Jewish youngsters together.

There is also a registration fee of $15.

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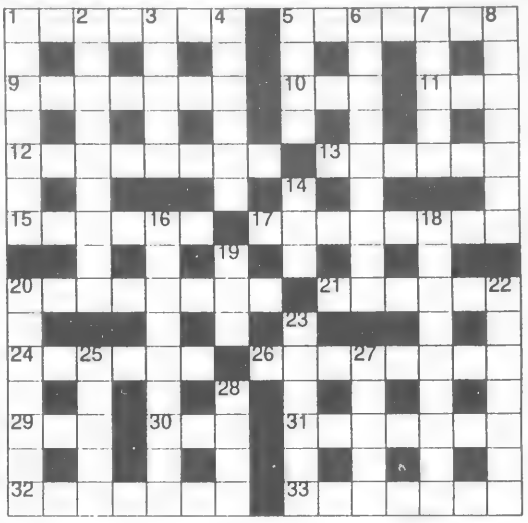

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U.S. official threatens aid to Egypt

Wants hostility towards Israel to end

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — A senior member of Congress has threatened to cut off all foreign aid to Egypt unless President Hosni Mubarak warms up to Israel and ends contact with Libya.

"I will lead the fight to terminate aid to Egypt if Mubarak continues the process of flirtation with [Libyan strongman Muammar] Khadafi and if his increasingly hostile statements to Israel don't come to an end," said Representative Tom Lantos (D — Calif.) at a gathering of the American Jewish Committee's national leadership last week.

Lantos, a longtime Israel supporter and a staunch advocate of aid to Israel and Egypt in the past, expressed similar sentiments to Secretary of State Warren Christopher at a hearing of the House International Relations Committee.

"The good will and financial support of the American Congress is directly related to the attitude Egypt takes both with respect to the peace process and with respect to terrorism," Lantos said at the hearing.

Only Israel receives more

Egypt has received an annual $2.1 billion in U.S. foreign aid since signing the Camp David accords in 1978. Only Israel receives more U.S. aid with $3 billion annually.

Israeli officials have expressed increasing alarm at hostile statements emanating from Cairo. Egypt has reportedly encouraged Arab countries to slow down their efforts to initiate ties with Israel until a deal with Syria is signed.

Egypt has also been pushing Israel to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which comes up for renewal this year.

Christopher responded to Lantos' remarks by saying that Mubarak, while he "deserves great credit for leadership in the Middle East peace process, ... we simply don't understand [the Egyptians'] relationships with Khadafi, and we have simply indicated that we think those are ill-advised.;;

Lantos also told American Jewish Committee leaders that he would like to cut aid to Russia and end trading privileges extended to China if both countries continue to assist Iran in developing nuclear reactors.

Elie Wiesel (left) hugs Shevach Weiss, speaker of the Israel Knesset, as they arrive for a ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. [RNS photo]

Horrors of Auschwitz recalled 50 years later

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

OSWIECIM, Poland — Several hundred Auschwitz survivors and others held a Jewish memorial ceremony here last Thursday to mark the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the death camp.

Jewish groups organized the ceremony outside the framework of official ceremonies planned by the Polish government Thursday and Friday. Members of the Jewish groups said the official program did not reflect the unique dimension of Jewish suffering at Auschwitz.

About 300 Jews, many of them elderly, marched from the entrance of the Auschwitz-Birkenau camp, along the rail track that brought Jews here from across Europe, to the ruins of the camp crematoria.

There they prayed and wept, chanting K'el Maleh Rachamim, Yizkor and Kaddish.

In English, Hebrew, Yiddish and Polish, survivors, Israeli representatives and other Jewish leaders commemorated the dead and declared the Holocaust must not be forgotten.

"We know that God is merciful, but please, God, do not have mercy on those who created this place," said Elie Wiesel, Auschwitz survivor and Nobel Peace Prize winner.

"Those who have been here," he said, "remember the nocturnal processions of children and more children and more children — frightened, quiet, so quiet and so beautiful.

Highly critical

"If we could simply look at one, our heart would break. Did it not break the heart of the murderers? God, merciful God, do not have mercy on those who had no mercy on Jewish children," Wiesel said.

Wiesel headed the official U.S. delegation to the commemoration.

Jean Kahn, president of the European Jewish Congress, warned against the distortion of memory about the Holocaust.

He was highly critical of the way the Polish government organized the official ceremonies, and accused it of wanting to stage "a nationalist celebration by concealing the Jewish dimension of the Shoah."

One of the few non-Jewish representatives attending the Jewish ceremony was German president Roman Herzog.

Most of the participants appeared to be Polish Jews, but Jewish representatives also came from Hungary, Germany, the Czech Republic, Russia and elsewhere.

Other speakers included Knesset Speaker Shevach Weiss; Federation of Polish Jews president Kalman Sultanik and Menashe Lorenzy, chair of the Auschwitz Twins Association.

A Gypsy representative also spoke.

Official ceremonies last Thursday included a meeting of Nobel Peace Prize winners to draw up an appeal against intolerance.

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Settlers stake claims to land

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — One day after a ministerial committee authorized continued, but slower, building in the communities surrounding Jerusalem, Jewish settlers took to the hills to stake their claim to lands they said were slated for development.

Residents from Ma'aleh Amos, located in the Gush Etzion bloc of settlements south of Jerusalem, set up caravans last Thursday on three hilltops in the area, saying they intended to build at the site.

Bedouins from the nearby village of Kissan protested the move. The Civil Administration ordered the caravans taken down at two of the hilltops, saying they lay outside the settlement's development plans.

The Civil Administration was reviewing the third site, apparently within the settlement's development boundaries.

Earlier that day, residents from Kochav Ya'acov, near the West Bank town of Ramallah, moved tractors to an undeveloped plot of land before the Civil Administration ordered the work halted.

Residents and members of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza said the land is part of the settlement.

Kochav Ya'acov resident Elhanan Rappoport told Israel Radio "we want to remove any doubts over ownership."

Last week the ministerial committee on building in the territories authorized the completion or construction of some 4,000 privately financed apartments in Jerusalem's so-called satellite communities. This included retroactive approval of apartments that had already been sold.

The committee approved the sale of 800 apartments in Ma'aleh Adumim, as well as the gradual building of 1,000 additional apartments over the course of the next two years.

The ministers approved the completion of 1,000 apartments in Betar, as well as a plan to build 900 more.

The committee also authorized the completion of 340 apartments in Givat Ze'ev, and the planning for 800 more units, all to be located on private lands within the settlement's existing boundaries.

Settlement leaders at first criticized the ministerial committee's decision, saying it was misleading the public by authorizing apartments which had already been approved.

But leaders of the communities surrounding Jerusalem later met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and emerged saying they were satisfied.

In the words of Ma'aleh Adumim Mayor Benny Kashriel, "We got what we wanted."

The Palestinian Authority warned that any continued building violates the Palestinian self-rule accord and could lead to further unrest and demonstrations.

The Associated Press quoted PLO chief Yasser Arafat as suggesting the decision violated a promise "that they would not expand settlements or increase their numbers."

Peace Now also came out against the committee's decision.

'Sexist' comments cause outrage

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — Two high-ranking military men took a small break from the ongoing security debate last week to let Israeli women know what they think of them.

"Women have always been whores just as men have always been soldiers," said Col. Gershon Hacohen, commander of the 7th Armored Brigade, to a class of Jerusalem high school students about to be drafted into the Israel Defence Forces (IDF).

The comment was made public on the same day that deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Gur told acting Knesset Speaker Esther Salmovitz her behavior during a stormy Knesset session had been "whorish."

Isolated outbursts?

Israeli women don't think so.

"It is no coincidence that both these people are products of the army," said Likud MK Limor Livnat. She, along with women MKs of all political parties, is demanding that Hacohen be dismissed from the army and that Gur — who has refused to apologize for his remark — be reprimanded by the Knesset ethics committee.

Hacohen — described by colleagues as a brilliant officer — also told students "most girls in the army could be replaced by computers and answering machines." After a public outcry, he apologized for his comments and was reprimanded by the army.

But his remarks will not be so easily forgotten. They exposed too many raw nerves in the army, and possibly in Israeli society as a whole.

"Sexual harassment is rampant in the army," says history teacher Batya Fogel, recalling examples from her own stint as an officer. "Col. Hacohen's attitude is not unusual."

Neither is Batya Fogel's experience. It is difficult to find an Israeli woman who does not have tales to tell about sexual harassment in the army.

"My desk is full of complaints against high-ranking officers," says Nava Arad, the prime minister's advisor on the status of women. "Unfortunately, the colonel's remarks reflect the views of many in the army."

Hacohen's comments unleashed a storm over other sensitive issues. How important is the work done by women in uniform? And what does the army experience teach young women about their role in Israeli society?

"In the army, girls learn that they are meant to serve boys," says writer Gail Hareven. "The cruder boys expect sexual favors. The more refined ones expect other services. Girls are supposed to bring coffee, answer the phone and type letters, while boys train to become warriors."

Women in the IDF do serve as medics, tank instructors, and intelligence officers. But they are a minority. Most women do clerical work of one kind or another. "Talented, ambitious girls join the 'people's army' and learn to lower their self esteem to the level of a typewriter," Hareven writes.

These are the kind of wounds the colonel reopened with his remarks, and the main reason why so many women — and men — are calling for his dismissal.

"He has made many girls question whether they should serve in the army at all, and in that respect, he has done irreparable damage to the IDF," says economist Alex Fogel.

"Someone with such views isn't fit to command soldiers," says Col. (res.) Oren Sagiv of Kiryat Ono, who has two daughters in the army.

"What kind of lesson will this be to officers charged with sexual harassment?" asks Arad. "We have to show them that saying they're sorry is not enough."

Hareven says Hacohen is just a symptom. The real problem, she says, is that the army is built on the foundations of sexism.

By firing Hacohen, the IDF could show that maybe she is wrong.

The Week in Israel

Jan. 23:

• The soldiers killed at the Beit Lid junction were buried.

• Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin addressed the nation reaffirming that his government will continue the struggle to achieve peace and to fight the enemies of Israel. He also stated the path to peace must lead to a separation between Israelis and Palestinians, but not according to the pre-1967 borders. Jerusalem will remain united forever, he said.

• A state commission of inquiry was formed to investigate Yemenite children missing since the early 1950s.

Jan. 24:

• Rabin established a special committee to develop plans for separation between Israel and the Palestinian population in the West Bank.

• The Israel Defence Force (IDF) killed six Hezbollah fighters during clashes in Southern Lebanon; two IDF soldiers were wounded, one critically. One IDF soldier was accidentally killed in the engagement.

• The government survived a no confidence vote in the Knesset, 61-53. The vote centred on the issue of settlements near Jerusalem.

Jan. 25:

• An IDF spokesman said Hezbollah had gained control over the villages in south Lebanon.

• Israeli government officials announced that U.S. vice-president Al Gore will visit Israel in the first half of March.

• The Israeli Embassy in Tokyo protested to the management of the monthly magazine *Marco Polo* for publishing a 10-page article denying the Holocaust.

Jan. 26:

• Informed sources in the IDF's Northern Command have alerted the public to expect intensified efforts by Hezbollah to strike at IDF security patrols in Southern Lebanon.

• The IDF announced that one of its officers will be disciplined for his remarks concerning women in the army. (See article on this page.)

Jan. 27:

• According to a public opinion poll conducted by the newly-opened Palestinian Centre for Public Research in Beit Sachor near Bethlehem, more than half of the people in the West Bank approved of the Beit Lid bombings. Fewer than a third were opposed.

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FREIGHT CAR OF DEATH

One of the freight cars that took Jews to their deaths at Auschwitz concentration camp during the Holocaust is to become a permanent memorial to the millions who were exterminated at the camp. The freight car memorial is at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum. The car was donated to Yad Vashem a few years ago by the Polish government and it was decided to incorporate it into a permanent memorial, designed by Moshe Safdie. [Isranet photo]

New markers, plaques installed at Birkenau

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

OSWIECIM, Poland — The Auschwitz Museum is installing a new system of plaques and markers at Birkenau in an effort to make the tragedy of the concentration camp more accessible to visitors.

The new system is designed both to provide detailed information about the death camp and to commemorate its victims.

Birkenau, also known as Auschwitz II, was the vast death camp two miles from the main Auschwitz camp. Jews across Europe were brought to Birkenau by rail in crowded cattle cars. From there, selections were made regarding who should go immediately to the gas chambers and who should be put to forced labor.

Most of the Auschwitz murders occurred at Birkenau.

The liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp complex, where the Nazis slaughtered between 1.1 million and 1.5 million people between 1940 and 1945, was the focus of commemorations held last week.

Since the fall of Poland's Communist regime five years ago, numerous changes have been implemented at Auschwitz-Birkenau in order to correct Communist-era disinformation, which had minimized the overwhelming Jewish character of Auschwitz victims.

The Birkenau camp encompasses some 350 acres. Unlike Auschwitz I, whose buildings were turned into exhibition halls for a memorial museum, Birkenau was left as it was when the Nazis fled in 1945.

Before fleeing, the Nazis blew up the crematoria and destroyed or partially destroyed almost all other buildings on the site.

Aside from ruins and barbed wire, Birkenau today consists of its main entry building, the rail line, a few structures and guard towers, and scores of skeletal chimneys marking the sites of destroyed barracks.

The new information markers at Birkenau consist of slabs of black granite in the size and shape of tombstones. They are set up in groups at numerous sites around the former camp.

Some of the markers are already in place, while others are still being prepared. Some will bear informational texts in several languages describing given places. Others will bear maps and plans of the camp and its buildings. Still others will bear etched photographs showing how Birkenau looked during its operation and at its liberation.

Other markers, in Polish, English, Hebrew and Yiddish, will mark places where human ashes still lie.

Survey shows Poles want memory of Holocaust kept alive

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The vast majority of Poles favor keeping the memory of the Holocaust alive, but they focus on their own suffering under the Nazis as much as on that of the Jews.

This was one of the findings of a new survey by the American Jewish Committee (AJC) released last week to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

The survey also found that fewer Poles than four years ago hold opinions generally considered anti-Semitic.

Only 16 per cent of Poles believe Jews have too great an influence in society, down from 26 per cent in a 1991 AJC survey.

There was a similar decline in the number of Poles who would prefer not to have Jewish neighbors and who think that Jews behave in a way that provokes hostility.

For all these questions, Jews received some of the lowest negative ratings, as compared with other groups such as Gypsies, Ukrainians, Arabs, Romanians, businessmen and the Catholic Church.

At the same time, just under half of those surveyed said anti-Semitism is "somewhat of a problem" in Poland today. The rest were almost equally divided between considering anti-Semitism a "very serious problem" or "not a problem at all."

The survey was conducted for AJC by the Warsaw-based Demoskop polling agency in late December and early January. Face-to-face interviews were conducted with 1,145 respondents. The margin of error is three percentage points.

Of those surveyed, 85 per cent agreed with the statement, "We should keep the remembrance of the extermination of the Jews strong even after the passage of time."

Only 10 per cent agreed with the statement, "Fifty years after the end of World War II, it is time to put the memory of the Nazi extermination of the Jews behind us."

Asked whether Poles or Jews had suffered more from Nazi persecution, 40 per cent volunteered that both groups had suffered the same.

Strong majorities said many Poles rescued Jews during the Holocaust, few participated in the persecution of Jews, and Poles generally did enough, or as much as they could, to help Jews.

The survey also revealed a greater knowledge about the Holocaust than did a similar survey in the United States last year.

But while nine out of 10 Poles were able to identify Auschwitz, Dachau and Treblinka as concentration camps, they were far less accurate when it came to knowing the number of Jewish victims.

Only 34 per cent of the Poles selected six million as the approximate number of Jews killed by the Nazis. In this multiple-choice question, 38 per cent chose numbers ranging from 25,000 to two million. This is similar to the results of an AJC poll of Germans last year.

The survey released this week brought together two streams of research that AJC has been conducting in various countries over the past several years — one relating to knowledge and remembrance of the Holocaust, the second focusing on attitudes toward Jews and other minorities.

Beit Lid bomber had been freed from Israeli prison

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — One of the terrorists involved in the Jan. 22 suicide bombing at Beit Lid Junction had been freed from an Israeli prison as part of a prisoner-release arrangement with the Palestinian Authority, Israel Radio reported last week.

The report prompted Likud Knesset member Tzachi Hanegbi to submit a bill that would prevent Israeli authorities from releasing Palestinian prisoners who had committed murder.

Hanegbi also called for the dismantling of the recently appointed ministerial committee that oversees prisoner releases.

Justice Minister David Libai, who responded for the government during the Knesset debate, said the committee had suspended its activities since the attack.

He also said that criteria governing future releases of Palestinian prisoners have not yet been established and that guidelines should be determined by the government and the president without legislative constraints.

The Knesset rejected Hanegbi's bill last Wednesday.

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Committee delays decision on Jewish Agency head

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — A key committee of Diaspora philanthropists has postponed its decision on the suitability of the two leading candidates to head the Jewish Agency for Israel and the World Zionist Organization (WZO).

Sources said the committee deferred its decision at the request of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The 10-member committee is to vet potential candidates for the chairmanship of the executive of the Jewish Agency and WZO.

The actual appointment will be made in February by the WZO, which usually elects the candidate nominated by the Israeli Labor Party.

The prime minister has been a staunch supporter of Yehiel Leket, the agency's acting chair, in the face of opposition from some Diaspora fundraisers.

The 10-member "advice and consent" committee of the Jewish Agency interviewed Leket and the other candidate, Labor MK Avraham Burg, at a Manhattan hotel last Tuesday.

Members reportedly suggested splitting the position to make Burg chair and Leket chair of operations. Leket was said to have rejected the proposal.

The race between Leket and Burg comes at a defining juncture for the Jewish Agency and WZO.

The WZO, founded to establish a Jewish state, approaches its centennial with its continued existence in question. Few members of the younger generations in either Israel or the Diaspora have been attracted to an international Jewish organization predicated on political Zionism and divided along Israeli party lines.

At the same time, the Jewish Agency, having resettled more than 500,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union in the past few years, faces the prospect of continuing cuts in its $500-million budget.

The agency is largely funded by American federations, which have increasingly been keeping more of the money raised for local programs.

And continuing to hang over the agency is the specter of corruption and mismanagement left by former chair Simcha Dinitz.

Dinitz was indicted last year for aggravated fraud and abuse of public trust related to the alleged abuse of Jewish Agency credit cards. After taking a leave of absence, he formally stepped down at the end of December and is now on trial in Jerusalem.

The 53-year-old Leket, a longtime Jewish Agency-WZO official, is widely credited for restoring the organization's morale and for correcting abuses during his 11-month tenure as acting chair.

But his quest to succeed Dinitz has been consistently opposed by some leading Diaspora philanthropists, foremost among them South African industrialist Mendel Kaplan.

CELEBRATING THE MEMORY OF THE BABA SALI

An elderly Moroccan woman lights a candle at the tomb of Rabbi Israel Abuhatzeira, the "Baba Sali." This year marked the 11th anniversary of the death of the venerated Moroccan rabbi. Each year, a growing number of people, not exclusively Moroccan, attend the "Hilulah" or celebration in his memory in the Negev city of Netivot, where he is buried. The atmosphere is colorful and festival-like with entire families from all over the country spending the day in song, in picnicking and in prayer. People crowd the tomb to light memorial candles and petition the rabbi to intercede on their behalf in heaven. [Israel photo]

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TORONTO — Canada has just three per cent of the world's stock market capitalizations. It follows then, that 97 per cent of the best opportunities for financial gain and growth are outside our borders. When it comes to RRSP investing that is definitely something to keep in mind.

When most Canadians think of their RRSPs, they think solely of Canadian investments. In fact, a full 20 per cent of their RRSP can be held in foreign investments. That is 20 per cent of the book value, not just this year's contribution. It is predicted that that proportion may be increased by the federal government in the coming years.

There are two compelling arguments for looking to add global diversification to an RRSP. The first is the tremendous opportunity for growth in markets that exist outside our borders. While Canadian markets have performed well in recent years, they have typically underperformed most industrialized nations over the preceding 10 years.

Specifically, in examining the average annual growth rate of world markets over the last decade, Canada's advance represents about one-third of that of the United States, Europe and Japan, and about one-quarter of the growth rate of Hong Kong.

And when you consider the opportunities offered by the fast-growing economies of the Southeast Asian countries, China, India, Latin America and South Africa, the potential for greater returns is attractive indeed. Perhaps this is something to keep in mind when you are preparing for this year's RRSP contribution.

The second reason for pursuing a global strategy is that true international diversification also adds a defensive element to your portfolio. In addition to providing tremendous growth opportunities, investing abroad helps to spread the risk of capital loss and protect against short-term fluctuations experienced in a single market.

As recently as five years ago, a balanced portfolio meant that one held a broad selection of Canadian and U.S. fixed-income, money market instruments and a range of equities. Today, with increasing globalization of securities markets, that philosophy is somewhat outdated.

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Why is growth in your RRSP so important? Not many Canadians can rely on government support programs to maintain their lifestyle through retirement. With an aging population and massive government debt, many of the current programs may not exist in the way they do now, by the time baby boomers begin to retire.

The other main reason why a very strong RRSP is important lies in inflation. It's like a hidden tax. For every percentage point your retirement portfolio grows, it must be adjusted downward to account for the erosion of the purchasing power of the dollar. For example, if you earn $40,000 per year, in 10 years you would have to earn $50,210 to retain the purchasing power you have today, assuming an annual four per cent rate of inflation. In 25 years, that amount would rise to $106,663 — income that will most likely have to come from a retirement plan.

In summary, to get the most from your RRSP investments, you should be taking advantage of the foreign limit. What is the best way to do this?

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Israel's interest rates remain at 17 per cent

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel stood his ground last week and decided to leave interest rates unchanged at 17 per cent, despite pressure from Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and the private sector to lower rates.

Nevertheless, Frenkel said interest rates would go down in the coming months should there be clear signs that inflation is moderating.

"Lowering interest rates today could be understood as a premature declaration of victory over our foe inflation, and, as a result, it can weaken the determination to fight inflation," Frenkel said.

Shohat said the central bank's decision was a mistake. "The Bank of Israel should have lowered interest rates and there were good economic justifications for such a move."

Frenkel defended his decision saying, "there are real signs the Bank Of Israel's policy of monetary restraint has begun to bear fruit." Frenkel pointed the slower growth in the M1 and lower inflationary expectations in the capital market. "Nevertheless, it is still not possible to state with full confidence that the inflation goal for 1995 will be reached. We want to wait for an additional period to allow the positive signs to base themselves, which will lead, in the end, to a lasting reduction in inflation,"

There are still some pockets of worry, according to Frenkel. In the past three months, wholesale price rises accelerated while housing prices picked up last month after moderating somewhat in the previous two months.

The governor rejected the call for a symbolic rate cut, saying the central bank would only be ready to send such signals if they were backed up by concrete steps such as significant government spending cuts and tax burden reductions.

Frankel's policy was criticized by the private sector. Dan Propper, the president of the Manufacturers Association said the government must force the Bank to lower interest rates to prevent a recession.

"The Israeli economy is currently moving towards a crisis and the point of no return is not far off," he said. "The government has to look for all possible ways to force the Bank of Israel to change its monetary policy, which is sweeping us towards a severe crisis."

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The Municipal Trust Company

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The **Municipal Trust Company** is so committed to providing high quality customer service it offers the Municipal Trust $5 Guarantee to any customer dissatisfied with the service.

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Service is the key to Municipal Trusts' success, Richard Poremba, a marketing field manager, told the CJN. "We are committed to our clients."

The Municipal Trust Company, which is based exclusively in Ontario, was founded by Max Rotstein in 1971. The company began with a single location in Barrie and now has 29 branches. It boasts assets of more than $1.2 billion.

The company has focused servicing the heartland of Ontario creating the type of atmosphere that would be compatible with doing business in small cities and towns. The individual branches are homey — the furniture is comfortable, there's always fresh coffee and the staff know their customers by name.

This is the atmosphere Municipal Trust strives to create at it's branch office at Bathurst and Wilson in North York. For 24 years the company limited its business in Toronto to mortgages and GICs. This continued to be the situation when the North York branch opened in February of 1993.

However, there were increasing requests from customers for full banking services, Poremba said. And so in May of 1994 this branch became a full service centre offering checking and savings and U.S. dollar accounts, RRSPs, RRIFs, loans, lines of credit, bill payments etc.

Wide range

While Municipal Trust provides a wide range of services to all segments of the community — the products are competitive — it also has some specialty products for seniors and children.

People age 50 and over are eligible to join the Golden Circle Club. Members can take advantage of higher interest rates — one quarter per cent more for the First Rate 50 plus Investment Chequing account as well as monthly investment certificates.

Free personalized and certified cheques, reduced cheque processing charges, no charge to pay utilities, are other advantages. Golden Circle Club members also get travel package discounts arranged through Municipal Travel, which is owned by the trust company. At the North York branch there is also a Yiddish speaking teller used primarily by seniors.

Municipal Trust has established the Golden Nuggets Club for children who do their banking there. Members receive monthly gifts when they make deposits. The company allows the children to take out five-year GICs on amounts as low as $100.

"This is our way of getting the children to understand how to save money and not be afraid of banking," Poremba said.

The Municipal Trust Company prides itself on community relations. The different branches get involved with their local communities sponsoring sports teams and participating in special events. For example in Trenton the company enters a bathtub in the annual bathtub race and the staff dress in period costume during Orangeville Medieval Festival.

The company also holds customer appreciation days twice a year, offering refreshments and prizes to its customers, Poremba said. "It's our way of saying thanks."

The focus on customer satisfaction and comfort sets Municipal Trust apart from other banking institutions, he said. "We're friendly, we have competitive products, our service is second to none and the coffee is always free."

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Business & Finance

Green-Eclipse provides clean air for your home

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

The recent unveiling of Canada's first Envirodesic subdivision means homeowners may no longer become ill from poor indoor air quality.

All 116 homes to be built by Fifthshire Homes Ltd. in Sharon, a community north of Toronto, will receive Envirodesic certification for maximum indoor air quality, the first environmental certification program that promotes personal health and well-being.

The program is administered by Green-Eclipse Incorporated, an international team of experts in low-pollution design, toxicology, medicine and indoor air quality.

Among its services, Green-Eclipse offers a homeowner referral service, inspection and consulting service, and assistance to builders and renovators in producing Envirodesic homes and home renovations. The company also works with building owners and managers, government, developers, architects, engineers and other design professionals to create healthier indoor environments in homes, schools and commercial and public buildings.

"The government has been slow in this field but clean, indoor homes is a first step in saving OHIP money because people will stop having to see the doctor for allergy-related symptoms," says Bruce Small, president of Green-Eclipse.

Small describes Envirodesic, a trademark of Green-Eclipse, as a new generation of healthy homes that protect families from harmful pollution. "Research shows that we are being exposed to a lot of pollution these days. Indoor air is often three to five times more polluted than outdoor air. You can't avoid it everywhere, but your own home is under your control and can provide you with 12 to 15 hours a day of cleaner air and a healthier environment," he says.

A graduate of engineering science at University of Toronto, Small was diagnosed as being chemically sensitive in 1975, after a bout of mild symptoms including stomach aches, headaches, rashes and irritability. Even after removing harmful pollutants from his home, he decided the city was not good for him, his wife and young daughter. They moved to Stouffville and built what is now known as Sunnyhill, the family residence and the flagship for the Envirodesic project's research program.

Sunnyhill's controlled environment is constructed with low-emission materials; the building is organized in environmental zones to allow for the testing of the effects of different Envirodesic configurations on indoor air quality and health.

Small says his plan is to create an education, rehabilitation and counselling program to equip people to combat environmental hypersensitivity and to reverse the health damage and psychological stresses associated with it.

"People need lifestyle changes, but they also need to know what to do to change. We will teach them how to create a clean space."

"This family will have fewer illnesses, more productive work and increased vitality. Having a healthy home to return to is like having insurance."

Susan Daglish, executive director of the Allergy and Asthma Information Centre agrees. "As Canadians we spend over 50 per cent of our life indoors, so ensuring that our home is a safe haven is important," she says.

Sunnyhill, in Stoufville, Ont., is the flagship for Green-Eclipse's clean-air program.

Small says at least 40 per cent of households now contain people who are hypersensitive to common chemical odors, dust, moulds and pollens. Pregnant women, the elderly and people with respiratory ailments or heart disease are particularly susceptible to many pollutants.

"The bottom line is that everyone deserves a healthy environment. Everyone can benefit from avoiding toxic contaminants and providing the best possible environment for their family."

Outdoor pollution doesn't outweigh the benefits of a healthy environment, Small says. "There is a growing body of medical evidence suggesting that the body's health reserves can be recharged by spending time in healthy environments. An Envirodesic family can look forward to going out into the world to live full lives and then return to a safe, healthy, healing home environment to recharge.

"There is no question that over the last two decades, our buildings have become more enclosed — trapping ever increasing amounts of allergens and irritants within our homes and offices. A home which provides protection against this increasing exposure is welcome news," Daglish says.

Peter Russell and Jim White, of the research division of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), say the corporation has been involved for over a decade in the investigation of indoor air pollution, low-pollution building design, and housing for the environmentally hypersensitive. They say that Small has contributed greatly to their research.

Small says he applauds builders "like John and Michelina DiCarlo, Joe Vella and all the others on the Fifthshire Homes Ltd. design and construction team who care enough to create high quality, energy-conservative, environmentally responsible, healthy homes. Fifthshire pioneered the all-steel structure home and is now Canada's leading builder of Envirodesic homes, which combine the best of their present design features with the most powerful low indoor pollution features to produce a home with maximum indoor air quality."

Standard Envirodesic features include an all-steel structure with no wood studs or joists; a well-drained and sealed basement; a clean, well-sealed, fully accessible ducting system which reduces leakage and is easily cleaned; low-emission cabinetry which eliminates formaldehyde fumes and odor; easy cleaning ceramic tile floors in kitchens and bathrooms.

Optional features include a steel roof, custom designed home office with extra ventilation, ventilated storage areas and a special pet zoning option with isolation areas that confine pet hairs and danders to designated areas.

Small stresses that the price range for Envirodesic homes begins at par with other quality-built homes and, as with conventional construction, the line begins with a standard model and a series of options for materials, size, number of rooms, layout, building style and other features.

"These additional options allow the consumer to tailor the choice of materials to individual tastes and specific sensitivities and to match the number of added features and facilities to the family's lifestyle and budget. All options are Envirodesic in material, design and installation. For those consumers who choose a fully loaded model and upscale finishings, the price and range might extend to 15 to 20 per cent above the standard model."

What does Small see ahead for Green-Eclipse? "We intend to expand services into new geographic locations and new building markets. The geographic expansion will include the rest of Canada, the United States, Mexico, Europe, Australia, the former Soviet Union, Southeast Asia and ultimately the lesser developed countries of the world where there is now great pressure for additional building development. The new building markets will include commercial, industrial, institutional and public buildings, as well as new product development and distributor licensing."

Green-Eclipse Incorporated is now in the process of offering a number of investment opportunities for people and organizations to participate in the growth and development of the company and the launch of Envirodesic homes into the Southern Ontario market.

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Books

By Bernard Baskin

The Oxford Book Of Aging, edited by Thomas R. Cole & Mary G. Winkler, Oxford University Press $34.95

When he was 95, Bernard de Fontenelle, secretary of the French Academy of Science, was assured by a woman of 90, "Death has forgotten us." "Sssh!," responded de Fontenelle, putting his fingers over his mouth.

But the Angel of Death doesn't forget and sooner or later, he gathers in his crop. He is the inexorable international harvester.

For some persons, the inescapability of aging is a source of deep sadness. The melancholy Schopenhauer wrote in 1893, "Disillusion is the chief characteristic of old age; for by that time the fictions are gone which gave life its charm and spurred on the mind to activity; the splendors of the world have been proved null and vain; its pomp, grandeur, and magnificence are faded . . . and so he comes by degrees to see that our existence is all empty and void."

The American poet and historian Cornel Lengyel echoed these sentiments: "All that we boast as our works or revelations, all that we build and launch for the stars, all that we will, scheme, dare and dream, all that we do is perishable. The labor of our hands: a mound of ashes. Our book for the ages: a thing of dust. Our dearest child: a passing creature of perpetual change. All our works, borrowed from usurious Time, all are perishable."

Yet, numerous men and women find that old age can be the most creative and fulfilling time in their lives — a time not of decline but of liberation from the ambitions, anxieties and vanities that plague the young.

Some elderly persons find fulfilment in their work. Sigmund Freud wrote, "I cannot face with comfort the idea of life without work; work and the free play of the imagination are for me the same thing, I take no pleasure in anything else."

A time of liberation

Others find meaning or comfort in an extended family, or the contemplation of nature, or the wisdom that flows from keener judgement and wider experience, or the consolations of religion.

The Bible asserts that "a hoary head is a crown of glory." The Talmud tells of a sage who is asked the secret of his longevity. He responds, "I have never been angry with my family, I have never envied persons greater than myself and I have never gloated over anyone's downfall."

The Ethics of the Fathers (second century CE) teaches: "At 18, marriage; at 20, the pursuit of a livelihood; at 30, the peak of strength; at 40, wisdom; at 50, able to give counsel; at 60, old age creeping on; at 70, fullness of years; at 80, the age of 'strength'; at 90, body bent; at 100, as good as dead and gone completely out of the world."

The biblical reference to a life of three score years and ten is surprising because it was far above the average life-span of the time. In the days of the Romans old age was thought to begin at 46.

The Oxford Book of Aging is an impressive, wide-ranging anthology of over 250 selections of fiction, poetry and memoirs from ancient times to our own day. It contains the reflections of thoughtful and sensitive men and women on a subject of unfailing and universal interest.

The final words belong to Malcolm Muggeridge who viewed his imminent death in poetic terms, "So, like a prisoner awaiting his release, like a schoolboy when the end of term is near, like a migrant bird ready to fly south, like a patient in hospital anxiously scanning the doctor's face to see whether a discharge may be expected, I long to be gone. Extricating myself from the flesh I have too long inhabited, hearing the key turn in the lock of Time so that the great doors of Eternity swing open, disengaging my tired mind from its interminable conundrums, and my tired ego from its wearisome insistences. Such is the prospect of death."

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

Shakespeare, Tolstoy and Cynthia Ozick: American Jewish novelist and essayist Cynthia Ozick, wrote a letter to the *New York Times Book Review* recently after a reviewer (Paul Rabinow) criticized a novel about the discovery of the polymerase chain reaction because the actual development of this technique wasn't as the novelist described. Ozick was offended that "a work of fiction is faulted, in short, precisely because it is fictional."

Her letter continued: "Thus instructed on how properly to approach storytelling, perhaps readers less sophisticated than Mr. Rabinow will now bring to *Hamlet* a more demanding eye for the anthropology of feudal Denmark; and surely the arrival of the train in *Anna Karenina* should be checked against that day's railway schedules?"

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Diary of Anne Frank: Mosaic Theatre Productions is presenting four performances of this play, with the endorsement of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto. Featuring Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, the play is scheduled for Feb. 25 and 26, March 4 and 5, at 8 p.m. at the Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation, 12 Heaton St., North York. Contact Rivka Schechter 416-638-5157.

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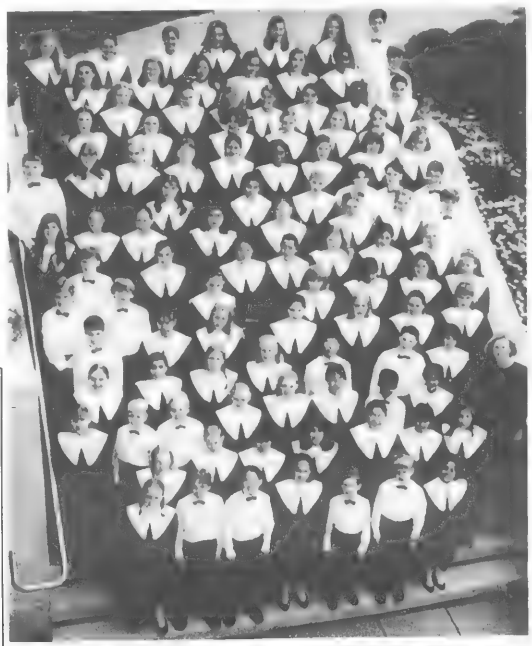

Toronto's Children's Chorus performs at Beth Tikvah Synagogue

Voices of Children: Musica Beth Tikvah's second concert of the season features The Toronto Children's Chorus, which has performed extensively around the world, most recently at Carnegie Hall in New York. The all-Jewish program includes music by Bernstein, Copland, Adler, Freedman, Mahler, Nurit Hirsh, Mira Chen and Mendelssohn. Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Willowdale, Ont., Feb. 4, at 8 p.m. For tickets ($15 for adults), call 416-221-3433.

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New Name for Concert Hall: Shakespeare asked, what's in a name? In the case of the newly renamed George Weston Recital Hall, all that's involved is a mere $750,000. That's what George Weston Ltd. and the W. Garfield Weston Foundation donated so that the name of the late bakery magnate would grace the Recital Hall of the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts in Lastmanville — otherwise known as North York.

Private fundraising is an important part of North York's strategy to help finance the construction of the theatre without raising taxes, says Mayor Mel Lastman. "We've raised $9.25 million through namings, and I figure we can raise about $2 million more," he says. "To my knowledge, the maximum ever raised anywhere has been $4.5 million."

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Speaking of North York: The Gerald Schwartz and Heather Reisman Family Foundation is supporting the Toronto premiere of *My Father's House*, a play based on the novel about incest by Sylvia Fraser. It's set to run at the Studio Theatre, Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, from Feb. 15 to March 3. For tickets ($8.50 to $17), call Ticketmaster 416-872-2222.

Reisman is the honorary patron for a gala fundraiser Feb. 16. Tickets are $25.

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The Mad Adventures of "Rabbi" Jacob: Made in France in 1974, this film is a mix of slapstick and satire about a French bigot who ends up disguised as a chassidic rabbi. It's being shown (French with English subtitles) by the Toronto Jewish Film Society on Feb. 12 at the Art Gallery of Ontario's Jackman Hall, 7:30 p.m. Members are requested to arrive by 7 p.m.

Arts

TV show retells saga of desperate Jewish refugees

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

The saga of the SS St. Louis, the German luxury liner which tweaked the conscience of the world on the eve of World War II, is retold in an absorbing one-hour documentary on TVOntario, Feb. 8 at 10 p.m.

The Voyage of the St. Louis is a story of anti-Semitic persecution, desperate Jewish refugees and official indifference.

The facts of this episode — a microcosm of the Jewish condition in Germany — have been documented before in books and films (most notably in *Ship of Fools*).

On May 13, 1939, this Hamburg-Amerika Line ship set sail from Germany with almost 1,000 German Jews aboard. All were fleeing Nazi barbarity, bound for what they thought was a haven in Cuba. When the St. Louis reached Havana, the authorities turned it away, refusing to honor the passengers' Cuban visas.

The ship's anti-Nazi captain, Gustav Schroeder, steered the St. Louis toward American waters off Florida, but the U.S. Coast Guard kept it at bay. Meanwhile, President Franklin Roosevelt ignored a telegram from the passengers requesting asylum. The Canadian government adopted the same position.

Heading back to Europe after almost a month at sea, Schroeder contemplating scuttling the St. Louis off the coast of Britain to force a resolution of the problem. But before he could do so, the American Joint Distribution Committee convinced four countries — Britain, France, Holland and Belgium — to accept the hapless refugees.

The Voyage of the St. Louis, written and directed by Maziar Bahari, chronicles the sordid affair through file footage and interviews with survivors, some of whom were reunited at a reunion in Miami Beach.

We learn there was a generally carefree atmosphere among the passengers as the St. Louis steamed towards the Caribbean. They were looking forward to "a new beginning," they enjoyed the food and the facilities and they were treated respectfully by the crew.

We also learn that Schroeder set aside a room for synagogue services, removing a portrait of Hitler and reinstating it the following day.

We're told that gloom enveloped the ship when the corrupt Cubans reneged on their pledge; that one elderly gentleman died of heartbreak when he realized he would never see Germany again; that one man tried to commit suicide by jumping into Havana harbor; that Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King, who was personally not well disposed toward Jews, turned over the case to a blatant anti-Semitic official, Frederick Blair.

Ultimately, most of the passengers met an unhappy ending. Those who found refuge in England, some 287, lived through the war. But nearly all the rest, in Nazi-occupied France, Belgium and Holland, perished in the Holocaust.

As for the St. Louis, it was bombed and destroyed by an Allied air raid on Hamburg toward the close of the war.

Jewish passengers board the SS St. Louis.

Rabbi Plaut is subject of profile in series on 'inspiring' Canadians

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Gunther Plaut, one of Canada's most distinguished rabbis, is the subject of a glowing profile on Vision TV on Feb. 7 at 10 p.m.

It is seen on *Stories of our Becoming*, a 13-part series on Canadians who have demonstrated "a particularly inspiring passion for life." The hostess is Maxine Hancock, who engages Rabbi Plaut in an animated conversation at his congregation and in his home.

Born in Germany, Rabbi Plaut immigrated to the United States in the mid-1930s. During World War II, he served as a chaplain in the American army.

In 1945, he witnessed the liberation of two concentration camps, Dora and Mauthausen, an experience which left an indelible impression. For many years, he was senior rabbi at Holy Blossom, a Reform synagogue in Toronto and the first shul in Upper Canada.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Prolific author

After his retirement, he produced a report on refugees for the Canadian government. Recently, he finished a book on the same topic for York University.

A columnist with *The Canadian Jewish News*, Rabbi Plaut is a prolific author, a Judaic scholar and an avid tennis player. Indeed, he is a man of many parts, and Hancock clearly revels in his company.

Recalling his youth in Germany, Rabbi Plaut acknowledges that he and his father were convinced that Hitler "wouldn't last" and that the Nazi era would soon "blow over."

Turning sentimental, Rabbi Plaut thanks his good fortune for having met his feisty wife, Elizabeth. She terms their courtship as the beginning of "a beautiful friendship."

He describes the rabbinate as a "marvellous calling," recalls his love for preaching and teaching, and voices pride in his popular commentaries on the Torah.

In reply to a naive question, he admits, with a sense of resignation, that he has become "used" to the scourge of anti-Semitism.

In closing, Rabbi Plaut talks about his attachment to Israel (which he initially visited when it was still a British mandate), and pays warm tribute to his late parents, who were excellent role models.

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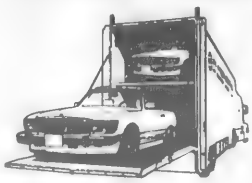
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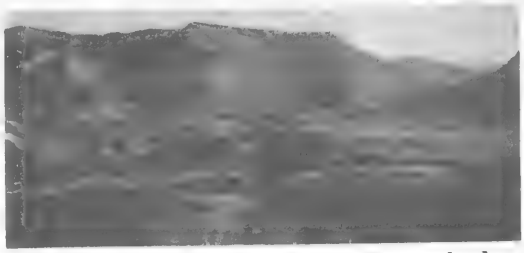
The Negev should not be missed

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter


The Negev, Israel's last frontier. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

MIZPE RAMON — All too frequently, tourists in Israel gloss over, or completely bypass, the central Negev, a desert filled with fantastic geological formations, exotic plants, secluded oases and historic sites.

This is a pity, since the Negev is really Israel's last relatively untouched, unspoiled frontier. Travellers would be wise to include it in their plans.

I spent one full day there last November, exploring it in the company of an Israeli Bedouin named Izzat Abu-Rabia, one of the principals of a company called Adventures in Nature. He was born near Beersheba and knows the Negev like the back of his hand.

We started in Mizpe Ramon, a town which sits on the edge of a series of awesome craters. The nearest — a two-minute drive from the Ramon Inn, where we had camped for the night — is the Ramon crater. Close by are two other craters, known in Hebrew as Ha-Makhtesh Ha-Gadol (the world's largest) and Ha-Makhtesh Ha-Qatan.

All three are spectacular, characterized by steep, jagged canyons, rolling, stony plains, natural springs and wadis. The wadis are dry most of the year, but can turn into dangerous torrents during the winter flood season.

Izzat and I toured the Negev in a four-wheel drive jeep, an amazing vehicle which can negotiate the most demanding terrain. The ride was often bumpy, but always fun.

With the jeep, we were able to cover a lot of ground in just a matter of hours.

As we drove, Izzat — a fount of local lore — talked of the Spice Route, a circuitous caravan trail from India which, in ancient times, passed through the Negev from the Arabian peninsula and Petra.

Changing the topic, he waxed excited about the "dike." The subject of his ardor turned out to be a stunning formation, a canyon of serrated rock resplendent in shades of turquoise, orange and beige.

At his suggestion, we clambered up Givat Charut, a cone-shaped peak which, at 420 metres, is one of the highest points in Ha-Makhtesh Ha-Gadol. The view was alluring.

Later, we strolled through Ein Sakhronim, a natural spring dotted with reeds, date palms and tamarind trees.

Next, we stopped at the ruins of a Nabatean khan, or caravanserai, a major way station on the Spice Route. It conjured up images of a bygone era.

Izzat reminded me that the desert supports a wide variety of flora. On our walks, we'd pause to examine such plants as morningstar, which relieves pain and flavors tea; sage, which combats diarrhea and nausea; and broom, which is tasty in salads.

Ein Zik, an isolated oasis, runs zigzaggedly along a spring protected by groves of palms, poplars, reeds and bushes. It is one of the only sustained patches of greenery in the desolation of the Wilderness of Zin, and thus, something of a miracle.

Regrettably, we couldn't stay long, since the day was waning and the forecast called for rain. I left Ein Zik with a sense of loss, determined to return for a longer sojurn sooner rather than later.

Izzat Abu-Rabia can be reached at Kibbutz Shefayim (972-595595). Further information about the Negev is available from the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, 416-964-3784.

Peace agreement will open up Israel-Jordan border to tourists

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Several months ago, Shmuel Zurel, a senior official in Israel's Ministry of Tourism, was part of a government delegation that boarded a helicopter outside the Knesset in Jerusalem, then headed eastward to the Jordanian capital of Amman.

The journey, says Zurel, took just 15 minutes, and underscored the new, open relationship between the two nations since they inked a peace agreement last year.

"It was amazing to see that my home is just 15 minutes away from there," said Zurel during a recent visit to Toronto. "To see Jordanian and Israeli soldiers mingling, and having personal discussions around a table was very exciting."

At a breakfast meeting hosted by the Israel Government Tourist Office, Zurel told about 16 Jewish community leaders here that when Israel's neighbors participate in discussions on tourism, it means "you mean business, you want to establish a very solid peace."

The Jordanians, Zurel said, "are highly educated, highly sophisticated people who are very proud of their country and very eager for economic success. On the other hand, they're leaning on a terribly underdeveloped infrastructure. They've made little progress since the British mandate."

Israel had more than two million visitors but Jordan had barely 250,000 last year, Zurel said. And while Israel has about 33,000 hotel rooms, Jordan has only about 8,000 — only half of which would be acceptable in Israel. Of necessity, the Jordanians must limit the number of tourists who arrive via the three crossing points from Israel to 550 people daily.

"If only every third traveller to Israel goes to Jordan, their infrastructure will collapse," Zurel said. But cross-border traffic "is accepted on both sides so naturally, it's almost hard to believe that until recently hostilities took place here."

Complicated situation

Zurel painted a far less optimistic picture with regard to tourism and the Palestinians. Jordan, said Zurel, is a well-organized country with basic methods of governing and passing resolutions — "and with the Palestinians, that's something that is under development right now. Here the situation is much more complicated. When we're talking with the Palestinians, they are an unknown entity. There is a big question mark with each and every delegation. We're not talking to the same people each time."

Through "early empowerment" clauses spelled out in the Israel-PLO peace declaration, Israel will soon turn over authority for tourism in Bethlehem to the Palestinians, Zurel said. Similarly, the Palestinains presently control access to the biblical city of Jericho, which is periodically closed to visitors from Israel.

While many Israelis cross into Jordan to see Petra, some Jordanians have recognized that they don't have to go all the way to Aqaba to get a beach. "Netanya and other Mediterranean cities are now taking very seriously the possibility that a few hundred thousand Jordanians will come to enjoy the Mediterranean shore," Zurel said.

As for Canada, Zurel anticipated that more Canadians will visit Israel than ever before, partly because of new direct flights proposed by Sunquest and Air Canada, in direct competition with El Al.

"The Ministry of Tourism is the number one supporter of El Al, but it bothered us that there was a lack of competition. In the United States, a major airline battle is taking place and prices are being reduced every day. But in Canada, prices have remained the same for five to six years."

Bit by bit, Israel is "coming back to the historical position that it used to have as a crosspoint between continents," said Zurel. "This is why Israel bloomed in ancient days — and we can see it happening again, before our eyes."

Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

The pottery factory near Chiang Mai. [Bill Gladstone photo]

The Road to Mandalay: A couple of years ago, while researching an article for a travel magazine, I spent a few days with some other journalists in the northern Thai city of Chiang Mai. The exoticism of the city intrigued us as we explored its medieval walls, visited the nearby mountaintop monastery of Doi Suthep, and went strolling each evening in the bustling night market, which sprawled over many city blocks. There one could buy all manner of goods and souvenirs, artfully carved wooden statues, toys, handmade slippers, leather wallets and fine tablecloths woven by the hill tribes.

At one market stall in a darkened alley, a bent old woman showed me a palm-sized aluminum box with a hinged lid, inlaid with colored stones and decorated with ornate hand-rendered metalwork. An attractive gift, it cost the equivalent of $5. What especially pleased me about my new treasure was that the seller said it was made in the neighboring country of Burma, about 100 km to the west.

At the time, Burma seemed the height of remote adventure and exoticism to me. Cut off in ancient times by its mountains and its kings, and closed to Western tourists for decades, the country's very inaccessibility somehow made it seem all the more alluring. But I've since heard something that has put me off going there.

Officially known as Myanmar after a military coup in 1988, Burma has begun to admit visitors again in recent years. To this end, the harsh military government has recruited many thousands of peasants into forced labor battalions to clean up cities and restore temples. According to the BBC World Service, those who attempt to resist are severely beaten or killed.

Focus on Mandalay

Much of the clean-up effort is being focused on the former Burmese capital of Mandalay, which suffered extensive damage in heavy fighting between Japanese and Allied forces in 1945. Evidently, Burma-Myanmar is planning a major promotional push to attract foreign tourists next year. An optimist would hope that any eventual influx of Western visitors would help raise the government's awareness regarding the human rights of its people.

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Israel's Revenue Grab: David Freudmann, director of Israel and Middle East travel for Uniworld Travel in Toronto (416-493-3322) advises that he has received complaints from Canadian travellers who venture from Israel to Jordan. Seems that Israel is exacting a toll equivalent to about $26 (US) per person at the three international crossing points now in operation. Officials in the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto confirm the charge but offer no explanation.

Another important point to remember when planning a visit to Jordan is that the Jordanian authorities require all visitors from Israel to spend at least one night in their country.

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Na'amat Trip to Washington: From May 12 to May 14, Na'amat Toronto is hosting a trip to Washington D.C. A visit to the Holocaust Museum and a five-hour sightseeing tour are planned. Accommodation is at the Washington Hilton. Cost is $645. Contact Emily Brown at 905-884-8559 or Lorraine Daly, Aufgang Travel, at 416-789-7117.

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Fiftieth Anniversary of Liberation Tour: The Jewish heritage and Holocaust History group, under the leadership of Miriam Rosenberg, offers a tour to Warsaw, Lublin, Krakow, Prague, Budapest and Israel, departing from several U.S. and Canadian cities on June 6. Experienced tour guides are to accompany the tour, which should provide deep insight into European Jewish history and culture as it honors the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust. Contact Uniglobe Full Service Travel, 4500 Wisconsin Ave. N.W., Washington D.C. 20016. Telephone Susan at 202-244-5000.

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Correction: A recent column contained an incorrect address for the Tourist Office of Spain. The correct address is 102 Bloor St. W., Suite 1400, Toronto, Ont. M5S 1M8. Phone 416-961-3131.

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Youth centre a resource for students visiting Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Amid the hustle and bustle of moving to a new office, Mark Rubinstein is gearing up for his busiest time of year as students plan summer trips to Israel.

"We're fully functional. We're just not pretty," says the 27-year-old coordinator of the Israel Youth Program Centre (IYPC), indicating a wall to be painted and a future video display area. He pauses to tell a worker where to place the last of the boxes.

As a result of the restructuring at the Bathurst Jewish Centre (formerly the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch), the IYPC was forced to vacate its second-floor office but has remained in the building.

"It's important to have Israel represented in the centre of the Jewish community," says Rubinstein. "We made a conscious decision to stay here." The centre leases space from the Bathurst Jewish Centre but otherwise is not affiliated with it.

A constituent of the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF), the IYPC is a project of the latter's Youth and Hechalutz department. It serves the central Ontario region and is one of seven such offices across Canada.

The centre's mandate is twofold: to provide Israel-related programming in the community (such as the recent Tu b'Shevat youth program held at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation) and to serve as a resource for students travelling to Israel. "We're a 'one-stop Israel shop'," touts Rubinstein, using a slogan instituted about two years ago.

The centre is a source of information about Israel trips for teens and twentysomethings. Included in its current brochure are Canadian trips, some of which are run by the CZF, and American trips having no Canadian equivalent.

"A typical person will say, 'I want to go to Israel. I have five months,' and we say, 'These are the kinds of programs we have available'. "

Ten years ago Rubinstein himself was "the perfect prototype of what we want here. I belonged to no youth groups. Israel was important in my house, but it was an abstract concept."

Things changed for the native Montrealer, who moved to Toronto at 13, when he went on the now-defunct College Summer Program in 1985. "I fell in love with the country," he said.

Mark Rubinstein is the IYPC coordinator.

Inspired by the example of his madrich (group leader), he went on to study for a year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and to lead two CZF student trips before completing an MA in political science at York University.

These days Rubinstein fields an average of 20 phone calls a day at the centre, and travels to small communities and public schools in an organized outreach effort.

Rubinstein, the only paid staff member, works together with Tami Savion, Barry Praag and Ariella Liberman, all of whom are here on family shlichut from Israel. Praag and Liberman staff the Kibbutz Aliyah Desk (KAD), which is housed within the IYPC office and is also funded by the CZF. Savion is involved with a number of programs and organized the recent Tu b'Shevat celebration. Rubinstein stressed that the four of them work as a unit.

The centre liaises with the Israel Aliyah Centre and the Israel Government Tourist Office, both of which offer student programs. Kibbutz programs are offered through the KAD.

The Toronto IYPC sent 160 students to Israel last year on summer programs. They were among 500 students Canada-wide to participate in Israel Experience programs offered by the CZF.

The newest CZF summer program booklet is scheduled for release this week. For more information, contact the IYPC at 416-398-6931. (In Edmonton, call the Israel Program Centre at 403-487-0585; in Halifax, 902-422-7491; in Montreal, 514-481-0218; in Ottawa, 613-789-5010; in Vancouver; 604-257-5141; in Winnipeg, 204-943-6494.)

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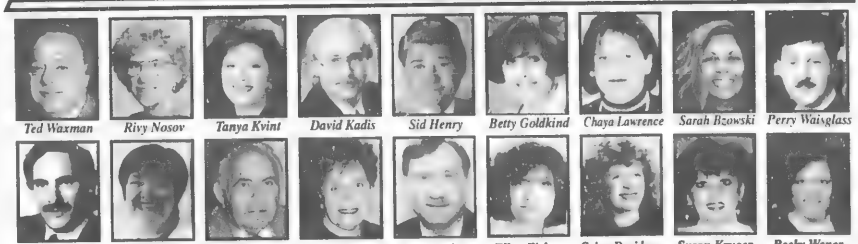

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Netanyahu offers peace alternative

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu said over the weekend that he has been in contact with Palestinians disenchanted with Yasser Arafat, and has introduced them to the Likud's autonomy plan, which would give Palestinians municipal autonomy.

Netanyahu argues that an alternative to the "failed Oslo accords could be a new alliance between Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians," who will get "autonomy in all facets of life, with Israel maintaining full responsibility for security and foreign affairs."

Netanyahu was speaking in weekend interviews on Israeli television and radio.

"In Gaza, this government had already created a fait accompli and the one thing to do now is set up a closed border which will keep Gazans out of Israel.

"This is the one place where a fence makes sense along with land mines. This is a border of several dozen kilometres and not hundreds like in Judea and Samaria. What needs to be done now is to make sure that a fait accompli like in Gaza is not also implemented in the far more dangerous Judea and Samaria.

"The Arabs of the territories must be kept out of Israel and Israel can import labor from other countries, as is done in all parts of the First World. There is nothing wrong with that," Netanyahu maintained.

However, the Opposition leader stressed that his interlocutor would not be Arafat, "who has proven since Oslo that he has not changed one bit and has kept no part of his bargain. He incites to jihad, lauds the suicide bomber, allows murderers to operate from his territory and hunts down collaborators."

Netanyahu said that as far as Syria is concerned, "I would tell [president Hafez] al-Assad that just as he claims the entire Golan, so does Israel. If we go down from the Golan, we would lose every chance there ever was for peace."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Saturday night labelled Netanyahu's plan for municipal autonomy "a joke."

Jerusalem housing continues

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel intends to continue building new apartments around Jerusalem despite protests from the PLO, Israel's minister of construction and housing said last week.

Benyamin Ben-Eliezer, who was here to sign a memorandum of understanding with his Canadian counterpart and to attend an Israel Bonds function, declared that the status of Jerusalem as Israel's undivided capital is non-negotiable.

"We are going to reinforce this area to strengthen Jerusalem," said Ben-Eliezer, whose plan to tighten Israel's grip on Jerusalem and environs was accepted by the Israeli cabinet late last month.

Under the scheme, the Israeli government will erect upwards of 2,700 new housing units in three settlements in the disputed West Bank abutting Jerusalem – Maale Adumim, Givat Zeev and Betar.

Ben-Eliezer, who was military governor of the West Bank from 1978-1981, declined to discuss the number of apartments above and beyond the 2,700 Israel plans to build in what he described as "metropolitan Jerusalem."

He acknowledged that, under the terms of the 1993 Oslo agreement with the PLO, Jerusalem's final status is subject to negotiations.

But Ben-Eliezer added that Jerusalem's ultimate fate is not subject to "compromise."

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KNESSET MEMBERS MEET WITH HUSSEIN

Rabbi Joseph Azran (right) and Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss (centre), part of a delegation of Knesset members, met with King Hussein in Amman on Feb. 5. *[RNS photo]*

Four war criminals face government action

Community leaders express anger

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The wheels of justice finally began turning, albeit slowly, last week as the ministries of immigration and justice jointly announced the start of denaturalization and deportation proceedings against four alleged Nazi war criminals.

Three are Canadian citizens who will face denaturalization proceedings to strip them of their citizenship while the fourth is a landed immigrant against whom deportation procedures will be taken, said Roger White, a spokesperson for Citizenship and Immigration. Though he would not identify the suspects nor describe what they had allegedly done, White said all four reside in the Toronto area. They are alleged to have lied about their wartime activities when applying to immigrate to Canada or when applying for citizenship.

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White said four additional cases will be commenced next year and as many as 12 cases altogether.

The government's announcement elicited at best a lukewarm response from Jewish community leaders, who for years have been pressing the government to take action against Nazi war criminals. Some were satisfied that legal steps were finally being taken, but were concerned over the small number of initial cases, the pace of prosecutions and the admission by government leaders that cost was a factor.

Prior to publicly announcing the proceedings, government officials privately briefed Jewish community leaders and representatives of the Ukrainian community in separate meetings.

Milton Harris, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' war crimes committee, said the four government officials who conducted the briefing were questioned why the 12 cases that have already been forwarded to Immigration by Justice's war crimes unit were winnowed to four.

When pressed, the officials "hemmed and hawed and finally said it was because of lack of resources," Harris said. "They talked to us about priorities. I don't have to tell you how that sat with every Jewish representative there. We were very angry."

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Guest Voices

In this issue we introduce a new feature for our readers. In the newspaper's newly expanded Jewish Life pages, this weekly feature will explore issues of importance to the community. Please see page 13.

Unilateral settlement seen possible — please see page 29

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CANADA

Leave Granted

OTTAWA — The Supreme Court of Canada last week granted leave to appeal the issue of public funding for independent, religious-based schools.

The matter of public funding for Jewish day schools and other private schools has been in the courts for years. No date was set for the hearing before the Supreme Court.

The court's decision was welcomed by the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education, an arm of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

Fund for Victims

TORONTO — Beth Tzedec Congregation has established a Fund for Victims of Terror, in response to recent terrorist acts in Israel. The purpose of the fund, the synagogue says, is to provide direct aid to bereaved families and survivors of attacks. Tax deductible donations may be sent to the Fund for Victims of Terror, Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ont., M5P 3K3, or call 416-781-3511.

CJC Nominations

MONTREAL — Nominations are being accepted for the six elected national officer positions at Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

The positions open are president, chair of the national executive, associate chair of the national executive, treasurer, secretary and honorary legal counsel.

Elections to fill the posts will take place May 14 during CJC's national plenary in Montreal.

Nominations must be submitted to the CJC national office no later than April 18. Rules and regulations are available by calling 514-931-7531.

Family Program

WINNIPEG — Winnipeg's Jewish community has reactivated the Family to Family volunteer program in response to a new influx of families, primarily from eastern Europe or the former Soviet Union.

According to Jewish Child and Family Service, about 40 new families have arrived here in recent months — either directly or after a stay in Israel — and more are on the way.

The program matches new arrivals with Winnipeg Jewish families and is being coordinated through the Integration and Acculturation Department of the YMHA Jewish Community Centre.

ISRAEL

Border Marked

JERUSALEM — Israel and Jordan formally marked most of the international border between them at a ceremony in the Arava region last week.

Israel completed the handover to Jordan of disputed lands in the southern Arava, as agreed in the countries' peace treaty. The only parts not transferred are ones used for security patrols.

Under the accord, Israeli farmers are being allowed to work land now officially under Jordanian jurisdiction.

Plans Get OK

JERUSALEM — After years of dispute, plans for construction of a new Jewish neighborhood in Jerusalem's southern limits were given the green light last week.

The Jerusalem municipality's planning committee approved the building of some 6,500 housing units in Har Homa, on lands annexed by Israel after the 1967 war.

Jerusalem council members from the left-wing Meretz party protested the plans, saying they could threaten the peace process.

Haredim Protest

JAFFA — More than 5,000 haredim from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Bnei Brak demonstrated here last week to protest what they claim is the desecration of Jewish graves at a construction site.

Demonstrators prayed, blew the shofar and carried signs urging officials to halt the building of a parking garage in an area where human bones were found.

Torah in Jericho

JERICHO — In a new twist to Israeli-Palestinian relations, several dozen Jewish settlers were protected by Palestinian police as they brought a new Torah scroll to the ancient synagogue in Palestinian-administered Jericho last week.

As yeshivah students sang and danced around the Torah, Palestinian police remained on duty outside the synagogue.

The police said the synagogue was a religious place, adding that they were under instructions to respect it.

New Activity in S. Lebanon

JERUSALEM — Palestinian rejectionist forces in southern Lebanon have stepped up their activities, the Army's new Chief of Staff, Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said last week.

His remarks came a day before an Israeli soldier killed in southern Lebanon was laid to rest.

Staff Sgt. Yair Tsafrir was killed during a clash last Tuesday between members of the Golani Brigade and Hezbollah.

Reports from Lebanon said three Hezbollah gunmen were killed and another wounded during the clash, which took place just north of the security zone.

WORLD

Kurt Not Invited

NEW YORK — The World Jewish Congress (WJC) last week welcomed the decision by the United Nations not to invite former Secretary General Kurt Waldheim to the festivities marking the UN's 50th anniversary.

The announcement by UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said that none of his predecessors would be invited to the ceremonies.

But the move was widely seen as a means of avoiding a confrontation over Waldheim, who is barred from entering the United States because of his activities with the Third Reich's Wehrmacht during World War II.

New French Leader

PARIS — European Jewish Congress leader Jean Kahn last week was elected president of the organization that handles Jewish religious affairs in France.

The Consistoire was created by Napoleon in 1808. Today it serves the religious needs of 700,000 French Jews.

Kahn is already president of CRIF, the umbrella organization that represents the Jewish community on the political level.

Earthquake Funds

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Canada has launched a fund to help survivors of the earthquake in Kobe, Japan.

Donations may be sent to B'nai Brith Canada, 15 Hove St., Downsview, Ont. M3H 4Y8.

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- Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, 333 Seventh Ave., New York, N.Y., 10001, 212-563-4000.
- JDC-Japan Open Mailbox, JDC, 711 Third Ave., New York, N.Y., 10017-4014 212-687-6200.

Those wishing to contact the Ohel Shelomoh Synagogue in Kobe can write to the Jewish Community of Kansai, 12/12 Kitano-cho 4 chome, Chuo-ku, Port P.O. Box No. 639, Kobe, Japan 651-01.

Shared Responsibility

BONN — The Conference of German Bishops has admitted the "shared responsibility" of the Catholic Church for anti-Semitism during World War II.

In a statement issued here, the bishops said they regretted the "absence of resistance by many Catholics against the Nazis."

The statement was issued as political and religious leaders from around the world gathered in Poland to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz.

The bishops also admitted that the Catholic Church was guilty during the Third Reich of harboring anti-Semitic attitudes.

Free Trade With Hungary

BUDAPEST — A free-trade agreement between Israel and Hungary will be signed this year and implemented in 1996, an Israel ministry of commerce official said here last week.

A five-member Israeli foreign trade delegation held talks for two days with Hungarian representatives of the Budapest Trade Ministry.

No more tariffs could triple trade between the two countries, officials said.

Istvan Csejtei, the newly appointed Hungarian ambassador to Israel, said the agreement could be signed in May.

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Baycrest to build new home for aged

Centre for Cognitive Disorders part of plan

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A new and larger Jewish Home for the Aged (JHA) to be built on the parking lot west of the Baycrest complex will open in 1999 or before.

The new home will have 472 beds, 100 of which are to be in a Centre for Cognitive Disorders in the same building. An official said a "ball park figure" on the cost is $65 million. The minimum two-year project is expected to begin in 1996.

The current Abe and Elsie Posluns Home for the Aged has 372 beds, and when it opened in 1968, at a cost of $7.5 million, it was a showcase. However, it is now considered to be outdated. It will be used to house Baycrest's education and research activities, as well as new community programs to support older adults in their own homes.

The needs of an aging Jewish population in Toronto are sharply different than they were in the 1960s explained Stephen W. Herbert, Baycrest president and CEO. At that time only 25 per cent of the elderly in the Home had a cognitive deficit but today the figure is 70 per cent, caused by conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and stroke. When the current Home opened, the average age of the residents was 75; now it is 86.

"The majority of today's residents rely on wheelchairs, walkers or personal assistance to get around," Herbert said.

"We cannot adapt the existing JHA to meet the current and future needs of physically and cognitively frail elderly," said Stephen Cole, chairman of the Board of Baycrest. "Renovations would be inefficient, costly and result in fewer beds."

A recent study commissioned by Baycrest concluded that the existing building fails to meet basic guidelines in terms of room size, dining and activity space, and other amenities.

The extra 100 beds in the new Home will enable Baycrest to make some inroads on the waiting list, said Moshe Greengarten, vice-president of public and community affairs.

Though it will be a separate building, he said, the new Home between the present complex and Baycrest Terrace will be connected to the Baycrest Hospital with a walkway or tunnel.

While the new JHA will focus on people with cognitive disorders caused by illness, the 100-bed Centre for Cognitive Disorders is for adults whose cognitive abilities have been damaged by stroke and other types of vascular dementia.

"Alzheimer's is an incurable degenerative disease," said Dr. Michael Gordon, vice-president of medical services.

"Stroke and vascular dementias on the other hand can cause memory loss that may not progress unless the person has another stroke or medical illness. The centre will be tailored to the needs of individuals with vascular dementia, rather than progressive dementia caused by Alzheimer's."

A resident of the Jewish Home for the Aged (right), with a health care aide. [Baycrest Centre photo]

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Leah Posluns to reopen as multi-use facility

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) has hired a part-time administrator for the Leah Posluns Theatre (LPT) and intends to open the North York facility as a multi-use space.

Anthony Schatzky, the new theatre adminstrator, said "the Leah Posluns Theatre will be closed for a short time and it will be up and running in a matter of months. It will have many uses beyond theatre events.

"It will be a place for people to see the arts but will also be used for lectures, literary readings and there will be more opportunities for Jewish and broader community groups to use the space."

The 444-seat theatre has been closed since last August when the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) dismissed 31 staffers, including all LPT staff as part of a reorganization to stave off bankruptcy. (It was open briefly for the Jewish Book Fair.) Spokespeople for the JCC and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto said the theatre was a money-loser, a contention hotly denied by former LPT staff and management.

Schatzky comes to the theatre on a part-time basis and will spend about three days a week there. He is currently adminstrator at the Association of Cultural Executives, a national professional development organization for those in the arts. Prior to that, he served as general manager of Ballet Jorgen, a Toronto dance committee dedicated to developing new choreographers, and before that he was general manager of Solar Stage in North York.

Schatzky, 42, said he will prepare a preliminary report on the state of the LPT to be delivered to the BJC's interim board in the near future.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Schatzky said that the short term plans for the theatre are to renovate it to bring it into compliance with the fire marshall's orders. It can then be made available for short term rentals for shows or for receptions.

Looking further into the future, Schatzky said the theatre will be used for music, dance and theatrical productions. In addition, "we hope to offer a forum series of speakers like the St. Lawrence Centre."

In the long term, the facility will probably be used to *present* theatrical productions, as opposed to the previous practice of producing the shows in house. That means that the LPT will allow theatrical companies to mount plays at the theatre and negotiate the financial terms of the arrangement.

Another change from past practice is that "the Koffler Centre is now responsible for the theatre under the BJC umbrella," Schatzky said. As administrator of the theatre, Schatzky will report to Joan Tooke, director of the Koffler Centre. She in turn is responsible to the board of directors of the BJC. The LPT offices have been moved closer to the BJC's main lobby.

The intention of the BJC is to bring the dance, theatre and visual arts components closer together, he added.

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

The Law of Babysitting

PART 1 OF 6

I have frequently been asked to answer a vexing question for parents who leave older children to babysit younger children. Legally, what is the liability of the parents in such a situation? How old does a child have to be before you can leave him or her with younger children?

Canada's *Criminal Code*

In most cases, Canada's *Criminal Code* does not apply. Under Section 218, everyone who unlawfully abandons or exposes a child who is under the age of 10 years, so that its life is or is likely to be endangered or its health is or is likely to be permanently injured, is guilty of an indictable offense and is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years. However, the practical use of this section is very limited and would only apply to parents who left children under the age of 10 alone in a situation where his or her life would be endangered.

For instance, in one case, a child under the age of 10 was left in a motor vehicle for an indefinite period of time in an environment which posed a threat to his life due to the cold temperature and risk of abduction. It was no excuse that the accused intended to return several hours later at a time when, according to expert evidence, the child would still be alive. It is the **act of endangering** that constitutes the offense. [See the case of *R. V. Holzer (1988)*, 63 C. R. (3d) 301 (Alberta Queen's Bench)].

Ontario

In Ontario, no person having charge of a child less than 16 years of age shall leave the child without making provision for his or her supervision and care that is reasonable in the circumstances. [See Section 79(3) of the *Child and Family Services Act.*] The subsection does not stipulate what "reasonable in the circumstances" means. However, a further section of the same Act stipulates that where a person is charged with leaving a child less than 10 years of age without making such reasonable provision, then it is up to that person to prove to the court that the child's supervision and care was reasonable in the circumstances. [See Section 79(4) of the same Act.] If the child was between the ages of 10 and 16, then it is up to the Crown prosecuting the parents or guardians to prove that the child's supervision and care was *not* reasonable in the circumstances.

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Endowment fund launched by Hamilton federation

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — The establishment of a Hamilton Jewish Community Endowment Fund is a historic moment for the community, said David Steinberg, Hamilton-Wentworth Federation president.

The announcement was the highlight of the federation's recent annual general meeting at the Jewish Community Centre (JCC).

Steinberg commended Abe Szpirglas, federation past president; CeCe Schreiber, past chair of Hamilton United Jewish Welfare Fund (UJWF); and federation treasurer Bill Halpren for their preliminary work on the fund. He also said the three will now serve on a committee to develop bylaws and policies.

The fund, Steinberg said, will be devoted to "the acquisition of moneys to sustain all aspects of Jewish life in Hamilton," as well as for cultural, educational and artistic programs.

Steinberg hopes federation will establish a cultural arts committee to present such programs formerly offered by the JCC.

Steinberg said he will ask the allocations committee "to consider the feasibility of making allocations contingent in some way upon programming designed to enhance Jewish life in Hamilton."

Committee chair Abe Szpirglas said he has found that in other North American Jewish centres, communities that have endowment funds are "healthy communities capable of providing for and responding to the needs of the community."

He said the fund plans to establish an investment advisory committee of community leaders with financial, business, legal and other professional experience.

Despite a difficult year in which some large donations fell victim to the recession, UJWF campaign co-chair, Cheryl Greenbaum reported an overall "card per card" increase of nine per cent over last year, while co-chair Dr. Rick Black pointed out that "the majority of the campaign comes from $20, $100 and $1,000 gifts."

Other federation executive members are president-elect, George Czutrin, and vice-presidents Dr. Lawrence Hart, CeCe Schreiber, Cheryl Greenbaum and Ina Frank.

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Hecht calls for end to Jewish 'turf battles'

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Relying on the strength of a 40-year record of community involvement, Montrealer Thomas Hecht told Canadian Jewish Congress' national executive last weekend he is vying for the post of Congress president.

Speaking to *The CJN* earlier, Hecht said he has the endorsement of Jewish community leaders from across Canada. On the verge of retiring as president of Continental Pharma Cryosan, a medical services company, Hecht said he is ready to devote his time to community issues.

He said if elected, he plans to increase the profile of Israel on the Congress agenda as well as seek "greater accommodation with other Jewish organizations, instead of confrontation."

It was time to end "turf battles" between groups and pursue "a common agenda of continuity, deep-seated love for Israel and the committment that Jews can express themselves as Jews in Canada and elsewhere," Hecht said.

Turning his attention to a wider front, Hecht said Congress should establish linkages to Jewish groups worldwide. "This is a question of solidarity, but also, the landscape is changing. There is a European Union created, the dismemberment of the Soviet Union." He said Congress must seek stronger links to Jewish communities in distress.

Keeping his attention on global issues, Hecht said Congress also has a role to "reach out to the gentler side of Islam and reach out to people of good will and defeat the forces of darkness as represented by Islamic fundamentalism.

"Congress should take the lead in developing the response by the government of Canada to terrorism and state-sponsored terrorism."

Hecht said the Canadian government should not be left off the hook when it comes to prosecuting war criminals. A child survivor, Hecht said Nazi war criminals should be prosecuted criminally where the evidence warrants and deported where a criminal case cannot be established.

Hecht said if elected he would bring a "consensus-building, hands-on managment style" to the job along with full-time dedication. He said he'd "open Congress to a rainbow coalition of new ideas" and he suggested students should be represented on Congress' national executive as well as among its officers.

A native of Czechoslovakia, Hecht escaped to Canada in 1942 as a 12-year-old. His community activity goes back to the early 1950s when he was involved with the Montreal Jewish Federation. Since then, he has served as president of the Montreal Herzl Health Centre, chair of the Combined Jewish Appeal and was a founding member of the Maimonides Lodge of B'nai Brith.

In the 1980s, he served as president of the Israel Bond Organization in Canada and as vice-chair of the board of Ben-Gurion University.

For the past seven years he has served as president of the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec region. About three years ago, he lost in a bid to become national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee to Daniel Pekarsky of Vancouver.

Hecht serves on Congress' executive commitee and on the board of many other charitable organizations, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

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In other Congress business, the national executive passed a motion urging the federal government to act on all 12 cases presented by the Justice Department to the Immigration Ministry. The resolution also called for criminal prosecution where evidence warranted and for the release of the names and crimes of all alleged Nazi war criminals.

Congress also resolved "to conduct a campaign to inform government leaders that continued delay to act appropriately against those who committed the most heinous crimes in the annals of history is unacceptable."

CJC to attend Quebec hearings

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The 4-year-old constitutional coalition of the Jewish, Greek and Italian communities announced on Feb. 3 that it will present a joint brief to the commission on the future of Quebec.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region has decided to alter its first position and appear before the provincial consultations on sovereignty.

But Congress continues to have "serious reservations" over the legitimacy of the process, said director Jack Jedwab.

"Any effort to use our submission to give credibility to the process will be addressed forcefully," Jedwab told *The CJN*.

"The bottom line is to ensure that Quebec remains in Canada."

A statement issued by the coalition said it still considers the commission process illegitimate "because it offers a singular vision of Quebec's future."

But it is taking part, the statement said, to reinforce "the federalist view in this debate of crucial importance for all Quebecers."

Jedwab said the decision to submit a brief was made after "consulation with numerous leaders," who concluded it was in the community's best interest to maintain a coalition common front.

Congress last week found itself under mounting pressure to participate, after the Hellenic Congress of Quebec voted by a narrow majority Jan. 31 to submit a brief, a move that led to media speculation that the coalition might crumble.

B'nai Brith Canada, Quebec region (BB), also announced last week it would take part, as it had originally indicated. The decision had been held in abeyance after it sparked critical reaction, and until BB received the backing of its lodges.

The move by the Greek community sparked an added controversy when Liberal MNA Christos Sirros charged that a community clique had engineered the Hellenic Congress' about-face, despite apparent widespread opposition by average members.

The Congress decision also came after internal Jewish community debate over participating, which grew after Liberal leader Daniel Johnson indicated his approval for federalists to appear.

One concern was that if B'nai Brith appeared and Congress did not, the impression would be left that the Jewish community could not maintain its own "common front" on the legitimacy of the process.

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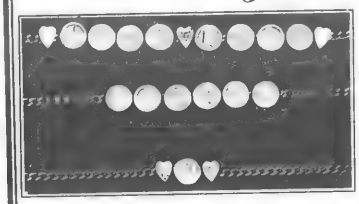
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Canadian committee formed for Jerusalem 3000 party

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Former external affairs minister Barbara McDougall and Sen. Leo Kolber have agreed to serve as honorary chairs of the Canadian Committee for Jerusalem 3000, an international celebration of the 3,000th anniversary of King David making the city the capital of the Jewish people.

The event will be launched by the Israeli government in September 1995 at a gala show near the Western Wall, with the expected participation of world leaders and major artists, and then continue through 1996 with a full schedule of cultural, religious and academic activities.

The Canadian Committee, chaired by Neri Bloomfield of Montreal, is charged with organizing a Canadian presence during Jerusalem 3000, as well as parallel activities in Canada.

Bloomfield has just received confirmation that Le Don des Etoiles, a ballet and modern dance show featuring top Canadian and international performers held annually at Place des Arts to benefit sick children, will be presented in Jerusalem June 6, 1996. That show will be the centrepiece of a planned week-long Canadian salute to the City of David.

Distinguished advisors

The Canadian Committee, still in formation, includes a number of other distinguished people as advisers. Among them are opera singer Maureen Forrester, former McGill University law dean Maxwell Cohen, senators Ermine Cohen of Saint John, N.B., and Mira Spivak of Winnipeg, Israeli Ambassador to Canada Itzhak Shelef and Canadian Ambassador to Israel Norman Spector, and Sheila Finestone, Secretary of State for Multiculturalism.

All regions of Canada and every major Jewish organization are to be represented on the committee, said Bloomfield, and most are already.

While emphasizing the centrality of the city to Jews, Jerusalem 3000 will also acknowledge the importance of the city to Christians and Muslims. The event is subtitled Tribute to King David…Celebration for All Mankind.

One of the first conferences during the celebration will be the Pentecostal World Congress, in which 8,000 are expected to participate.

The Sept. 4 ceremony will begin with the official opening of the historic site of the City of David, which is undergoing extensive reconstruction, said Jerusalem 3000 director-general Yossi Tal-Gan, who was recently in Montreal.

That evening there will be a spectular sight and sound show above the Israel Museum site. Later that week, Daniel Barenboim will direct the Berlin Deutsche Staatsoper in a production of Beethoven's *Fidelio at Sultan's Pool*.

Tal-Gan, a seventh-generation Jerusalemite and Jerusalem's former city manager, is negotiating broadcast rights with U.S. television networks, which it is hoped will be a major source of funding.

"The purpose behind the celebrations is to both enhance the image of Jerusalem and strengthen support for Israel's position with regard to the city and to promote tourism, the economy and infrastructure," Tal-Gan said. This means getting the message across that Jerusalem must remain united and under Israeli sovereignty, and is a good place to invest or visit, he said.

ייִדיש ווינקל
YIDDISH CORNER
רעדאגירט פון ש. ליפשיץ

מעמיקמן פון אַ יידישן קלאַסיקער אין מאָדערנעם

באריכט פון וואָלף וויינשטיין. סעקרעטאַר

באלד וויי דער בוין פון *„באלדען עידוש"* (גאָלדענער עלטער) איז פארטיק געווארן, האָט דער מאָנטרעאַלער לערער און דיכטער שלום שטערן ע"ה געגרינדעט און אָנגעפירט מיט אַ יידישער קולטור גרופּע, וואָס האָט זיך דעמאָלט אָנגערופן „קריעטיוו ראַיטינג".

מיט 4 יאָר צוריק, נאָך שלום שטערנס פטירה איז דער נאָמען פון קריין געווארן. איצט איז די גרופּע באַקאַנט אָלס ליטעראַרישער קריין אופן נאָמען פון שלום שטערן. די פאָרויצערין פון קריין איז אסתר מולשטאָק, אַ געוועזענע לערערין און געזעלשאַפטלעכע טוערין אין מאָנטרעאָל.

דער פּראָגראַם פון אונדזער קריין איז ווי פאָלגט:

מיט טרעפן זיך יעדן דינסטיק פון 10 ביז 12 אינדערפרי. אַ האַלבע שעה ווערט אָפּגענעמען פאַר ליינען און שמועסן, וועגן די לעצטע נייעסן פון דער וואָך. דער אריינפיר ווערט צוגעגרייט דורך מיטגלידער פון קריין. עס ווערן גלייכצוס לידער, דערציילונגען, זכרונות געשריבן פון מיטגלידער. פאַר יעדן יידישן יום-טוב ווערט געלייענט, דערציילט ווי אויך געלייענט און געוונען — פאַסיקע צו יעדן יום-טוב — לידער און דערציילונגען פון יידישע שרייבער.

אין משך פון יאָר אַרדענען מיר אין פאַר אַ בריין עולם ספּעציעלע צוואַמענקונפֿטן געווידמעט יובילעאומס פון אונדזערע יידישע שרייבערס, ווי אויך אַ ספּעציעלע אונטערנעמונג אין אַנדענק פון די אומגעברַאַכטע יידישע שרייבערס און קינסטלער אין געוועזענעם ראָטן-פאַרבאַנד.

היי-פאָריקע אונטערנעמונגען זיינען דורכגעפירט געוואָרן מיט גרויס דערפאָלג. די ערשטע איז געווען געווידמעט שלום עליכמ'ס 135-טן געבוירנטאָג. אסתר מולשטאָק האָט געגעבן אַ קורצן איבערבליק וועגן דעם געניאַלן שרייבער, פאַרגלייכנדיק אים מיטן באַרימטן ענגלישן הומאָריסט מאַרק טווין. וואָווע ווינשטיין האָט געלייענט פון שלום עליכמ'ס ווערק.

מיר האָבן אָפּגעמערקט די 4-טע יאָרצייט פון דיכטער און גרינדער פון קריין, שלום שטערן ע"ה. גיטל ברעסקאַ-גאָרפינקל האָט רעפערירט וועגן זיין לעבן און שאַפן. אַ טייל פון זיינע לידער זיינען געשפּילט געוואָרן אויף אַ טעיפּ, מיט געזאַנג פון רבקה פעלצר, וועמענס מאַן מולאַ האָט געשאַפן די מוזיק.

דעם 28-טן יוני איז דורכגעפירט געוואָרן אַן אינטערעסאַנטער פּראָגראַם, צום 60-טן יאָרצייט פון וועלט בּאַרימטן יידיש-העברעאישן שרייבער חיים נחמן ביאַליק. וועגן זיין לעבן און שאַפן האָט גערעדט דער גאַסט רעדנער, דער גרינדער און דירעקטאָר פון יידיש ראַדיאָ פּראָגראַם אין געוועזענער פּרינציפּאַל פון די יידישע סאַלקס שולן אין פּרץ שולן, נחום וויליטשעווסקי. גיטל האָט רעציטירט „ערב פּרילינג". וואָווע ווינשטיין האָט געוונגען ביאַליק'ס לידער.

דעם 16-טן אויגוסט איז דורכגעפירט געוואָרן אַ הזכרה נאָך די אומגעברַאַכטע סאָוועטישע שרייבער און קינסטלער. וועגן זייער לעבן און שאַפן האָט גיטל ברעסקאַ גענהאַלטן אַ גלוגנגענעם רעפעראַט. וואָווע ווינשטיין האָט געוונגען איציק פעפער'ס ליד „איך בין אַ ייד". רעציטאַציעס פון די לידער פון אַנדערע סאָוועטישע דיכטער האָבן דערגענצט דעם פּראָגראַם.

דעם 4-טן אָקטאָבער איז דורך דעם קריין דורכגעפירט געוואָרן אַ דערפאָלגרייכער ליטעראַריש-מוזיקאַלישער נאָכמיטאָג פון געזאַנג, רעציטאַציעס, מוזיק און טענץ, געווידמעט דעם 40-טן יאָרצייט פון בּאַרימטן פּאָעט און שרייבער אברהם ריזן. גיטל ברעסקאַ האָט גענהאַלטן אַ רעפּראָ וועגן ריזנ'ס לעבן און שאַפן, איינגעפלאָכטן מיט לידער און רעציטאַציעס. אַלע לידער זיינען באַגליט געוואָרן דורכן באַאַבטן פּידלער יחזיאל לאַנג און די פּיאַניסטין לואיז האַלפערן. דער דאָוקטער פּראָגראַם איז נאָכאַמאָל דורכגעפירט געוואָרן, ביי אַ געפּאַקטן זאַל, אַק-טאָבער דעם 23-טן.

היי-יאָר האָט גיטל אויך געהאַלטן צווויי רעפּראַטן וועגן לעבן און שאַפן פון מאָרים ראָזענפעלד און פון איציק מאַנגער.

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Justice denied

If, God forbid, every man, woman and child on any street, of any neighborhood, of any community in Canada were murdered, and the murderers were known to the authorities, would Canadians not demand that they be brought to account? And if the numbers of people murdered filled all the homes on all the streets of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan, would Canadian justice hesitate to seek an accounting? And if 10 or 20 or even 50 years had passed since the people were murdered, would not Canadian conscience, let alone Canadian justice, still cry out?

Is it any wonder then, that Jewish leaders expressed disappointment and anger at the "war criminals policy" announced last week by the federal government? The government said it will seek the immediate deportation and denaturalization of four suspected World War II criminals. It will defer proceedings against eight others. And it will not likely ever prosecute the Nazis living among us.

It was not immediately clear why only four cases were being launched. At first, officials suggested that it was due to a lack of resources. Subsequently, the minister of justice explained that it was "to establish precedents...and to determine points of law that may help clear the way for the subsequent cases." With great respect to the ministers involved, the first explanation is shameful; the second explanation strains credibility. The law is clear and the procedures are well established, having been successfully invoked in 1992 against convicted war criminal Jacob Luitjens.

For at least a decade, since the work of the Deschenes Commission, community leaders have urged, coaxed, and pleaded with the federal government to act against the Nazis known to be in our midst. It has been a struggle for justice. But in the end, faced with seemingly endless and interminable political and legal battles, justice will have been denied.

The generation of World War II is fading away. The victims are passing on. The criminals, having aged gracefully in the sanctuary of Canadian justice, now sigh with smug relief. And in the hourglass of time, nearly filled to overflowing with heavy sand, the integrity of Canadian political will lies buried.

A dangerous attitude

In the *New York Times* last week, Youssef Ibrahim reported on a dispute between Muslim clerics concerning the theological legitimacy of making peace with Israel. Saudi Arabia's highest religious authority issued a religious edict in December affirming the right of Saudi rulers to attempt to normalize relations with Israel. The edict was immediately condemned however by Sheik Youssef el-Kardawi, described by Ibrahim as an influential Egyptian theologian. El-Kardawi's opposition was enough to cause the edict to be withdrawn.

That the opposition to such a tepid attempt at religious moderation was led by an Egyptian is troublesome. Unfortunately it is indicative of an attitude among extreme Muslim theologians which abhors coexistence.

These theologians, however, are not without power. They hold sway over a large portion of the masses. This undoubtedly explains, in part, the recent shift by the Mubarak government, commented upon in this issue, away from fuller, better relations with Israel. They must be carefully watched for their possible malign effect on peaceful relations among the nations of the region.

If we only but dare

Henrietta Szold was almost 50 years old when she first visited Palestine in the autumn of 1909. Some 10 years later, on Feb. 21, 1920, the Zionist torch fully ablaze within her soul, she again departed for the Holy Land, there to remain except for brief periods, until her death on Feb. 13, 1945.

She was a truly remarkable woman. One of her biographers noted that under her leadership there arose in the burgeoning Jewish state infant welfare centres, hospitals, clinics, a nurses' training school, playgrounds, school lunch and hygiene programs. She organized the social welfare system, health and education activities and youth aliyah, which in her lifetime, rescued more than 13,000 children from Nazi Europe.

Henrietta Szold proved that when aimed at perfecting the world, the human soul soars in partnership with the Divine.

She proved that individuals can make a difference. If we only but dare.

Dry Bones

WE'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT THE PALESTINIANS...
WHO WANT TO ENTER ISRAEL "TO MAKE A LIVING"
THE PROBLEM IS THOSE PALESTINIANS WHO WANT TO ENTER ISRAEL...
"TO MAKE A KILLING"
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Volunteers available to prosecute war criminals

You report in "Cost no factor in war crimes cases," Jan. 19, that Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi appears to be backtracking on a statement that he thought legal action against Nazi war criminals was too expensive. So what else is new? Since the enabling legislation was passed, each minister with any responsibility to deal with Nazi war criminals in Canada has postured, promised, studied and then in essence done nothing.

Justice Minister Allan Rock, relying on the strange decision of the majority of the Supreme Court of Canada in the Finta case, has now abandoned prosecuting Nazi war criminals. The Supreme Court of Canada in reaching its conclusions ignored the precedent of the Nuremberg Nazi war crimes trials and found that Finta was able to rely on the absurd defence that he was only following orders. It has perhaps not occurred to Mr. Rock that that defence may not be available to the other 20 or more suspected Nazi war criminals who were found to be present in Canada by the Deschenes Commission. Mr. Rock's reasoning would be analogous to a court finding that a man accused of rape was acquitted because it was found that the victim had consented and that on that basis no further rape charges should be laid in any other rape case.

If the decision is now to proceed with denaturalization and deportation, then we must look to the Minister of Immigration for action.

If it turns out that indeed there are no funds to proceed to trial, notwithstanding that $50 million has been expended to date, then I have a suggestion for the minister.

My organization is made up of hundreds of lawyers and I am confident that we could provide volunteers who — at no cost to the government or the citizens of Canada — would take the briefs and proceed with the prosecutions. I challenge the ministers of justice and immigration to respond and to once and for all stop with their pat political responses that the matter is still being studied.

Bert Raphael
Chair
Canadian Lawyers & Jurists for World Jewry
Toronto

To set the human heart free of hatred

I received this letter in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. Please share it with your readers. Bernie Farber.

I observed the anniversary in my own way, reflecting on many thoughts and feelings. I wondered at the slow progress of men's hearts to be opened, of the amnesia that afflicts so many of us, the need for excuses and revisionism, the vulgar politicizing of horror.

I also thought a lot of your father, Bernie, of the stories you told me about a family never known. I could not dare to understand the full meaning of your loss, but I held my child tightly last night and talked gently about love. I sent my prayers to God and recommitted myself to the work of vigilance and remembering.

It is of pressing importance that we not consign the dead to some vague, gauzy generalization. We must remember the names, the faces, the personal details, the very sound of children's laughter, silenced individual by individual. We must remember that it was Jews who were singled out for murder by man-made machines and hatred. By remembering the innocent, specifically for their Jewishness, traditions and faith, we remember the humanity we all share. The "Other" becomes us, Jew and non-Jew, because we know in our souls that the nature of being human is God given and exact ...

Long life my friend. May you live to see the human heart grow free of its hurt and hate.

Lindalea Tracey
Toronto

Don't put income ceiling on reparations

I am writing this letter in protest regarding the monies that are to be paid by Germany to survivors of the concentration camps. According to the Claim Conference Article Fund, people who have an annual income of $25,000 are not entitled to receive any form of compensation.

What does it matter what your annual income is today? Surely any persons who went through such hardship and suffering in the camps during the war should be entitled to compensation, regardless of what their income is today.

In fact, no amount of money will ever make up for the indignities and human suffering that I and thousands of other people have gone through and will never be able to forget.

Rose Gerendasi
Toronto

Auschwitz anniversary deserved more notice

I ask why no major event seems to have been planned on the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and no articles or editorials preceded the Jan. 26, *CJN* issue. In Israel, commemorative events were held last week. (The forced death marches began on Jan. 16.) What excuses and rationalization can be given for our community's delay and default?

Our leadership and "machers" are constantly busy organizing major and minor events. They are always on the lookout for high profile programs and/or high profile speakers. The least emphasis seems to be put on actually reaching a reasonable portion of the community to take part in their often excellently planned gatherings. Isn't it time to re-establish priorities?

Harry Finkelstein
Toronto

Terrorist threat is worldwide

Islamic fundamentalist terror is not a "Zionist state" problem.

The bombing of the Jewish Centre in Buenos Aires in the summer of 1994, which claimed the life of close to 100 people, demonstrated that terrorists don't discriminate between "Zionists" and Jews.

Nor is it a Jewish problem. The bombing of the World Trade Centre in December 1993 demonstrated that the western world is as much a target of Islamic fundamentalist terror as any bus in Tel Aviv.

It is an international problem. When will the world deal with it as such?

Adela Gertner
Toronto

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Perspectives

Henrietta Szold — she made a difference

BY AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

At an age when most people let the dust settle under their feet, Henrietta Szold was up to her ankles in the rich mud of Palestine.

Szold, who had fallen in love with the Jewish Homeland on her first visit in 1909, returned 11 years later at the age of 60 to oversee the much-needed medical work being undertaken by Hadassah, the Jewish women's organization she founded in 1912.

Up and down the country, "from Dan to Beersheva" as she liked to say, Szold visited Jewish colonies and Arab villages alike to ensure their basic medical needs were being met. As in later travels around the country, she would often return to her Jerusalem home covered in mud.

"After four days spent in Haifa, Ain Harod and Kfar Giladi, [it] took me 2½ hours to remove the mud from my shoes, my overshoes, my coat, my dress, my unders," she wrote after greeting the first Youth Aliyah arrivals from Germany in February 1934. "Such depths of mud as I trudged through: I was dragging with me a mountain of earth."

No doubt it was dirty work. Typhus, cholera, dysentery and malaria were rampant. Szold saw Jewish children blinded by trachoma, and visited colonies where 150 families shared one open toilet. Their Arab neighbors had even less.

Little in her first 60 years signalled that Henrietta Szold would become one of the pre-eminent woman Zionists of her time.

Born Dec. 21, 1860, in Baltimore, she was the eldest of five daughters of Rabbi Benjamin Szold and his wife Sophie Schaar Szold. She grew up speaking German, studying Jewish texts with her father and absorbing the family values of Ordnung and Menschenliebe.

She was a teacher, journalist and translator of books. She started an English night school for Russian Jewish immigrants in 1889, and turned down numerous marriage proposals because she was happiest tatting wool and assisting her beloved father.

After her father's death in 1902, Henrietta and her mother moved to New York for her to enrol in the newly-opened Jewish Theological Seminary. She was the only female student, a tiny woman in her mid-40s bristling with the determination to edit her father's works. Instead, she met Prof. Louis Ginzberg and fell in love. The four-year friendship ended in disappointment when the younger man, despite all indications he would marry her, instead became engaged to another.

Henrietta Szold was devastated. No longer content with her spinster's life, she had hoped to find fulfilment as a Jewish wife. To help her heal, her mother took her on an extended vacation to Europe and Palestine, and there, in the hardscrabble Jewish colonies, she found new hope for fulfilment.

With her sprightly mother, Henrietta toured the colonies on the back of a mule-drawn wagon. In places like Sejera, Yemina, Mesha, Athlit, Nesly, Tiberias, Haderah, Petach Tikvah and Rehovot they saw endemic malaria and sub-standard nutrition. She returned to America fired up with the need to provide the Yishuv, the Jewish people in Palestine, with basic medical care.

And she did. At 50, she taught herself about X-ray machines and wrote hygiene pamphlets in Hebrew. Through Hadassah, she sent two nurses to Palestine and later organized the American Zionist Medical Unit, which disembarked in 1918 with 44 doctors, dentists, nurses, sanitary engineers, administrators and 400 tons of equipment.

But there were problems, and in 1920 she went to Palestine to solve them. Her two-year posting lasted until her death in 1945 at age 84.

She oversaw five hospitals, a nurses' training school and dozens of health clinics. It was a constant battle against shrinking budgets and growing health demands. "The immigration medical work was thrust upon Hadassah [by the World Zionist Organization] but those who flung it at us forgot to throw the appropriation with it," she wrote bitterly.

In spite of her age, Henrietta Szold took on all challenges, attributing her stamina to her observance of the Sabbath and her "cast-iron stomach."

Dancing with "her" rescued children.

After being nominated in 1931 to the quasi-governmental Vaad Leumi, the 70-year-old whipped Palestine's 445 charitable and governmental agencies into a cohesive department of health and social services.

Still, she was tired and planned to return to the United States. In 1933, she was already packed when Recha Freier of Berlin proposed that German youth between 15 and 17 be resettled in Palestine because of growing anti-Semitism.

The project, called Youth Aliyah, found a place in Henrietta Szold's heart. She travelled all of Palestine to find colonies willing to house and train the German youth for two-year periods. She visited Germany three times between 1933 and 1937 to drum up candidates, speaking in public despite Gestapo spies. The first group of 63 girls and boys arrived when she was 73: they were her first "children." Within four years, 2,330 more came.

At 78 Henrietta Szold cut her working hours from 18 to 12 per day. She spent the war years planning public services, medical treatment and food supplies in the event of a German occupation, and died in Hadassah-Rothschild Hospital on Feb. 13, 1945.

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Batia Feingold, who was brought to Palestine from Germany at the age of 17 as a Youth Aliya child, had the unique privilege six years later of serving as nurse to the woman who spearheaded the organization responsible for her own rescue.

Feingold, who now lives in Pittsburgh, remembers Henrietta Szold as "one of the most cultured, intelligent and humane women" she has ever met.

Szold, in turn, took great pride during the months before her death in telling her many distinguished visitors that her day nurse was a product of Youth Aliyah, Feingold recalls.

Ziva Fichman of Toronto is also a living beneficiary of Youth Aliyah. Originally established to rescue Jewish youngsters from Nazi Germany, Youth Aliyah also served children born in Palestine.

Fichman was one of those children. In 1938, at the age of 6, she entered Ben Shemen Youth Aliyah village near Lod, following her parents' divorce.

The former elementary school teacher remembers her education during the nine years she spent there as being imbued with "dignity and integrity."

Fichman recalls a 1940 visit by Szold to the village. "You couldn't avoid noticing her and feeling that there was something very special about her."

Although she was barely taller than many of the Youth Aliyah children, her impact was enormous and reverberates to this day. In its first four years, Youth Aliyah brought over 2,300 children to Palestine.

"It is inspiring but at the same time a little sad that 50 years later, we still need to give [children] the security and the education they need for their future," says Judy Mandleman, Vancouver-based president of the Canadian arm of Hadassah, the women's Zionist organization founded by Szold in New York in 1912 to provide modern health care in Palestine. Hadassah continues to support both Youth Aliyah and the Hadassah Medical Organization, which operates two major medical centres in Jerusalem.

"[Szold] could stir up people," says Montrealer Eva Chait, 90. As a child of 11, Chait was in the kitchen washing dishes at her aunt's home in Toronto while a group of Jewish women — soon to become the first Canadian Hadassah chapter — gathered to hear Szold speak of her work in Palestine.

"Henrietta Szold was a very tiny person, but she had very piercing eyes," recalls Chait, who also heard her speak publicly in later years. "You were involved immediately in anything she was saying."

"She made great demands of others. I don't think she could have achieved half of what she did if she hadn't been this way," says Gabi Hermel, who, like Feingold, was one of Szold's nurses in the last six months of her life. "She was a special personality, at times difficult, but ultimately a great woman," said Hermel from her home in Jerusalem.

"She was a devoted Zionist who wanted only to come and live in Israel. It's a shame that she didn't live to see the founding of the state."

With files from Leora Frucht in Israel.

In her own words

"I became converted to Zionism the very moment I realized that it supplied my bruised, torn and bloody nation, my distracted nation, with an ideal: an ideal that is balm to the self-inflicted wounds and to the wounds inflicted by others; an ideal that can be embraced by all, no matter what their attitude may be to other Jewish questions."

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"I find that, old as I am, in a certain sense I have not stopped growing. While I don't understand, while my intellect is an organ of narrow limitations, my inner world — perhaps it is my world of feeling, of instinct —expands."

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"The greatest art of all is the art of living, and the best preparation for the art of living is the cultivated heart. The cultivated heart is in the human being who knows and appreciates our heritage and our history; who can absorb and understand and translate this understanding into action in the present and also action for tomorrow."

"Travelling in Palestine too hard? Yes, for the Jew who has found travelling through life on Jewish roads too hard, and is driven to self-annihilation by means of a few drops of water."

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"Leaders will continue to exist, rising from the masses or from the recesses from which [Theodor] Herzl and [Louis] Brandeis emerged. Leadership will not be lacking."

Opinions

Why Auschwitz wasn't bombed

Fifty years ago this week the Russians reached Auschwitz, ending the years of indescribable horror that had marked this infamous place. The SS had driven the prisoners away on their westward march, a journey that claimed thousands of additional lives. What remained behind, in addition to a remnant of prisoners, was the complex of gas chambers, barracks, administration headquarters and the like, and of course, the famous rail yards.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Ever since the Auschwitz story became part of the world's consciousness, a nagging question has been raised time and again: Why didn't the Allies bomb the rail yards?

After all, in the fall of 1944 the Allies bombed Monowitz, a synthetic oil plant which lay only four kilometres east of the Auschwitz compound and less than eight km from the Auschwitz-Birkenau gas chambers. True, the mission ran into anti-aircraft fire and the bombers inflicted only slight damage on the factory. Some bombs did fall on Auschwitz itself, hitting a clothing workshop (in which 40 people were killed), and also destroyed SS barracks killing 15 and injuring 28. Notwithstanding this failure, it has been accepted wisdom that a straightforward assault on Auschwitz would have saved hundreds of thousands of lives.

But a book by Richard H. Levy, *The Bombing of Auschwitz Revisited — A Clinical Analysis*, condemns most previous writings on the subject and says: "The treatment of the operational aspects of this affair by so-called historians of the Holocaust is pathetic. Many of them leap to the conclusion that the bombing could easily have been done, and then jump straight from this to the view that the failure to do it was politically motivated."

Questions raised

The Jan. 12 issue of the *Jerusalem Report* makes the Levy book and the questions it raises its cover story. I have, of course, no way of assessing the accuracy of Levy's analysis. He is, however, supported by Irving Uttal, a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant-colonel who himself participated in bombing missions over Nazi targets in World War II, and who has arrived at the same conclusions. Both writers argue that today's technology in bombing from great heights can in no way be compared with the great inaccuracy of bombing that existed during World War II. According to Uttal, heavy bombers "only hit their bulls-eyes three per cent of the time."

He also denies the oft-made claim that the Allies had total control of the skies. He cites an October 1944 bombing raid on the Merseberg oil plant (in which 400 Nazi fighter planes attacked the Allies' bombing force and shot down 26 planes) and points out that the Monowitz oil plant was defended by 79 heavy guns. He also quotes another researcher on the Allied bombing attack on the ball-bearing centre at Schweinfurt. The first assault didn't do much damage, and when the Allies attacked again, almost 100 bombers were lost.

The Allied governments claimed all along that nothing should be done to divert them from the main goal, namely, the defeat of the Nazis, which alone would guarantee freedom for all the oppressed. Therefore the Allies never parachuted food to millions of Soviet troops starving to death in Nazi PoW camps, nor did they attempt to aid U.S. and British servicemen in Japanese PoW camps. For better or for worse, the Allies made no exception to the rule that "all humanitarian diversion objectives were subordinated to military needs."

There were also, even at that time, significant Jewish figures who opposed a bombing of Auschwitz. For instance, Leon Kubowitzki, head of the Rescue Department of the World Jewish Congress, publicly opposed the suggestion and wrote to the U.S. Government War Refugee Board that in such a bombing "the first victims would be the Jews," and that an Allied air assault could serve as "a welcome pretext for the Germans to assert that their Jewish victims had been massacred not by their killers, but by Allied bombers."

The author of the *Jerusalem Report* article, David Horovitz, concludes his piece by saying:

"It's easy, from the armchair of history, to point accusatory fingers of blame, to talk of anti-Semitism, to deride a single-minded Allied commitment to the speediest possible crushing of the German war machine. Fifty years later, asks Uttal, isn't it time to end the slander?"

Since Jan. 27 has been widely observed as the liberation day of Auschwitz, the old controversy will undoubtedly be revived.

Shmoozing cures the blues

The Jewish people, who are so few in number, have, throughout the course of history, contributed much in advancing civilization — writing the law, defining a code of ethics, promoting social issues and developing the arts and sciences. Jews have also been most prominent in the field of health care, having given the world chicken soup and shmoozing. What chicken soup is to physical well being, shmoozing is to emotional well being, often referred to as chicken soup for the psyche.

By Jack Chisvin

With their wonderful wisdom, Jewish mothers have long known the healing power of chicken soup. They also intuitively knew the benefit of shmoozing. When my mother sensed that one of her children was troubled, she lovingly embraced the child and said, in Yiddish of course (it loses something in translation), "Let's talk it out — it will lighten the load on your heart."

Therapeutic value

Freud was the first to formally exploit the therapeutic value of shmoozing in treating his patients. In deference to the scientific world, he called it analysis therapy. Shmoozing cures depression, it reduces stress, it induces sleep, it is invigorating and rejuvenating, it has no unpleasant side effects, it is non-addictive and it does not have to be prescribed by a doctor. It is a natural, organic, perfect self-administered home remedy.

A shmooz can be a friendly, gossipy, aimless talk — a prolonged mindless conversation. Shmoozing can be sharing ideas and thoughts, sometimes intimate, sometimes light-hearted, but never nonsensical. You can shmooz over the telephone, but the best shmooz takes place to face across a table or in a quiet corner of a room. A shmooz is not a debate or an argument, and it is not ever adversarial. Shmoozing takes time. A shmooz ideally involves only two people and the best shmoozer is a close friend or a family member.

There are occasions when you can shmooz with a stranger, such as a fellow passenger on a long airplane flight. It usually starts with the question "Aren't you —"?

To enjoy a shmooz you must be able to listen as well as to talk. When I am alone in a restaurant or find myself in a crowd of strangers without anyone with whom to shmooz, I do a half-shmooz by merely listening to people. I do not put them under surveillance or eavesdrop on an entire conversation. I try to catch a fleeting remark, a fragment of dialogue, and then let it flutter around in my imagination. People unaware that they can be overheard say the most absurd and memorable things.

This kind of phrase-grabbing is almost as rewarding as a good shmooz. One of Homer's well known cliches is "winged words." Phrases taken out of context are winged words. To paraphrase the immortal Mohammed Ali, they "float like a butterfly but can sting like a bee." It is fun to try to snag them as they fly by, but you must be careful not to get stung. Now speaking about butterflies and bees while suffering from the February blues syndrome is the right stuff for a shmooz. Try it — shmoozing will make you feel good.

Mideast leaders seek new start

No society is immune to the ravages of terrorism and no terrorism is as nerve-racking as the mad Islamic brand, which sends its fanaticized youngsters to die as they kill in the name of God. Leaders do not give in to terrorism, however ghastly, but under its impact, they are often rushed to hasty reactions.

By Yechiyahu Anav

For reasons frequently discussed in this column, the peace process, which many Israelis fear and Islamic fundamentalists abhor as much as they hate the Jews, was doing badly even before the two suicide-bombers took the lives of 20 Israelis at Beit-Lid.

But not until the recent savagery could the planners of death savor the sweet taste of success. Israeli TV repeated the cruel images of the carnage endlessly and portrayed a confused government on the defensive against the accusations of the opposition that its peace policies were responsible for the tragedy.

The besieged leadership reiterated its commitment to pursue Islamic terrorism more vigorously than ever, but also to continue the peace efforts in spite of adversity. Yet the measures proclaimed and taken, did not help the peace process at all. The government was, in effect, just bowing to the public's demand for revenge.

The closure of Greenline Israel to Palestinians from the territories is no defence against those for whom death in action does not constitute a deterrent. Thus the measure (taken many times before) was perceived by the Arab masses as indiscriminate collective punishment.

Frustration mounted and played into the hands of the extremists, undermining whatever is left of the authority of the PLO, which is blamed for negotiating with the implacable enemy.

A new term, "separation," has been added by the government to the current political vocabulary. The Palestinians and the Israelis should not intermingle. Asked to elaborate the details, the government proposed to study the matter throughly. Separation makes much sense. In fact, in the long run it is the only possible solution, but for now it is just a slogan.

Enlarge settlements

Meanwhile, activist leaders of the settlers' communities used the official confusion and attempted to enlarge some settlements beyond the modest requirements of natural growth. This forced the government to take counter-measures for which it is not politically ready. Thus, the already entangled topography of the territories, where autonomy should replace Israeli rule, and whose final status is still to be negotiated, could get even more complicated.

If, as it now stands, Yitzhak Rabin's government cannot cope with all the intricacies of the situation, sooner or later a Likud-led government may take its place. Good news for the Jewish opponents of the peace process? Not necessarily. It is one thing to try and bring down a government, another to act when in power.

Some observers now believe that if the second Rabin government follows the destiny of the first (1974-1977) and disintegrates or loses the next elections, history will repeat itself and a Likud-led government will be forced to make painful concessions to the Arabs in order to reach a solution. This sounds surprising but should not be dismissed out of hand. Did not Menachem Begin do what his Labor predecessors did not dare to try? Did he not, with Ariel Sharon's active help, dismantle the Sinai settlements?

But this possibility, though perhaps not all that remote, is still not so close. Right now, Rabin is once more trying to lure the wavering Shas party back into his narrow coalition. If he succeeds, his majority in the Knesset will be a little more comfortable than the present one, but still open to the surprises for which Shas has become notorious in its short existence. If Shas prefers to sit on the fence, or even join the opposition because this may seem electorally preferable to its rabbinical mentors, Rabin may try to reshuffle his government to paper over the cracks that have weakened it so much recently and to give his team a better image.

But the problem is not image, not even power, but the use one makes of it. A restructured government will either have to pursue the peace process more vigorously, or continue to slow it down and face all the regional and international repercussions. Or it may do neither. This would be its worst option, since this will leave the scene to the manipulations of the extremists on both sides.

Features

Germans seek atonement in Israel

Reporting from Tel Aviv, Sheldon Kirshner describes a program in which young German nationals do penance in Israel.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Holocaust has had a profound effect on Tino Fleischer, Thomas Stamm and Andrea Insinger.

Due to this indelible stain on German history, they have volunteered 18 months of their lives to Israel and the Jewish people.

They are members of a German social action organization called Aktion Suhnezeichen, or Operation Sign of Atonement, which marks its 37th anniversary this year.

The volunteers of Aktion Suhnezeichen are found in countries which were either occupied — and brutalized — by Nazi Germany, or whose citizens suffered at the hands of the Nazi juggernaut.

They work with the sick, the infirm, the handicapped and the elderly and, more often than not, with Holocaust survivors.

There are 24 such volunteers in Israel.

The volunteers I met one night at their modest flat in Yad Eliahu, a working-class neighborhood of Tel Aviv, are in their early 20s. Tino, 21, is from Bremen. Thomas, 20, is a native of Wurzburg. Andrea, 24, hails from the Hannover area.

Andrea works in an Orthodox chronic care hospital, Thomas in a school for handicapped children, and Tino in a senior citizens' home.

All three were fascinated by Germany's descent into barbarity, interested in Jewish history and drawn to Israel. Above all, they wanted to do something practical to show their solidarity with the Jewish people and Israel.

In Tino's and Thomas' case, there was yet another consideration. Membership in Aktion Suhnezeichen gives them, as conscientious objectors, immunity from the draft in Germany.

Tino, Thomas and Andrea do not see themselves as "typical" post-war Germans, if only because they are on the left politically. And they point out that their motives for joining were not universally understood by their families and friends.

Thomas' parents, whom he describes as conservatives, didn't grasp why he masochistically sought to confront a chapter in German nationalism they consider closed. "My father was really against it," he said.

Volunteers want to show solidarity with Jewish people

Andrea, whose late grandfather was a Nazi and SS recruit, discovered that her mother was supportive while her father was less than keen. Both, however, feared for her safety in Israel.

Tino, whose grandfather was an SS man, also encountered some resistance from his parents, who were concerned about his security. But many of his friends and teachers were sympathetic.

In preparation for Aktion Suhnezeichen, the threesome attended a two-month seminar about Israel, studied Hebrew (they have mastered simple conversational Hebrew) and visited Auschwitz.

Each volunteer is backed by at least 10 sponsors in Germany whose stipends enable them and others to meet their day-to-day expenses.

They're glad to be in Israel.

"You can ease the pain a little," said Tino, who often works with survivors, and who was a member of an anti-fascist group at home. "I hear from a lot of the people, 'It's good you're here.' "

Apart from his usual duties, Thomas visits old German Jews, walking and shopping with them. "Some long for people like us. For them, it's a reconciliation with the past, though you can never change it. I can learn a lot from them. I've learned to be more critical of German society, of Germany's lack of openness with regard to immigrants."

Visited Auschwitz concentration camp as part of program

Andrea has developed a greater sensitivity toward minorities, plumbed the depths of Middle East politics and come to appreciate the solidarity displayed by Jewish Israelis in a crisis situation (such as the kidnapping and murder of the soldier Nachshon Wachsman by Hamas last autumn).

Andrea has not run into anti-German sentiment and, indeed, has been invited to Shabbat dinners. But like most foreigners, she has not made friends with Israelis of her generation.

Germans in Israel (from left): Tino Fleischer, Andrea Insinger and Thomas Stamm. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Sometimes, in the company of survivors, she feels twinges of guilt. She never raises the Holocaust in conversations, though she is perfectly willing to discuss it when the topic is broached. When she is asked about neo-Nazism in Germany, she fears she won't have the "right" answers.

Whenever Thomas meets someone new, he feels nervous about his German nationality. "I feel that I'm carrying a burden on my shoulders, and that I have to act very responsibly."

Furthermore, when he watched a World Cup soccer game in a pub last summer, he felt he couldn't openly cheer for the German team.

Tino believes that, despite Israel's excellent bilateral relations with Germany, Israelis tend to be negatively disposed toward his nation. German right-wing radicalism casts a giant shadow and, as he put it, "It always seems that the past comes up in conversations."

Their impressions of Israel vary.

"I thought Israel would be a poorer country, and a dangerous one," Andrea observed. "Yet Israel is very modern and European in many respects. I was a little afraid after the suicide bombing in Tel Aviv last October, but now I'm not scared. I know something can happen, but I don't think about it constantly."

Tino had no preconceptions, but now he regards Israel as "a very special country." Nevertheless, Israelis are in need of consciousness raising insofar as the environment is concerned.

At first, Thomas couldn't cope with the run-of-the-mill brusqueness of Israelis. Today, in a volte-face, he views Israelis as direct and open. "The longer I'm here, the more I admire these qualities. And I really admire what Israelis have achieved here."

Thomas had "problems" with the way the Israeli army responded to the Palestinian revolt in the territories (the intifadah). Now, with the uprising over, he marvels at Israel's courage in trying to achieve peace with its Arab neighbors.

Tino is engaged in a ceaseless effort to try to comprehend the roots of the Holocaust. "You can *never* understand why Auschwitz happened. Auschwitz is so unbelievable."

For their part, Thomas and Andrea believe that the Holocaust could have been conceived only in Germany, with its long anti-Semitic tradition.

And Andrea is still shocked that so many Germans were indifferent to the persecution of Jews.

Not surprisingly, they are concerned by the rise of neo-Nazi violence in Germany. Thomas suspects that German police forces are rife with neo-Nazi sympathizers. He's disappointed that the German government passed legislation which restricts the right of refugees to asylum.

Andrea thinks that radical right-wing demonstrations should be banned. Tino contends that far rightists are encouraged by "an unfriendly attitude toward strangers." He added, "A spirit of prejudice exists against foreigners."

All three, however, have faith in German democracy. Be that as it may, Thomas is puzzled, and worried, by the upsurge of anti-Semitism on German soil. "You can't find rational reasons for it. Germans ask, 'Why do Jews in Germany have so much money? And why are they so influential?' "

Germans of their generation, they acknowledge, are weary of being reminded of the Holocaust. But, they concur, they are morally bound to remember this dark episode and to cultivate special relations with Israel.

"We, the German people," said Andrea, "have a responsibility to the past."

Mideast Analysis
By Sheldon Kirshner

Israel's challenge in Lebanon

While Israel has redoubled its efforts to strike crippling blows at Hamas and Islamic Jihad in the West Bank, it faces a similar, if not more daunting, challenge from Islamic fundamentalism in southern Lebanon.

There, amid the rough terrain of a country struggling to put itself back together after a long civil war, Israel has established a security zone to protect its northern border.

The 440-square-mile enclave, which runs from the Mediterranean Sea to the foothills of Mt. Hermon, is patrolled by about 1,000 Israeli soldiers and several thousand members of the mainly Shi'ite, Israeli-trained and financed South Lebanon Army (SLA).

Israel established the zone in all but name in the mid-1970s, following an upsurge of Palestinian guerrilla activity. When Israel withdrew from Lebanon in 1985, three years after its invasion, it carved out an official sphere of influence in southern Lebanon.

The majority of the Shi'ite Muslims never accepted Israel's presence, and in the past decade, Israel has been engaged in a mini-war to protect its position there.

Israel's chief adversary is Hezbollah (Party of God), a Shi'ite force supported by Syria and Iran. But a variety of Palestinian groups, all opposed to the current Middle East peace process, have also joined the fighting.

The battles have waxed and waned, but rarely a day goes by without tension. In 1994, 21 Israeli soldiers and many more SLA fighters were killed while on duty in southern Lebanon. In the same period, the Israeli Air Force carried out about 30 raids against Hezbollah and Palestinian bases north of the security zone.

Hezbollah has always been a formidable enemy, but in the past year there has been a marked improvement in its ability to inflict pain on the Israeli army and the SLA. Furthermore, Hezbollah has acquired more effective weapons, including long-range mortars and Sagar rockets.

Nevertheless, Israel has rejected the idea of expanding the zone, knowing this would only exacerbate its problems. And Israel has ruled out the possibility of attacking Hezbollah more ferociously, realizing that such operations could prompt Hezbollah to shell civilians in the Galilee.

Through the United States, Israel has asked Syria to restrain Hezbollah, but to no avail. Syria regards Hezbollah as a useful lever. The Syrians, the dominant power in Lebanon, demand a full Israeli withdrawal from the security zone, not to mention the Golan Heights.

The Lebanese government has promised to stop attacks against Israel if it leaves the zone over a six month period. Israel proposes to evacuate it over nine months, provided the Lebanese army disarms Hezbollah beforehand.

Whatever happens, no one doubts that the road to peace with Lebanon passes through Damascus. Southern Lebanon will remain turbulent at least until Syria and Israel can resolve their seemingly intractable differences over the Golan Heights.

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By RABBI AARON LEVINE

I walked into the staff room of our school a couple of weeks ago and found the rabbis engaged in a heated discussion. A student had just asked his Rebbe (teacher) the following shaile (question): "Rebbe, if I answer the phone, and Mr. X asks to speak to my father, and my father tells me to tell him that he's not home, am I allowed to lie and say to Mr. X that my father is not home, when I know that he really is home? Isn't that going against the Torah's command of, midvar sheker tirchak, you should keep far away from telling a lie?"

To answer this question, with all of the possible halachic ramifications, such as the possibility that obeying one's father would supercede the transgression of the lie; one is allowed to lie to keep the peace, and therefore to keep peace with one's own father might fit into this category, etc. is beyond the scope of our discussion. Suffice it is to say, the probable correct answer to the question is a simple, "No, You may not lie. A father cannot command a child to transgress a law of the Torah!" However, in order not to contradict a father in a chuzpedige (audacious) way, one has to teach the child how he should respond to the request in an appropriate manner satisfying the command not to lie, and at the same time satisfying the command of showing respect to one's parents.

But that set me thinking about "role models" — how prevalent it is that we chastise our children for lying, and rightly so, and yet we model the above behavior and tell our children to outrightly lie by telling a caller, "Sorry, my father is not home."

We tell our children that speaking evil about their friends is a no no — it's loshen hora, forbidden speech. But yet they sit at the dinner table and we unabashedly tell our spouses the daily loshon hora rag sheet.

We tell our children how important it is to learn Torah and that bittul Torah (wasting time from Torah study) is the greatest sin of all. And then we come home, albeit tired from the daily hassle of making a living, and we frit away precious hours reading the newspaper cover to cover and watching the addictive tube, the sacred TV.

We want our children to go to shul every day for all three minyanim, even on Sunday, and we take the liberty of relaxing once a week on a Sunday morning and perhaps make the later minyan, and perhaps not.

We want to inculcate in our children the virtue of honesty. Honesty is not only the best policy, it is the only policy. But then we cross the border with all sorts of merchandise that should be declared and respond to the query, "How much do you have to declare?" with a resounding, "Oh, about $75 US worth," when we've got several times that amount. And of course before we get to the border we command our children, "Now, not a single sound, don't breathe till we're past the booth," so that we can hear the "honest" response Dad gives the custom's officer.

"You're never supposed to get angry," we yell at our kids when they are screaming at one another. "Do you ever hear me get angry with your mother? Never, right?"

"You must always be appreciative of everything we do for you. Don't you hear me thank Mommy every night for preparing such a wonderful supper?"

"Honor and respect to parents is the fifth commandment, don't you know that yet?" And when Bubbie calls to ask if you, her son, can just do her a small favor and drive her to the supermarket, we tell Bubbie's grandchild to tell her, "Sorry, Bubbie, Dad can't go right now, he's in the middle of watching the Superbowl."

We can go on and on, with countless examples. The famous expression goes, "Middos (good character traits) are caught not taught." We can no longer get away with the command, "Do as I say, not as I do."

If we want to sincerely transmit to the next generation all of the middos tovos (good traits) and observance of Torah and mitzvot, we have to be live role models and set good examples for our children to emulate

And as far as the first question is concerned, remember the following two famous quotes: "There is no such thing as a white lie; a lie is as black as a coal pit, and twice as foul." (Henry Ward Beecher). "Those who think it is permissible to tell white lies soon become color-blind." (Austin O'Malley). Good Shabbos!

Kolel draws 350 to learn about death and afterlife

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Over 350 people turned out last month to learn about the Jewish view of death and the afterlife at a week-long series of seminars offered by Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning.

The five seminars, which addressed mourning rituals, reincarnation, euthanasia and ethical wills, drew record crowds, said Kolel director Rabbi Elyse Goldstein.

Kolel's week-long "mini-course" has explored timely issues for the past four winters.

"People want to know about the meaning of life in the face of death, and facing death both spiritually and practically," Rabbi Goldstein said of the Beyond the Beyond January course.

Participant Jay Howpt, a free-lance film editor raised in a Conservative home, told *The CJN* the most recent course, his first, "was on a subject that appealed to me, which is what happens to people when they die."

Howpt, an unaffiliated Jew, is planning to explore the topic further through a lecture series offered by three Toronto Conservative synagogues.

Rabbi Goldstein said like all Kolel activities, half the course participants came from "liberal" congregations, 40 per cent were unaffiliated, with the remaining 10 per cent identifying themselves as modern Orthodox.

Chassidic leader set to visit

TORONTO — Rabbi Tanchum Becker, leader of the chassidic dynasty of Ozerov Chencin, will be visiting Toronto from Feb. 17 to 20.

He is stopping here as part of a trip to the United States on behalf of Kollel Esh Dat, an institute of higher Torah learning in Tel Aviv.

Rabbi Becker will be staying with his in-laws, Rabbi and Rebbetzen Moses Burak, at 29 Coreydale Court in Downsview.

For an appointment to see the rabbi, telephone 636-1945.

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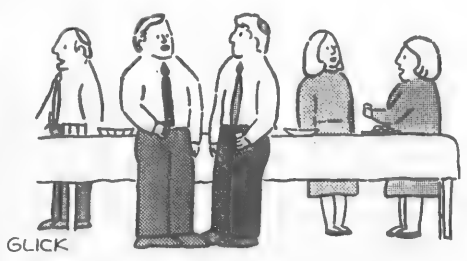

"Temple kiddushes provide a chance to really get to know someone -- It's hard to be pretentious when you are chit-chatting over herring bits."

Jewish Life

To celebrate victory in Europe

By RABBI ERWIN SCHILD

The brochure in my hands announces the Community Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Liberation and Holocaust Remembrance on April 30 to May 1, sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and the Holocaust remembrance commitee of our Jewish Federation.

GUEST VOICES

Why do I feel ill at ease looking at the two-day program? Why do I not sign up for the event right away? Am I not a fervent advocate of Holocaust remembrance? Having lived for six years in Nazi Germany and having been a teenage prisoner in Dachau, I bear the Holocaust constantly in my mind and never stop thinking about my parents and childhood friends who perished. I am often angry because so many people take no notice of the annual Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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It is an excellent and rich program for a conference on the Holocaust, close to Yom Hashoah, the Holocaust Remembrance Day on the 27th of Nissan, which falls this year on April 27. I intend to observe Yom Hashoah as always, but this year my mind is focused on a different anniversary.

I want to celebrate with my fellow Jews the 50th anniversary of the Allied victory over Nazi Germany, on or close to the date of Germany's unconditional surrender, which took place on May 8, 1945. VE-Day we called it: Victory in Europe. Its anniversary should not be turned into an extended Yom Hashoah.

VE-Day was an unforgettable experience for the Allied nations, for all Canadians and especially for Jews. For nearly five years we had lived through the most terrible war. We had tasted bitter defeat and choked on the ashen dust of despair, as the seemingly invincible German war machine rolled with deadly efficiency from conquest to conquest. Germany and Japan seemed to be headed for global victory.

VE-Day meant liberation for the Holocaust survivors. It also brought the grim revelation of the full extent of the Holocaust. There was no time for prolonged rejoicing in our victory, in view of the human cost of the military operations and the horrible statistics of genocide against the Jews. The struggle against Japan still had to continue to its apocalyptic conclusion ... Yet that one day of thanksgiving and joyful triumph still reverberates in the minds of those who were there.

The Canadian Jewish community owes much of its present strength and vitality to the Holocaust survivors who eventually built a new home in our midst. However, not all Canadian Jews are Holocaust survivors or children and grandchildren of survivors. Those who are not honor and love all those who came to us after they had endured the war years under German rule and we respect the special burdens of memory borne by their descendants.

But the majority of Canadian Jews lived through the war on the Allied side or were born to those who did. Their need is to celebrate the 50th anniversary of VE-Day, not only with their fellow Canadians, but also with those who share the unique Jewish nuances of recalling this event. Victory was the triumph of freedom and human goodness.

Rabbi Schild is the rabbi emeritus of Adath Israel Congregation.

Hollywood actor finds religion

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —There was no sudden stroke of lightning or moment of revelation that brought Rabbi Yaacov Asher Sinclair, formerly John Sinclair, from the glamor of Hollywood to Ohr Somayach yeshivah in Jerusalem.

And in some ways, the worlds are not even all that different, he mused in a recent interview at Ohr Somayach's Thornhill offices.

"Hollywood is a dream factory. Judaism sees those dreams — but from a different perspective. Hollywood believes the purpose of life is pleasure — Judaism does too. We just define pleasure differently."

But in contrast to the glitz and impermanence of Hollywood, he describes Judaism as "transcendent and eternal."

Forty-five year old Sinclair was born and educated in England, where he began his show business career, appearing in such stage productions as John Dryden's *All for Love*, Ibsen's *Rosmersholm* and the English touring company of *Hair*.

In the United States, besides more stage work, he appeared in, among other efforts, *Moonlighting* and *Days of Our Lives* on television and movies *X, Y and Zee* and *Half Moon Street*.

He was also involved in writing and producing music, including the cult classic *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

So what happened?

In his mid 30s, he says, he began considering what sort of family life he wanted. "I looked around and didn't like what I saw," he remembers, referring to the Hollywood scene.

"I saw the relationships in my friends' marriages, and I couldn't see myself in one of those."

Rabbi Yaakov Sinclair

Having come from a traditional, although not an Orthodox family ("The shul I didn't want to go to had to be Orthodox"), he began gradually to attend shul regularly and to study Torah.

Natural progression

"I asked my father where my tefillen were, so he went out and bought me a pair."

It was all a natural progression, he says. "I went to shul on Shabbat, so why not during the week. I went to Mincha, so why not Maariv too. And since my father had bought me new tefillen, I had to wear them."

He says he felt he was at a crossroads in his life. "I had to understand. I didn't want to [make major decisions] out of ignorance."

Finally he realized that he had to learn more intensively, and went to Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem. "I thought it was the best place for me, and best all around."

The plan was for him to stay for six months, and then go back to finish the play he was working on.

Instead, he stayed and continued studying. Five years ago he got married, and he and his Argentinian-born wife Vanina now have three children.

Last summer, he got smicha, rabbinic ordination, and now spends his time teaching and studying.

"I don't miss a thing," he says, adding with a twinkle "well, maybe sushi."

His family has been very supportive of his new life, says Rabbi Sinclair. His one-time friends in the entertainment world, who he recognizes no longer share his values, had drifted away anyway. "They probably just figure I haven't been working recently!"

One of the problems of being a performer, the rabbi says, is that "you surrender part of your own identity to the audience. You rely on the outside world to define your essence."

He considers that a dangerous way to exist.

"The need for adulation is no less a kind of addiction than alcohol or drugs — it's just more subtle.

"Those who lose their fame show the same symptoms as a person getting off drugs."

But not him.

Rabbi Sinclair considers himself a contented man.

"Why shouldn't I be? I'm living an idyllic existence. I live in Jerusalem. I learn and teach Torah. There is nothing better than that."

His visit to Toronto was part of a North American tour, which also included lectures in Montreal, Miami, Chicago and Cleveland.

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From coast to coast

Zundel seeks new audiences in U.S.

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ernst Zundel is at it again.

The Toronto-based Holocaust denier is once again attempting to peddle his wares to unsuspecting American television stations. And like one year ago, he's having only limited success.

Finger Lakes Television in Canandaigua, N.Y., about 50 kilometres south of Rochester, recently pulled the Zundel-produced show *Voice of Freedom* after it had aired several times.

Viewers complained to the community-access station about its contents. Station volunteers then determined they were not obliged to air programs provided by Canadians, said Lawrence Fine, executive director of the Jewish Community Federation of Greater Rochester (JCFGR).

Days later, Zundel travelled to Canandaigua and staged a public demonstration on City Hall steps.

Members of the Jewish community and others held a counter-demonstration, said Shelly Shapiro, director of Holocaust Survivors & Friends Education Centre. One counter-demonstrator, a German woman whose handicapped niece was murdered by the Nazis, shouted down Zundel's claims that he spoke for the German people.

Zundel still plans to ask eight public-access stations in upstate New York to air his program. One of his local supporters, Jack Wikoff, has said he will sue an Auburn television station to force it to put the show on the air, Shapiro said.

Fine said the JCFGR is "trying to explore what are the limitations to public-access television." He has contacted U.S. anti-racist groups like the Anti-Defamation League to seek their advice.

In addition, Canadian Jewish Congress is providing information about Zundel and his previous unsuccessful efforts to broadcast his show in the United States, Congress spokesperson Bernie Farber said.

Last year a station in El Paso, Tex., pulled the *Voice of Freedom* after station management met with representatives of the local Jewish community and of the Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Protestant churches.

The community leaders were disturbed by the program, which suggested Auschwitz was more of a recreation centre than a death camp, and which claimed the Holocaust was an invention of world Jewry.

Earlier, the *Voice of Freedom* was pulled off the air by two U.S. satellite broadcasters, Showcase America and Keystone Communications, when they were given information about Zundel and his neo-Nazi affiliations.

Fine said the Canandaigua station reaches a relatively small audience. If the station decides to resume airing the show, it is unlikely the JCFGR will attempt to counter it by airing its own program.

"I have some discomfort presenting material to [oppose] what he has on, because it implies there are two sides," Fine said. "There are no two sides. There is fact and then there is falsehood."

CJN Purim Contest

For our Purim contest, we are asking children in elementary schools to let their imaginations run loose through the pageantry and the drama of the story of Purim. In particular we are looking for the brightest, most colorful and evocative pictures drawn with markers, crayons, or colored pencils.

Who can enter: Children from grades 1 - 6 inclusive are eligible. The children of CJN employees are not eligible.

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The contest closes at 5:00 pm on February 28, 1995.

The children whose pictures are chosen will be notified by telephone before the start of the Shabbat on Friday, March 3, 1995. Winning pictures will be published in *The CJN* of March 16, 1995.

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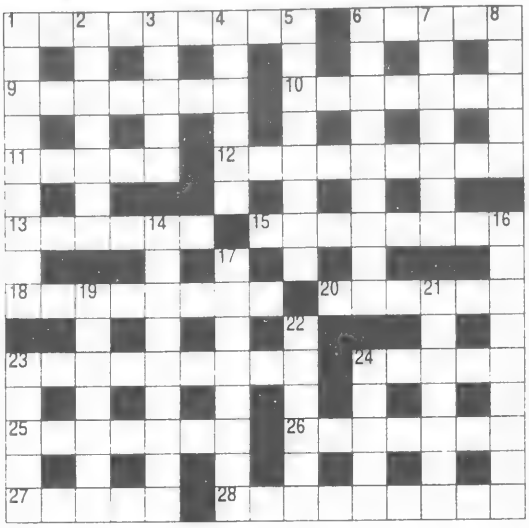

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1 One of two conflicting sects within Judaism
6 Prods
9 Country with largest Jewish population
10 Pique
11 Equivocate
12 Al - bought surplus planes from US airforce in 1948 for Israel
13 Appertain
15 Exasperate
18 Gifted
20 Skip
23 Association
24 Jewish Nobel Prize winner for peace
25 Allied
26 Loose
27 Nesher means this
28 These were used in fighting against the Maccabees

DOWN

1 Morning prayer
2 Game of spinning top
3 Combine
4 To move toward a termination
5 One of the kingdoms formed after David's death
6 Promote
7 Sinai pass
8 Slash
14 Hesitant
16 Nebuchadnezzar beat Egyptians on this river
17 To feel envy for
19 Street named after this writer in Tel Aviv
21 Forbear
22 The Arab Revolt started with this
23 All people in Tel Aviv were placed under such arrest in 1946 by the British
24 First letter of Hebrew alphabet

Answers from February 2

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From coast to coast

Network zeroes in on intermarriage

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — At the recent Jewish Students' Network convention, a panel discussed intermarriage.

Representatives of the Reconstructionist, Reform and Orthodox communities presented different views on the topic, 52 Per Cent and Rising! Is the Answer Education or Accommodation?

Reconstructionist rabbinical student Fred Dobb surprised those in the audience when he said the intermarriage rate among North American Jews has been exaggerated. He added that many non-Jews are actually making a valuable contribution to synagogue life and are raising their children as Jews.

Dobb, who is studying at the Reconstructionist seminary in Philadelphia, cited a report by American Jewish demographer Steven Cohen in the December issue of *Moment* magazine that the rate today in the United States is actually 41 per cent, not the oft-quoted 52 per cent from a 1990 study. As well, Cohen writes that non-Jews are converting to Judaism at a 3 to 1 ratio to Jews who adopt another faith.

Intermarriage, Dobb said, "must be accepted as a fact of life" and the only way to eradicate it is a return to the shtetl. Therefore, he argued, the most realistic approach is to reach out to interfaith couples and encourage them to participate in Jewish life.

'Good way of rallying people'

Jewish community leaders, he said, are sounding the alarm over intermarriage because "a crisis is a good way of rallying people."

The problem, he said, is not non-Jews, but rather "none Jews," that is, born Jews with little identity as such. "Today, everyone is a Jew by choice, not only converts."

Co-panelist Arna Poupko, an Orthodox rebbetzin and Judaica consultant to Montreal's Federation CJA, countered that accommodation is the worst course for Judaism to take on the "huge, tragic issue" of intermarriage.

Jews should not seek to make their religion more attractive to "the masses" but rather develop a "core" of true believers who can influence other Jews to greater spirituality, she said.

From a practical perspective, she contended that community funds are better spent on fostering Jewish identity among Jewish families, rather than the intermarried. "The statistics show that outreach has no measurable effect on the children [of intermarriages] ... As a Jewish educator, I have to ask where can I get more bang for my buck."

She warned that altering the basic ideals of Judaism to suit modernity would "undermine" it.

Third panelist Rabbi David Goldberg, assistant rabbi of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, said there will never be 100 per cent of Jews marrying Jews. The only reasonable course for the community is prevention, but, after the fact, most Reform congregations feel it is better to welcome the intermarried rather than shun them. In this way, there is also a chance that the children will have an opportunity to learn about their Jewish heritage.

The question that remains is to what extent non-Jews can participate in worship and synagogue boards or committees, he said.

Rabbi Goldberg allowed that he does not approve of his own congregation's policy permitting its rabbis to officiate at the weddings of interfaith couples.

"The couple is usually asked to promise to establish a Jewish home and raise the children as Jews. But there's a contradiction: how can you have a Jewish home with a non-Jew in it?"

Himel to speak at CHAT lecture

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Martin Himel

TORONTO — Martin Himel, Tel Aviv bureau chief for Baton Broadcasting, will return to his educational roots later this month at an event co-sponsored by the CHAT Alumni Association and Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU), New Leadership division.

Himel, an alumnus of both the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will discuss Israel at Peace: Reality or Another Mid-East Mirage? on Feb. 27, 7:45 p.m., at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

A native of Toronto, Himel graduated from CHAT in 1975, and completed a BA in Economics and International Relations at the Hebrew University in 1978. He worked as a story editor for CTV's *Canada AM* before making aliyah in 1980.

In Himel's current position, and prior to that, as CTV's Middle East correspondent and Jerusalem bureau chief (1983 to 1993), he has had a prime vantage point to witness ongoing political developments in the area.

Himel is one of many former students of CHAT who have gone on to attend the Hebrew University, said Marla Rosenfeld, chair of the CHAT Alumni Association.

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"We'll continue to build there," he said, referring to greater Jerusalem. "We'll be there forever. And we will reinforce our presence there."

Continuing in that vein, Ben-Eliezer said Jerusalem is united, and Israel will never relinquish the city, "although it's written [in the Oslo accord] that everything is negotiable."

Ben-Eliezer, who was formerly chair of the Knesset's foreign affairs and security committee, said there exists in Israel "a very wide consensus" that Jerusalem should remain Israel's indivisible capital.

Ben-Eliezer's advisor, Chaim Fialkoff, said in an interview that his boss is "a staunch advocate" of expanding Jerusalem's present boundaries so that places like Maale Adumim, Givat Zeev and Betar can be included within its perimeters.

Fialkoff said construction of some of the previously announced 2,700 units will begin within several months, and be completed within a few years.

As a result, the Jewish population of greater Jerusalem will increase by some 20 per cent.

In an interview, Ben-Eliezer suggested the government has no intention of building additional apartments elsewhere in Judea and Samaria. "Three thousand units now stand empty," he said.

At a ceremony in Toronto, Ben-Eliezer and David Dingwall, the federal minister of public works, signed a memorandum of understanding which formalizes arrangements to exchange information on housing technology, mortgage markets, housing for the elderly and research issues.

According to Fialkoff, it is the first agreement of its kind between Israel and Canada.

After expressing enthusiasm about the accord, Ben-Eliezer paid tribute to Dingwall, whom he originally met in Israel last summer. As he put it: "He's a real friend of Israel, one of the best ministers you have."

In an interview following his brief address, Ben-Eliezer said he concurs with a recent statement by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that settlements in the territories "add nothing, absolutely nothing, to Israel's security."

However, he pointed out without elaborating, some settlements are "more important than others."

Turning to the current Middle East peace process, Ben-Eliezer exuded optimism about its outcome. He called it an "historic opportunity" to end Israel's long conflict with its Arab neighbors.

Ben-Eliezer said Israel's currently deadlocked talks with the PLO will eventually succeed, once all the security problems are solved to Israel's satisfaction.

"[Yasser] Arafat has to show he's in control," said Ben-Eliezer in an indirect reference to the PLO chief's inability so far to contain Palestinian terrorism.

David Dingwall, minister responsible for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (right), and Israel Construction and Housing Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer (left) sign a Memorandum of Understanding to exchange experiences and views in the area of housing and urban development. [Sylman photography]

Arafat capable of cracking down on terrorism: Ben-Eliezer

Ben-Eliezer said he's convinced that Arafat is capable of cracking down on terrorism, without touching off a Palestinian civil war.

Peace talks with Syria are frozen for now, he conceded. But Ben-Eliezer voiced optimism about the possibility of a diplomatic breakthrough later this year, especially if the United States intervenes.

Syria, he observed, has a national interest in making peace with Israel. An agreement with Syria, he predicted, would "open the door" for Israeli talks with Lebanon, the Gulf States and Arab countries in North Africa.

A former commander of Israeli forces in southern Lebanon, Ben-Eliezer said he opposes the idea of enlarging Israel's self-declared security zone there.

The current tension in southern Lebanon, he said, can only be defused with Syrian acquiescence.

Ben-Eliezer visited the United States before flying on to Canada. He discussed the peace process with officials and politicians in Washington, and addressed the National Association of Homebuilders in Houston, Texas. There, he met with former U.S. president George Bush.

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Consul general nominated for Toronto

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

SAN FRANCISCO — Veteran diplomat Jehudi Kinar has been nominated by the Israeli Foreign Ministry as the new consul general for Toronto and Western Canada.

Pending cabinet approval, Kinar, 53, will likely assume the post sometime in the late summer.

A 25-year-veteran of Israel's Foreign Ministry, Kinar is currently consul general in San Francisco and the Pacific Northwest. His responsibilities include the Monterey Peninsula north to Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, the largest area for an Israeli consul general in the United States.

Kinar visited Canada in July 1991 when he served as director of the ministry's World Jewish Affairs Department. During a Toronto visit he met with community leaders, including representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith.

A native of the Netherlands, Kinar made aliyah to Israel in 1969. He joined the Foreign Ministry the next year, and served in the consular office in the Hague from 1976 to 1981. From 1982 to 1983 he was deputy director of the information division of the Foreign Ministry in Israel.

From 1983 to 1988 he was posted as consul and minister-consul in Bonn, then served dually as director of the Europe Department of Foreign Affairs and as director of the World Jewish Affairs section.

Jehudi Kinar

In 1993 he was posted to San Francisco and will serve there until he is recalled to Israel for preparation for his Canadian assignment.

Reached by telephone in Maryland, where he was attending a conference of U.S.-based Israeli consul generals, Kinar said he was impressed with the city of Toronto and its Jewish community. "I knew the place and when the job was offered, I gladly took it."

Kinar has two children, son Yaron, 21, who is completing army service, and daughter Yael, 17, and wife Ruti.

As consul general, Kinar's duties include economic affairs, meeting with politicians and diplomats, liaising with the Jewish community and dealing with the media.

Departing Consul General Dror Zeigerman said he will be leaving in the summer after three years in Toronto. Appointed by onetime Foreign Minister David Levy, Zeigerman is a former Likud Knesset member.

He said that on his return to Israel, "I hope to be involved in business and politics.

"Israel is my home. I was here in Toronto and it was a very good experience. I'm looking forward to returning to my home in Israel."

TZEDAKAH TO ISRAEL

The Zagliember Society Ladies Auxiliary extends its tzedakah to Israel. The organization recently contributed $25,000 to the Collier Community Centre in Eilat, a UJA Project Renewal endeavour. Seen (from left) Rose Besser, UJA's Avrum Rosensweig, Regina Eisenstein, Rose Pilc and Regina Gliksman.

Soviet family life focus of school play

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The trials and triumphs of a Jewish family in the Soviet Union will be told in song, dance and drama in the annual production of Beth Jacob High School.

Voices in the Silence; the true epic of a Jewish family in Communist Russia will be presented in the Beth Jacob High School Auditorium, 410 Lawrence Ave. W. on Feb. 12 and 13 at 8 p.m. Women and girls are invited to attend.

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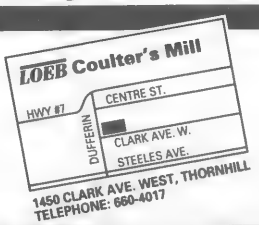

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By Carolyn Blackman

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Sunday, Feb. 12

TALK ON GENETICS

Dr. Katherine Siminovitch , Lunenfeld Research Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital will talk at the J.J.R. Macleod Auditorium, Medical Sciences Building, 1 King's College Circle, University of Toronto, 3 p.m. Call Royal Canadian Institute, 928-2096.

LEO BAECK FUN FAIR

Midwinter fun fair, noon to 3 p.m., Atkinson Campus, south of Centre St., features arts and crafts, face painting and a concert by Tree Top Kids at 1:30 p.m. Admission free.

BOUTIQUE AND CRAFTS SALE

Sha'aron chapter, B'nai Brith Women, is sponsoring a Hearts and Crafts Boutique and Crafts Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thornhill Community Centre, Bayview and John. Free Admission, hourly raffles, great booths.

B'NAI BRITH YOUTH

Chaverot chapter, BBYO, invites all members to meet Metro police dogs Jack and Morgan, and learn how they track down criminals, 11:45 a.m., Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., Room 206.

JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob will be screened 7:30 p.m., Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall, 317 Dundas St. W. Single tickets go on sale 15 minutes before showtime. Members must be at the cinema by 7 p.m. to guarantee seats.

LEARNATHON FOR JAY

National Conference of Synagogue Youth is running a Learnathon for Jay, 9 a.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue. Program features guests lecturers and learning schedule. $36 minimum sponsor per participant required. Donations accepted at the NCSY Centre made payable to Friends of Jay. For sponsor sheets and information call 782-4426.

WOMEN AND THE LAW

Temple Sinai adult education Sunday morning program features **Leslie Kelman**, executive director, Elizabeth Fry Society who will discuss Women in Conflict with the Law. Breakfast following 9:30 a.m. services, $2. Admission to 10 a.m. lecture, free.

Monday, Feb. 13

BEYOND THE LAW

Rabbi Michael Skobac will discuss the spiritual underpinnings of Jewish Ethics, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Suite 303, upstairs offices of the Promenade. Free admission.

MYSTICISM AND CHASSIDISM

Theme of the joint Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am continuing education series with **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum** is Leaders of Jewish Mysticism and Chassidism. Topic, 8 p.m., Beth David, 55 Yeomans Rd. is The Safed School of Jewish Mysticism: Rabbi Isaac Luria (Ari).

CAMP SHALOM '95

Camp Shalom invites the community to a parents' information meeting, 7:30 p.m., Haifa Room, Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Director **Steve Gillick** and administrator **Malka Klein** will attend.

ISRAEL PHILATELY

Canadian Association for Israel Philately presents a slide presentation on anti-Semitism Zionist congresses, concentration camps, displaced person camps and Cyprus detention camps, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., 7:30 p.m. Call **Joseph Berkovits**, 635-1749 or **Stanley Davis**, 223-6373 after 6 p.m. for information.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

THE LAST BUTTERFLY

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood presents *The Last Butterfly*, the story of mime artist **Antoine Moreau**, directed by **Karel Kachyna**, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Refreshments served.

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Join Associated Hebrew Schools for a parents' evening of presentations, questions, answers and a tour of the new facility, 7:30 p.m., 300 Atkinson Ave.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

In honor of its 25th anniversary, the Secular Jewish Association is sponsoring a 7:30 p.m. lecture by **Roberta Feinstein**, executive director, Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, who will talk on the history of secular humanistic Judaism. For information call **Karen Levy**, 905-731-7066.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Sarah Chana Radcliffe will discuss Showing You Care: A Torah View of Love, 7:45-8:45 p.m. and **Rabbi Immanuel Schochet** will talk about The Effects of Virtue and Sin on the Human Soul, 9-10 p.m. All classes held at Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study, Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Call 905-889-6066 to register.

OR CHAIM KOLLEL PROGRAM

Rabbi Leo Davids, professor of Sociology, York University will be the guest lecturer, 8-9:45 p.m., Or Chaim, 159 Almore Ave. Call 630-6772.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Social action committee, Holy Blossom Temple, with financial help from the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat is sponsoring a panel discussion on Blacks and Jews — Separate History Common Destiny, to mark Black History Month, 8 p.m. at the Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. For information call **Rabbi Dow Marmur**, 789-3291.

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

Next meeting of the Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., in the Activity Room. Call in confidence, 763-9111.

Thursday, Feb. 16

ROMANCE IN JUDAISM

Beit Rayim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill presents an evening with **Rhonda Katz**, who will speak on Matters of the Heart — Romance in Judaism, 7:30 p.m. Call 905-770-7639 to RSVP.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT

Eric Nagler will perform a concert for children at a fundraising event for Zareinu Educational Centre, 7 p.m., Forest Hill Public School, east side of Spadina Rd. between Eglinton and St. Clair. Tickets, $10 can be purchased at Zareinu, 4700 Bathurst St. 2nd floor or at Printziples Fine Art, 1470 Yonge St. Call 920-1957.

CANADIAN YOUNG JUDAEA

A meeting of the adult committee takes place 8 p.m. Zionist Building, 788 Marlee Ave.

CAMP FAIR

Camp Shalom will participate in the Thornhill Community Centre Camp Fair, 6-9 p.m. Meet director **Steve Gillick** and administrator **Malka Klein**.

SHAARE ZEDEK

Bernard Abrams of Toronto has been elected national president, Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, taking over from Renee Solursh, who had held the post for four years. Others elected are Alex Grossman, board chair; Kurt Rothschild, executive chair; Larry Solomon, treasurer; David Smith, secretary; David Berk, Syd Bojarski, Maxwell Gotlieb, Mendel Green, Doreen Green, Jack Litvack, vice-presidents.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

VOLUNTEER TEACHING IN ISRAEL

Teach conversational English to recent immigrants this summer by joining the Yad BeYad program. Experience is not necessary as training is given before volunteers go. The program, run in two-week sessions includes social events and tours. Costs are reasonable. Information sessions held Feb. 13 and March 5. Call 445-4554 or 223-4321.

RAPTORS BREAKFAST

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood Raptors breakfast features **Tom Mayenknecht**, executive director Raptors Foundation, Sunday, Feb. 19. Services 9:15, breakfast 10 a.m. Adults $5, children under 12 $3. Tickets available in advance at synagogue office, 100 Elder St., 633-3838.

VOLUNTEER IN OFFICE

Israel Cancer Research Fund seeks volunteers to help with a variety of office duties including telephone work, typing, filing, envelope stuffing and stamping. Call **Brenda Bloomstone**, 487-5246.

NATURE OF HALACHAH

Nishma's seminar, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., 358A Wilson Ave. is an advanced class for women, investigating the process and method by which Jewish Law is determined. Call the office, 630-0588 for information.

SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

Annual art auction, Saturday, Feb. 11, admission $3. Preview 7 p.m., auction 8 p.m. Refreshments served. Call **Albert Amar** 905-896-8216. Family services Friday, Feb. 10, regular services Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m. Call 905-820-5915.

CALL A NEWCOMER

Telephone Language Companion, a program of the Community Integration Program seeks volunteers to phone recently arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners are asked to make a commitment to telephone twice weekly for six months. Call **Selena Kovshoff**, 636-1880, ext. 261.

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JEWISH MYSTICISM

Anshei Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market presents a Shabbaton and weekend, including a melava malka and Sunday workshop program exploring the mysteries of Jewish Mysticism with **Rabbi Yitzchak Ginsburgh**, American author and lecturer, Feb. 17-19. Shabbat meals included, accommodation available. Advance reservations necessary, Mastercard and Visa accepted. Call 595-5723 or 588-8512.

JVS VOLUNTEERS

Jewish Vocational Service seeks volunteers in several areas, including special needs computer tutor, resource centre support and telephone/clerical support. Call 787-1151, ext. 254.

PARENTING GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Parenting the Difficult Teen, begins March 28; Parenting the School Age Child is Hard Work, begins March 22; Single Parent Challenge, begins Feb. 10. For information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

JF&CS GROUPS

Part-time father's group to help fathers who are not living with their children begins March 6; When you are About to Separate, What to Tell the Kids, begins Feb. 16. For information call **Elinor Gertner**, 905-882-2331.

FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TERROR

Members of the community can show their solidarity with the bereaved families and injured victims in Israel by making a tax deductible donation to the Fund for the Victims of Terror. Donations can be mailed to the fund at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., Toronto, Ontario M5P 3K3 or call 781-3511. Credit cards accepted.

KABBALAH COURSE IN HEBREW

Learn the basic concepts of Kabbalah at a 13-week beginners course beginning Feb. 8, 8:30 p.m. For information and registration call Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., 631-9395.

for seniors

Pine Villa Retirement Residence, 1035 Eglinton Ave. W. celebrates Jewish music with **Cantor Martin Steinhouse**, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m. Admission free. Early reservations requested. Call 787-5626.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, meeting room 2 for t'ai chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 905-886-2625.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Feb. 13 test your Hebrew with **Mr. Dahari** who will conduct an educational evening.

Young at Heart Seniors is planning a May trip to the Holocaust Museum in Washington. Cost includes all exhibits, air-conditioned bus, medical insurance and continental breakfast. Call **Doreen**, 636-7124 evenings.

Wagman Centre Heritage Players is in rehearsal for a new show filled with old familiar songs, and seeks new members who like to sing, dance and make other seniors happy. Call **Judith Ross** 491-8913 for information.

Bloor JCC Seniors, 750 Spadina Ave. features **Rabbi Irvin Brandwein** of Beth Sholom Synagogue February 9, 2:15 p.m., Wallin Lounge. Coffee and cookies served, everyone welcome.

Dorothy Klein Seniors Building, 668 Roselawn Ave. offers Wednesday art classes: drawing and painting with instructor for beginners and experienced, 9:30-11 a.m.; crafts, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sponsored by Toronto Board of Education. Free for seniors. Call 781-8855.

Wellness Education Group, Baycrest Centre presents a session entitled How to Speak to your Doctor, with **Dr. Albert Green**, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 8, Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Admission $2 at the door.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is planning a trip to Washington in May. Includes some kosher meals. Future trips include: Artpark, July 19, musical *Most Happy Fellows* and August 8, *Singing in the Rain*. Stratford, Sept. 27, *Boyfriend* and Oct. 25, *Gondoliers*. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or Ruth, 224-5923.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club Sunday dance with live band, Feb. 12, 7:30-10:30 p.m. in community centre. Members $4, non-members $5. Saturday dances in clubhouse 7-10 p.m. Members free, non-members $1. $5 local day trips available. Seats available for Atlantic City trip March 6-9. Bingo resumes March 7 and movies resume March 1. On Feb. 9, 10 a.m., there is a discussion group featuring prominent speakers. Refreshments served. For information on all trips and programs call 395-7881.

North York Central Library features Keep Your Heart Healthy. Mondays noon-12:45 p.m. Feb. 13 features Heart Diet — Eating Right. No charge. Call to register, 395-7600.

Bathurst Jewish Centre, in cooperation with the Institute of Chartered Accountants offers free tax preparation for seniors, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, February to April. Guidelines: $15,000 single income, $22,500 for families with dependents. By appointment only, call **Teme**, 636-1880.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Heart Healthy Cooking, Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1:30 p.m., cultural room. On Thursday, Feb. 16, 1:30 p.m. in the synagogue, an education coordinator from Barrier Free Design Centre will give ideas on making your home easier to manage. Admission free.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna** for information.

A Poetry Lovers Group meets Tuesdays, 1 p.m. in music room. Bring your own or your favorite poetry to share. Call **Melissa**.

Movie, Sunday Feb. 12, 2:30 p.m., *Dirty Dancing*. Members free, non-members $1.

Valentine luncheon, Wednesday, Feb. 15, noon, features Songs of Love with **Andrey Furs** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**. Members $7. Concert only, 1:30 p.m., members $2, non-members $3. Tickets available at information desk.

Bernard Betel Centre, Downsview Services to Seniors and Cadillac Tours present the Windsor Casino Express, April 24 and 25. Departure from Bernard Betel 7:30 a.m. Price $130 double occupancy or $175 single occupancy includes coach transportation, one night hotel, dinner, taxes and tips and more. Money must be paid by April 3. For information call **Barbara Zigler**.

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE

A reception for members of the International Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science was recently held at the home of Miriam and Morris Kerzner. From left are Gerry Weiner, national executive director; Miriam Kerzner, member of the national board of directors; Gershon Kekst, chairman of the board, Weizmann Institue of Science; Morris Kerzner, vice-president, Canadian Society.

BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Three new presidents were installed at the Conservative Movement of Canada's recent biennial convention in Toronto. From left are Ron Hoffman, new president of the Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism; Norman Stern, new president of Mercaz-Canada; David Greenberg, new president of the Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism; Norma Rubin, immediate past-president of Mercaz-Canada and Morris Adams, current president, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Ontario branch. [Mollie Rothman photo]

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Kahane calls for Arab expulsion from Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Recent incidents of Islamic terrorism are pushing Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin closer to the views held by Kach and Kahane Chai, a spokesperson for the movements asserted recently.

Rabbi Binyamin Kahane, son of Kach founder Rabbi Meir Kahane, pointed to Rabin's recent support for walling off Palestinians from Israel after the Jan. 22 Beit Lid bombings.

"My solution is the same as Rabin's," Rabbi Kahane asserted. "Rabin is speaking for the first time about separation. My idea is to put the Arabs in their 22 states. That will be the only way to stop the bloodshed in Israel."

Rabbi Kahane was in Toronto recently to address supporters and seek their financial and moral support. His Toronto engagement was the only Canadian stop on his two-week North American visit.

'We're talking about a separation of two nations'

Speaking to *The CJN* prior to his public address, Rabbi Kahane stressed he was not a spokesperson for any particular organization, since both Kach and Kahane Chai have been outlawed by the Israeli government as terrorist organizations. Instead, he said, he was speaking for his father's ideology.

Unlike his late father, a firebrand and a powerful speaker, Rabbi Binyamin Kahane brings the message of expulsion in softspoken tones. He looks more like a gaunt yeshiva student disturbed from his studies than the leader of a radical political movement bent on expelling almost two million Arabs from Israel.

"I see a change among people. People who couldn't think about supporting us say, 'You're right,' " the 28-year-old said.

Kahane showed emotion only when asked if singling out Palestinians for transfer would be racist.

"I'm not a racist," he asserted. "We're talking about a separation of two nations. They're killing us. A separation in this kind of situation is normal. I have nothing against Arabs as Arabs. I have a lot against Arabs as enemies who want to wipe me out. At least I'll expel them out of my country."

Rabbi Kahane said the Clinton administration's recent decision to treat Kach and Kahane Chai as terrorist organizations on par with Hamas and Islamic Jihad was a way of exacting peace process concessions from the Rabin government.

"Rabin sees us as the real opposition to the peace process," he said. "I believe Rabin has an agreement with Clinton that if the United States puts us on the terror list, he will give up something in the peace process."

Rabbi Kahane predicted that with increased Palestinian terrorism and with the possibility of Israeli withdrawal from the territories, Israelis' anger will boil over onto the street.

"There could be a civil war in Israel over withdrawal. I think there are many people in Judea, Samaria and Gaza who are not willing to leave their homes at any price."

Clarification

A report in the Dec. 22 issue of The CJN regarding an anonymous $300,000 donation to the United Jewish Appeal was incorrect. The donation will be spread over three years and will finance a program of services to abused women not in shelters.

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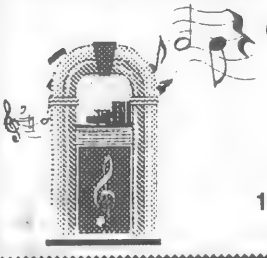
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Teachers set to discuss professional development

TORONTO — Two prominent Jewish educators, Dr. Jay B. Stern of Washington, D.C., and Rabbi Manuel Gold of New York City, will address over 400 teachers from 22 Toronto-area schools on Feb. 19.

The two will be the keynote speakers at the annual professional development day for teachers in supplementary schools affiliated with the Toronto Board of Jewish Education (BJE).

The program will take place at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Jewish content sessions will deal with the Book of Genesis, Passover, the Siddur, Jewish values, Hebrew language, and Jewish history. Presenters will include rabbis Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Michael Dolgin, Michael Stroh and Ellen Nemhauser, as well as Dr. Aaron Nussbaum, Rabbi Irwin E. Witty and Mark Charendoff.

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It is hoped that the creativity of these materials will encourage a greater degree of sharing between teachers and contribute to improved Jewish education activity in supplementary schools.

Stern is the former superintendent of the United Hebrew Schools of Detroit and served for 20 years as principal of the Beth-El Religious School in Rochester, N.Y.

He is the author of three books on education and religion, as well as articles on educational, religious and Jewish cultural themes.

He has also written curricula for day and supplementary schools; has prepared textbooks and workbooks dealing with Jewish prayer, laws and customs, history, and Jewish belief; and has prepared several encyclopedia entries on Jewish themes.

Rabbi Manuel Gold currently serves as director of the New York City Board of Education Principals' Centre and is a consultant on the staff of both the Greater New York BJE and the New York Federation of Reform Synagogues.

The program is co-sponsored by the Toronto BJE, the Jewish Educators Assembly (CJC Ontario region) and the Reform Educators Council.

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Sports

Aaron Fox

Fox(y) hockey for UCC winger

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There aren't many NHLers who can skate, shoot, handle the puck and make things happen like Pavel Bure. So if young players have to have idols, they couldn't pick a more dynamic player than the Russian Rocket to emulate.

At least that's what Aaron Fox believes. Fox is a 15-year-old winger with Upper Canada College (UCC) Blues who puts skating and scoring at the top of his resume when it comes to on-ice hockey skills.

Fox loves the way Bure wheels and deals. He believes his game parallels that of the Rushin' Russian, albeit at a more modest level.

In 25 games with UCC, he's tallied 30 points, 12 goals and 18 assists.

At five-foot-10 and 175 pounds, Fox even parallels Bure's physical stature, although he's sure to put more meat on his bones given his young age.

At this point in his career, Fox is relying on his feistiness and agility to pave the way to college or major junior hockey and then, he hopes, on to the NHL.

UCC has one of the best hockey programs for kids his age and that was one of the prime factors in his decision to apply to the school last year.

His friend and former linemate with the Atom-aged Toronto Red Wings, Dan Tkaczuk, played at UCC last year. When he heard that Tkaczuk was on board, Fox looked into the school.

He applied last February, wrote an entrance exam and is now living on campus with Tkaczuk as his roommate.

Together with Benoit Morin, the threesome make up the creative offensive unit for the Blues.

Brent MacKay, co-coach of the varsity team, said Fox "has done fairly well. He's very offensively talented," but he still has work to do on his defensive game.

Despite being only 15, he's playing with guys up to 19 and he's found a spot on the team's very dangerous second line, MacKay said. The coach believes Fox has as good a shot as any at making it at an NCAA school.

Unlike most high school squads, the Blues travel to a lot of tournaments outside the city to play other top schools, exposing them to top-shelf competition.

Since joining the team in early December, Fox has participated in the Lawrenceville Tournament in New Jersey, in which UCC lost in the semi-finals to the eventual tournament winners, Taft. UCC won the consolation game, defeating a team from Minnesota to place third.

In January, UCC participated in an event hosted by Trinity College in Port Hope, Ont. UCC lost a 2-1 heartbreaker in the championship game to Northwood Prep, a team from Lake Placid, N.Y. that last year supplied six players to NCAA Division 1 schools.

Back at UCC, Fox plays between two and five games a week, with the school's schedule divided between the TDCAA high school league and the ISAA independent school circuit.

Coupled with all the tournament games, UCC racks up an amazing 70 games per season, a good preparation for the rigors of major junior or professional hockey.

Fox has been playing hockey since age 3. He once played centre but was switched to right wing at UCC.

His earlier experiences in the Metro Toronto Hockey League left him thinking it is a tight-checking league where "you've got to handle yourself." Now he finds the pace and speed are higher in tournament games against U.S. teams.

In a year or so he'll be eligible for the (major junior) Ontario Hockey League draft and if he's chosen, he'll have to decide whether to continue to play in Canada or the United States. "I'm leaning to the NCAA because of the college experience," he said.

Either way, Fox said "my goal in hockey is to get to the NHL. I'll do anything in my power to get there. As it gets closer and closer, I strive for it more and more."

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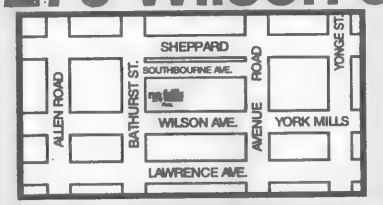

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Canada urges end of UN monitoring of Israel

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

OTTAWA — Canada has joined other countries in calling for an end to the mandate of the United Nations' special investigator for human rights abuses in Israel's occupied territories.

Canada says that from now on, one possibility is to treat Israel like any other country and let it fall under normal UN reviews of human rights violations.

But at the same time, Ottawa has strongly condemned alleged human rights abuses by Israeli security forces against Palestinians.

The remarks came last week in Geneva, where the president of the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission (UNHCR), Leonard Legault, slammed alleged human rights violations by both Israel and the new Palestinian Authority in the autonomous Gaza Strip and Jericho.

Legault said the UNHCR should "terminate" the mandate of its special rapporteur (monitor) on human rights in the territories.

In fact, Legault pointed out, Canada opposed the establishment of the special investigator in 1993 "because we did not regard this particular situation [in the territories] as one that warranted such a measure.

"This remains Canada's view ... Another approach might be to place this mandate on the same footing as that of other country rapporteurs, to be reviewed on a yearly basis in light of developments," Legault told the commission.

Legault's remarks came on the same day that the UN's special monitor on human rights in the territories, Rene Felber, quit his post, saying it was more important to back the peace process than denounce abuses.

In fact, Felber himself recommended that his job be eliminated because it was "useless" to issue reports that Israel did not act upon.

Sounding pessimistic, Felber told the 53-nation body that he's afraid the peace process "is crumbling and that the Israeli government will fall. The only solution to me is to choose a political alternative and to renounce my mandate."

It was not clear whether Felber would be replaced.

Canada's view was endorsed by the United States.

Paul Marcus, director of B'nai Brith Canada's institute for international affairs, told *The CJN* that Legault's comments closely reflect the views of BBC, which recently called on Ottawa to take action in treating Israel more equitably on the human rights front.

In a statement last week, BBC said it welcomed Legault's comments but added it remains concerned over allegations of human rights violations by Israel.

Legault stressed that despite the possible absence of a monitor, Israel won't be let off the hook. "The commission must maintain its scrutiny of human rights problems in the occupied territories."

Although Canada is "all too painfully aware of the new wave of anti-Israel violence," it is concerned about reported use of force by Israeli security forces during interrogation of Palestinians; persons held without charge; refusal by Israel to grant work or exit permits, and other alleged abuses.

At the same time, Legault seemed to soft-pedal reported human rights violations by Palestinian forces.

He said Canada "is keeping close track of the treatment of human rights by the Palestinian National Authority. To go from being a movement to being a government is not an easy transition. Our Palestinian partners have given us real cause for hope that their society will be.

"We realize that this is a transitional period, that the Palestinian Authority has only recently taken control and that the police forces are inexperienced."

But he said attacks against Israel have been committed by "criminals and fanatics."

Legault said more construction of Jewish settlements beyond the Green Line "is contrary to international humanitarian law" and "greatly hinders the possibility of a negotiated solution."

Michel de Salaberry, director of the Middle East Relations division at the ministry of foreign affairs, told *The CJN* that Legault's statement "speaks for itself."

Canada joins other countries in pledging aid to Palestinians

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Representatives from Canada and more than 30 countries who have pledged funds toward the improvement of Palestinians' quality of life met last week in Gaza City for the first time since the Palestinian Authority (PA) took charge.

The two-day conference of the Local Aid Coordination Committee (LACC) reviewed ongoing problems with the international aid effort, valued at some $2 billion (US), and discussed how to improve it this year, an aide to Terje Larsen, the United Nations' special coordinator, said.

Canada has pledged $55 million over five years toward several projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The decision to hold the conference in Gaza was taken at the Brussels meeting of donor states in November, when the LACC was established.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat briefly attended the meeting, and called on donors to accelerate aid because of Israel's sealing of the Gaza Strip. A month ago, Arafat claimed that less than 10 per cent of the promised funds had arrived.

Many donor states have been demanding better accountability from the PA before handing over money.

But by the meeting's end, representatives of the donor countries said they would get more involved in projects with Palestinians.

Palestinians asked donors to simplify procedures for approving projects, increase their presence in local offices, and import more Palestinian goods. Israel was asked to facilitate the flow of necessary capital goods and to support economic growth.

Donor nations said they were worried that the PA is not going to achieve its tax collection targets, as the economy of Gaza continues to deteriorate due to the closure and the bombing attacks which prompted it.

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Peace activist Abie Nathan helps two children destroy toy guns outside of Tel Aviv. Nathan has campaigned for many years for the government to ban the sale of realistic toy guns to children. Those who responded to Nathan's campaign were rewarded with non-violent replacement toys. [Israel photo]

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The Week in Israel

Jan. 30:

• A military tribunal ordered a Palestinian man to serve nine life sentences for being an accomplice to the suicide bomber who carried out the April attack in Afula, in which nine people were killed and more than 50 wounded.

• The Palestinian Authority said it expects to begin distributing passports to Gaza and Jericho residents by mid-February. The passports are expected to be accepted as a legal document by most foreign states.

• An estimated 3,000 people gathered at the Western Wall to pray for help in light of the current security situation. The special prayers were called for by Israel's Chief Rabbis.

Jan. 31:

• Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he prefers importing foreign workers to employing Arabs from the territories. "I prefer to have workers from Thailand here instead of Arab knifers stabbing innocent passersby in sovereign Israel," Rabin said.

• The Knesset defeated a Likud-sponsored bill to immediately deport the families of suicide terrorists by a vote of 48 to 32. Justice Minister David Liba'i noted that several opposition MKs were "noticeably absent" for the vote.

• The Knesset passed the bill implementing the peace treaty with Jordan, by 52 votes to two. Two MKs from the right-wing Moledet party were the only no votes.

Feb. 1:

• Sixty per cent of Palestinians in the West Bank approve of terror attacks against Israelis, according to a poll carried out by a Palestinian research institute.

Feb. 2:

• Israel welcomed 4,315 new immigrants in January, according to the Jewish Agency for Israel. The number of olim since December, 1989, when the first wave of immigrants began, stands at 611,458, with 89 per cent having come from the former Soviet Union.

Feb. 3:

• Two Eilat residents were killed when they drove their jeep over an anti-tank mine in the southern Negev.

Feb. 5:

• Israel and Oman postponed a decision on when to establish low-level diplomatic ties.

Permanent closure studied for territories

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel should consider giving substantial aid to the Palestinian Authority (PA), in order to maintain a permanent closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein reportedly proposed at Sunday's cabinet meeting.

The government decided not to ease the closure of the territories imposed after the Jan. 22 Beit Lid bombing.

Sarid said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would discuss lifting the closure of the territories in his meeting this week with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office said humanitarian exceptions — medical aid, for example — are being made to the closure.

Palestinian produce and other goods can also enter Israel, officials said.

Sarid and Rubinstein reportedly said an Israeli aid plan could work as "a substitute" for the roughly 50,000 Palestinians who normally work in the Jewish state, and would also make Israel more secure.

"I propose paying the Palestinian Authority a billion shekels a year to maintain a permanent closure, while not creating insufferable human and economic misery," Sarid said after the cabinet meeting. "If it is possible to buy better security for a billion shekels and accelerate the peace process, there is no better and justified deal."

Sarid and Rubinstein said a "zipper policy" of closing, then reopening the territories, is futile.

Rabin "is not exactly enthusiastic about the idea," an aide said.

Instead, he repeated his goal of reducing Israeli dependency on Palestinian labor.

Sarid, Rubinstein, and Tourism Minister Uzi Baram led the campaign for an extended closure.

Israel's Health Minister Ephraim Sneh reportedly reminded fellow ministers that 40 per cent of all employed Gazans worked in Israel, as did 30 per cent of all employed Palestinians from the West Bank.

Terrorists ambush Israelis

Isranet News Service

JERUSALEM — Palestinian terrorists opened fire on a passing car early Monday morning, killing one Israeli man and seriously wounding another.

The attack occurred at the Nahal Oz junction inside the Gaza Strip. The Israeli vehicle held civilian security guards and was traveling with a Palestinian police escort.

The police returned fire but the attackers escaped.

The attack prompted the Israeli government to re-impose the closure of the Gaza Strip for at least another two weeks.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat denounced the incident and described the attackers as "enemies of peace."

Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Gur said the Palestinian Authority is responsible for bringing the killers to justice.

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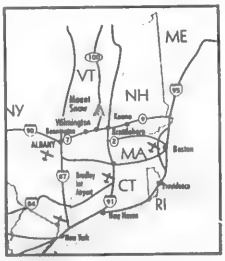

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Deportations planned

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Harris said the comments about a shortage of resources points to a lack of political will to pursue the issue among some government ministers.

He said Congress favors criminal prosecution of war crimes suspects, despite arguments from Justice that the Supreme Court decision in the Imre Finta case made successful prosecutions virtually unattainable.

A Canadian jury faced with an egregious crime like that of Helmut Rauca, who was extradited im 1982 to West Germany for the murder of more than 10,000 Jews, would no doubt convict, he said.

In the wake of the statements regarding cost, Congress later met with Treasury Board President Art Eggleton.

"We were given solid assurances by Mr. Eggleton that he would do everything in his power to ensure that proper funding was available to deal with alleged Nazi war criminals," said Congress president Irving Abella.

Abella said Congress is disappointed that only four cases will be commenced this year. "If you had eight or nine cases of drug dealers, they'd look at all eight," he said.

Abella ascribed the slow pace of prosecutions to "bureaucratic inertia."

Sabina Citron, vice-chair of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, said deportation was not an adequate remedy. She called for extradition of suspects to countries where they could face justice.

David Matas, chair of B'nai Brith's war crimes committee, said he was "unhappy that Immigration is staggering the cases. They're giving phony reasons for delay."

Proceedings should be launched against all war crimes suspects, he said, adding that the government would never stagger the cases if they involved a dozen Canadian mass murderers.

The tack adopted by the government shows that "if the crime is not committed against Canadians, it doesn't matter as much."

That is reflected in government inaction against other alleged war criminals, he said. Matas, who is also president of the Canadian Council for Refugees, said "One community after another says, 'Our murderers are among us.'"

Matas suggested that international criminal fugitives from countries like Rwanda, Bosnia and Somalia see Canada as a place of refuge. "I think we're suffering the consequences of failing to do anything about Nazi war criminals," he added.

Sergio Marchi

Sol Littman, Canadian director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, called the recent government announcement "the same sorry record of faint-hearted, half-measures that has typified all Canadian governments since the end of World War II. It is absolutely insulting for the government to hide behind the lack of resources in this matter given the large staff and enormous budgets enjoyed by both Justice and Immigration departments."

Citizenship and Immigration spokesman Roger White said "we are proceeding with the first four because they represent the strongest cases." The ministry will proceed with the next cases "after monitoring the proceedings on the first four. We're looking for preliminary judicial direction (precedents)."

White pointed out that Citizenship and Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi has said that "cost is a factor. Anything the government does at taxpayers' expense is a factor. However the overriding factor is our legal and moral responsibility."

Ministry spokesperson Pam Cullum said the identities of the four suspects are not being released because of "privacy considerations." Should the names be released before the cases reach court, other elderly people with similar names could be called by the media and upset, she said.

Milton Harris

Cullum said that since 1990 the Immigration Department has intervened in about 80 cases to oppose refugee claims by those the department suspects were involved in war crimes. She said the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) has rejected about 60 of the claims but she acknowledged the Immigration Department was unsure as to the claimants' subsequent status and was trying to track them. Some may have asked for judicial review of the IRB decision, she said.

Peter Kremer, head of Justice's war crimes unit, said the unit had been cut back in size to 24 staff members from its peak of 37. That number will be further reduced on March 31 to only 11 — four lawyers, two historians, one historical support person, two paralegals and two secretaries.

Other Justice Department lawyers will be assigned the denaturalization cases as lead counsel and lawyers from the war crimes unit will serve as support counsel, he said. Kremer said he "can't answer" whether he'd be more comfortable with the unit's lawyers serving as lead counsel.

He also declined to comment whether he was happy with the reduction in staff. As to the unit's morale in the wake of the cutbacks, Kremer said "it's as positive as can be under the circumstances."

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Israel, U.S.A. and the World

Unilateral settlement with Palestinians seen possible

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — If Israel cannot reach an agreement with the Palestinians soon, it may impose a settlement unilaterally, according to several Israeli analysts.

"With every terrorist bombing, Israel moves away from a negotiated settlement, and closer to unilateral decision-making," said Dr. Gerald Steinberg of Bar Ilan University's Besa Centre for Strategic Studies.

This week may mark a step in that direction as a government committee, headed by Police Minister Moshe Shahal, begins looking at practical ways to bring about a complete separation between Israelis and Palestinians. One measure to be discussed is the construction of a security fence.

"Erecting a physical barrier between Palestinians and Israelis is a way of establishing facts. It is setting up the parameters for a permament settlement — whether the Palestinians agree to them or not," Steinberg said.

"It is a warning to the Palestinians that unless they take a firmer stand on terrorism, Israel will act unilaterally," said Prof. Stuart Cohen, also of the Besa Centre.

The pressure for Israel to act on its own comes in the wake of increasing frustration with the stalled peace process. Israelis, fed up with the deteriorating security situation, want to keep Palestinians out of their cities.

"For many years we had a naive view that we could live and work together," Steinberg said. "But that concept of integration is being replaced by one of separation."

"The explosion outside Dizengoff Centre marked a turning point in the public attitude towards the peace process," said Joseph Alpher, director of the Israel-Middle East office of the American Jewish Committee. "The attack at Beit Lid reinforced the public sense that if peace is not accompanied by separation it is not a peace worth having."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin spoke of separation in the aftermath of the Dizengoff attack. In his state of the nation address after the Beit Lid attack, he reiterated the need for separation and appointed a committee to look into the matter.

But real separation means more than erecting fences. It means delineating boundaries, uprooting some Jewish settlements and imposing a permanent closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Is the government ready to do that?

Most analysts are skeptical. "This government is not willing to dismantle any Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip," said Cohen. "And without doing that there can be no real separation because the populations are so intermingled."

"The Palestinians will reject an imposed settlement because whatever part of the West Bank we give them will not be enough. They want it all," said Steinberg. "I don't think the government will be able to withstand the protests from the Palestinians and the rest of the Arab world."

"It's a long way from rhetoric to action when it comes to separation," Alpher said. But he believes Israel is moving in that direction. "There is a struggle between different forces. As long as the Palestinians are economically dependent on Israel, and as long as there are Jewish settlements in the heart of the West Bank, the difficulties of separation are awesome. On the other hand, the security services favor separation. Every time there is a terrorist attack, the security argument is paramount for a week. But as time goes by the other pressures become stronger. Ultimately, the security concern will become so strong that it will permanently over-ride the other concerns."

In Alpher's view, every atrocity will tip the balance, until separation — even a unilaterally imposed one — becomes inevitable.

Ties with Egypt deteriorate

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Only three months ago, Israeli diplomats were hailing a new, warmer era in Israel's bilateral relations with Egypt.

Today, they are scrambling to halt what seems like a sudden deterioration in these ties.

ANALYSIS

Israel has good reason to be concerned. Egypt — the first Arab land to sign a peace treaty with Israel — is the most influential nation in the Arab world. Cairo is also a valued intermediary between Israel and those of its Arab adversaries, such as Syria, still in a technical state of war with Israel. Therefore, Egypt is of prime importance to Israel.

Nevertheless, Israel's pivotal relationship with Egypt has been rocked by a series of crises since 1979, the year Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin signed the historic peace.

Events in the 1980s, such as Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights, its bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactor, its invasion of Lebanon and its armed response to the intifadah, did not sit well with the Egyptian regime, and deepened what came to be known as Israel's "cold peace" with Egypt.

But Israel expected a considerable improvement in relations with Egypt after its rapprochement with the PLO in 1993.

In fact, much to Israel's delight, Egypt took practical steps at normalizing relations in such key areas as trade, tourism and culture.

Yet as these developments gradually unfolded in the past year, ominous signs appeared, suggesting that Egypt was pursuing a double-edged policy which Israel regarded as hostile.

Egypt's foreign minister, Amr Moussa, delivered a speech at the United Nations linking normalization with Israel's nuclear disarmament.

Egypt has launched an international campaign to force Israel to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which comes up for renewal in April. At the very least, Egypt reportedly expects Israel to impose a freeze on the production and acquisition of weapons-grade nuclear materials.

Israel denies it possesses a nuclear arsenal. Yet Israel has expressed a willingness to sign the treaty within the context of a comprehensive Middle East peace settlement. These disputes were not solved at last week's regional summit in Cairo.

Another complaint heard in Jerusalem is that Egypt has used its clout to thwart Israel's diplomatic drive to establish open and official links with Arab League nations like the Comoros Islands, Oman and Qatar.

President Hafez al-Assad of Syria has apparently convinced President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt that Israel should not reap any further tangible political benefits from the current peace process until Israel signs an agreement to withdraw from the Golan Heights.

In any event, Egypt believes that Israeli settlements have caused a breakdown in the peace process.

As a result of these factors, Mubarak has broken his longstanding pledge to visit Israel. Last December, Israeli President Chaim Weizman threatened to call off his trip to Egypt unless Mubarak delivered on his promise. But in the end, Weizman went to Cairo without a reciprocal gesture from Mubarak.

The tension has also prompted an exchange of verbal unpleasantries.

Last month, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned that Israel must prepare for war over the middle or long term, given the uncertainties in the region. Mubarak reacted angrily, and his chief aide, Osama al-Baz, countered by saying that Egypt did not rule out another Arab-Israeli armed conflict.

In a bid to mollify Mubarak, Rabin wrote a letter explaining he did not mean to threaten war.

Be that as it may, Israel's ties with Egypt remain frayed.

Jewish leader kidnapped in San Salvador

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

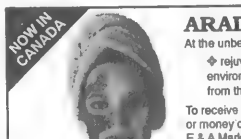
SAN SALVADOR — The leader of El Salvador's Jewish community was kidnapped last week in this capital city, police officials said.

Jean-Claude Kahn, 51, a businessman of French descent, was abducted Tuesday from his Mercedes-Benz by six armed men near a private university in downtown San Salvador, police said.

Kahn owns a textile warehouse in the capital.

It remains unclear whether the kidnapping was financially motivated or occurred because Kahn is prominent in the Jewish community.

A Lebanese community exists in San Salvador, raising speculation that the kidnapping was directed against the Jewish community there, said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the New York-based World Jewish Congress.



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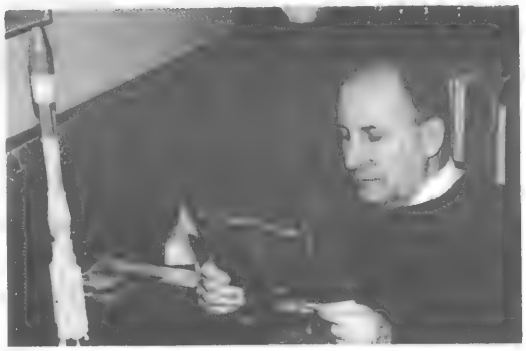
Toronto firm reaches for the stars

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter



Uriel Domb at his desk with a model of the French launcher Ariane. [Paul Lungen photo]

TORONTO — Uriel Domb doesn't like to say "I told you so," but he was quite satisfied when Israel finally took his advice and entered the space age.

About 20 years ago, Domb, at the time an administrator with Telesat Canada, wrote to Israeli government officials and explained to them the advantage of having their own eye in the sky military satellite. Such a piece of hardware, he indicated, would give Israel advanced notice of missile attacks from its Arab foes.

During the 1991 Gulf War when Iraqi Scuds rained down on the Jewish state, Israel had to rely on the United States for early warning of the attacks. Since then, Israel has launched two of its own military satellites called Ofeq (Horizon) that provide state-of-the-art reconnaissance.

As president and owner of Telespace Ltd., a satellite consulting company, Domb was involved in developing some of the software for the Ofeq project.

And the company's links to Israel's high frontier are continuing as the Toronto-based company provides consulting services for Amos, Israel's civilian communications satellite that is scheduled for launch later this year.

Unlike Ofeq, which was placed in low earth orbit by an Israeli-designed and built launcher, Amos will ride into space on board Ariane, the French-made rocket. Amos will provide Israeli consumers with high quality television reception, business data and telephone services. Its reach is so broad that it could serve most of the Middle East and even parts of Eastern Europe one day, Domb said.

Telespace's expertise will be used for the highly technical but crucial aspects of satellite technology such as ground control, station-keeping (maintaining the satellite in an orbit over a specific geographic point), attitude control, propulsion, thermal design, antenna structure and command frequency coordination (making sure the satellite's radio frequency does not interfere with other satellites).

Operating out of his Toronto home, Domb relies on the skills of experts under contract to Telespace to provide all these services. Telespace employs up to 25 people on any particular project, Domb said, making it the smallest of only a handful of companies worldwide that offer consulting services on satellite technology.

"This is a very specialized field," Domb said. "I have some of the best experts in the world involved in satellite technology. Through projects in the past and by word of mouth, we get invited to bid on international projects."

The projects come up on an occasional basis, as various countries decide to place satellites in orbit to enhance their cross-country communications. Telespace played a key role in Eutelsat, the Paris-based communications satellite that is used primarily to broadcast television signals across Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.

"Our role was to advise the organization how to set up the entire ground control for the satellite system and also help them in the launch ... We developed a strategy for station-keeping," he said.

Another major project for the company was Inmarsat, a satellite that services merchant marines and passenger liners with ship to shore communications.

Telespace has also worked as a consultant on Brazilian communications satellites and helped train future personnel to operate the hi-tech devices.

A native of Israel, Domb said his interest in the high frontier can be traced back to his youth in the mid to late '50s. At the time, Israelis were very interested in aviation and many young people could identify air force planes by sight.

Leaving Israel to pursue his studies in the United States, Domb was caught up in the frantic U.S. effort to catch up with the Russians after Sputnik. He studied astronautics (the science of flying objects in space) at the Polytchnical Institute of New York and later aerospace engineering at Cornell. His first job was at the Goddard Space Flight Centre in Washington.

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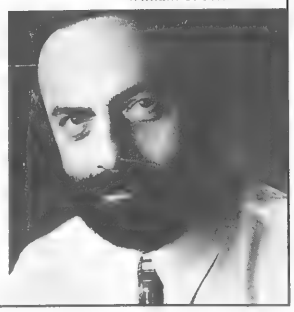

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Business & Finance

Cacta-Prost supplement treats prostate discomforts

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

LONDON, Ont. — A local man once skeptical about the benefits of health food and herbal medicine has acquired the exclusive Canadian rights to a herbal supplement taken by men in Israel, Spain and the Netherlands to ease the discomfort of benign prostate enlargement.

Sam Sussman, the director of the social services department at the London Psychiatric Hospital and a PhD in social sciences, said he first heard of the supplement in *The Canadian Jewish News* 2½ years ago.

The supplement, made from pulverized flowers of the Indian-fig prickly pear cactus, was clinically tested in 1992 at the Soroka Medical Centre at Ben-Gurion University in the Negev.

After taking the supplement daily for two to eight months, 50 per cent of the patients reported a decreased urgency to urinate, 62 per cent reported fewer daily and nightly urinations, and 14 per cent, who were candidates for surgery while starting treatment, cancelled the surgery due to shrinking of the prostate gland.

Made up of 58 and 30 patients each, the clinical trials were supervised by urologist Dr. Israel Levin and herbalist Gideon Earon.

In the September 1994 issue of the *International Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine*, Levin, Earon and Dan Palevitch, affiliated with the Israeli agricultural research organization Bet Dagan, said "the results are encouraging and suggest that the [Indian-fig prickly pear] cactus may have clinical application in treatment of enlarged prostate glands."

Benign prostate hypertrophy is common in men over 50. Conventional treatment involves surgery. The prescription drug phinesteride is the newest treatment method.

Sussman obtained the cactus supplement from his wife's cousin, a doctor in Israel, and found it relieved his symptoms.

He wanted the rights to the supplement, known as Cacta-Prost in Canada, because there was nothing like it available here. "I thought the product was good and I thought it would be profitable in Canada," he said.

Sussman expects his high start-up costs, including incorporation fees and business and legal advice, to affect profitability at first. "Even if it's successful, which I expect it will be, I'll make absolutely nothing for two years."

Pure Source Inc., a distributor of natural supplements, will soon be offering Cacta-Prost to 1,700 health food stores across Canada.

Israeli tax to be repealed

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM—Capitulating to widespread pressure, the Israeli government announced last week it is planning to cancel a controversial capital gains tax.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said he would recommend repealing the controversial tax, which was passed late last year and took effect on Jan. 1.

If the cabinet approves Shohat's recommendation, as, at press time, it was expected to do, legislation will then be prepared to repeal the tax. Shohat said his decision came in the wake of "political and public pressure" to cancel the tax and did not reflect a change in his own thinking. "I still believe a tax on stock profits is the right and just thing," he said.

Shohat had waged a personal political battle for passage of the tax, but he said he had no plans to resign in the wake of the controversy. As for the projected $167 million in state revenue the tax had been expected to generate, Shohat said the gap would have to be made up in some other way.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who had waffled on the tax before its passage, said he accepted Shohat's decision to repeal the tax altogether. He added that his faith in the finance minister had not wavered.

The tax had been a source of controversy within the Labor Party prior to its implementation, with some government ministers and Knesset members fearing it would erode already waning support for the party.

Trade Minister Michael Harish called for a coordinated effort of ministries to ensure continued growth of the economy. Meanwhile, opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu of Likud said the government should never have passed such a tax. The latest events only highlight that the "government is confused and can't make policy decisions," Netanyahu said, adding that the best thing for the Rabin government to do at this point is to step down. In New York, share prices of Israeli companies surged following the news.

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JERUSALEM— Israel's National Oil Company announced that it struck oil at a drilling site near the Dead Sea.

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By Adam Shine MBA, Financial Consultant, Private Client Retirement Specialist, Wood Gundy Private Client Investments (416) 594-8974. * Rates as at February 2, 1995

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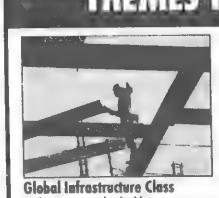

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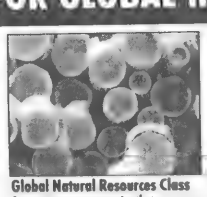

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RRSP's – That time of year again

by Earl Crackower, Chartered Financial Consultant

Once again that frenzied time of year called "RRSP season" is upon us. I must admit that I have always had a problem relating RRSP to a season. After all, we are not trying to hunt deer or catch fish. What we are actually doing is saving for retirement. To me, this is not seasonal.

Our firm has always recommended to our RRSP clients that they purchase their RRSP at the beginning of the year, not sixty days after the calender year ends. By doing so, they will have a larger value in their RRSP by the time they retire. In the event that a lump sum is not available to contribute at the beginning of the year, we suggest making periodic contributions over the course of the year. In this way, RRSP contributions will start working sooner. When investments are purchased periodically, the investment return is averaged. For example, if Mutual Funds are purchased over a time period where funds are increasing in value, the periodic purchases will have various unit values. This probably will average out to a lower price than if one waited several months and made a lump sum purchase at a high unit price. The same principle works with investments in guaranteed interest vehicles.

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Proper RRSP planning takes time and effort. We keep seeing statistics indicating that regardless of how much you "plunk" into an RRSP, it's not going to be enough to do the job. It is so important to have a game plan and quality financial advice. You should not leave your retirement planning to chance. Objective, sound planning advice from a retirement specialist is just as essential as a good return on investment.

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Arts

Off to Never Land

Romy Katzeff (left) and Heela Donsky are part of Associated Hebrew Schools' performance of Peter Pan running Feb. 11-13 at the Neptune Branch, 3630 Bathurst St. Call 789-2235 for info.

Yiddish play as timely as it was 100 years ago

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — This is the 79th season of New York's Folksbiene Playhouse, noted for presenting classic Yiddish theatre at 123 East 55th St.

The current production of Jacob Gordin's *Mirele Efros*, written about 100 years ago, is as timely today as it was then.

The drama deals with the clash between two dominant women, a rich mother and her daughter-in-law, with the son caught in the middle. It is a bittersweet family portrait, with wonderful Yiddish dialogue that evokes both laughter and tears. It's first rate entertainment.

This down-home drama stars 50-year stage veteran Zypora Spaisman as Mirele.

One of Yiddish theatre's leading actresses, Spaisman was born in Lublin and began her acting career at the Polish State Theatre at 10. She first played at the Folksbiene Playhouse in 1956, and has appeared in every Folksbiene performance since.

Spaisman is impeccably cast as Mirele, a character that touches the most intimate corners of your heart, especially when she conveys the widow's unhappiness.

The cast also features Mina Bern, who appeared in Barry Levinson's film *Avalon* and the Broadway hit *Those Were The Days*, Shifra Lerer, Felix Febich and Racquel Yossifon.

The play, faultlessly directed by Bryna Wasserman Turetsky, was adapted by the late Ida Kaminska. It is performed in Yiddish with simultaneous English translation by Hy Wolfe.

The show won't win a Pulitzer Prize, but is permeated with perfect moments of connection between actors and audience. *Mirele Efros* should delight adult audiences of all ages, genders and states of sobriety.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

Hammer and Goodman Together: Hungarian-born violinist Moshe Hammer, who was raised in Israel and has performed with many major symphonies around the world, has been leader of the Toronto-based Amadeus Ensemble since its formation a decade ago. This month, Hammer and acclaimed harpist Erica Goodman of Toronto join forces when the Amadeus Ensemble gives a concert in the Glenn Gould Studio, Canadian Broadcasting Centre, Toronto, on Sunday Feb. 19 at 8 p.m.

"Both Moshe and Erica are world-class performers, and we are very excited about their appearance together," says the ensemble's general manager, Michael Boyd. According to Boyd, the CBC will be recording the concert for future broadcast on *The Arts Tonight*.

The program includes works by St. Saens, Spohr, Lasala, Polgar, Adaskin, Tournier and Bach. Tickets ($25 for adults) are available at the door or in advance by calling 416-205-5555.

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Concertmaster Receives French Honor: Jacques Israelievitch, the congenial, beret-clad first violinist of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO), was honored at a concert late in January by being inducted into the Order of the Arts and Letters of France by the French consul general.

Born in the South of France at Cannes, Israelievitch was a penniless child prodigy who studied under the patronage of the Rothschild family and swept the first prizes at the Paris National Conservatory at age 16. Now 46 years old, he has been concertmaster of the TSO for almost seven years.

By attaining the rank of Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres, Israelievitch joins the ranks of such distinguished Canadians as author Margaret Atwood, filmmaker David Cronenberg and architect Carlos Ott.

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Political Theatre: Eye On Arts takes belated note of *Reading Hebron*, a play by Jason Sherman that is described as "a thought-provoking and controversial look at the Hebron massacre." The work was offered last week as part of the Toronto theatrical festival Under the Umbrella.

According to a press release, "Sherman weaves a narrative about what he calls Israel's repression of its Palestinian population, the Palestinian response, and the moral responsibility of Jews outside of Israel for the actions of the Jewish State."

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Wellington Gallery: This week the Toronto gallery opens a new space with an exhibition of photographs by Canadian artists Heidi Bassett, Deborah Samuel, John Lloyd, Ron Hurwitz, Tom Horbett and Christophe Bonniere. Partial proceeds of sales will benefit the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada, Ontario chapter. Until March 11 at 40 Wellington St. E. 416-214-4969.

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News from Vancouver: The Jewish Festival of the Arts is a registered non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging an awareness and understanding of Jewish arts and cultural heritage. Organizers are planning three large festivals this year in Vancouver, and have put out the call for artisans to display and sell their crafts during a two-day event, June 11 and 12. 950 West 41st Ave., Vancouver B.C. V5Z 2N7. Phone 604-879-4242. Fax 604-879-2335.

Arts

Stephen Cera fills seats at Yonge St. Recital Hall

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

NORTH YORK — Stephen Cera's job is to fill seats — both in the audience and on stage at the Recital Hall of North York's George Weston Recital Hall.

Born in Winnipeg, Cera, 43, is an accomplished critic, CBC music producer and pianist.

In 1991, Garth Drabinsky, CEO of Live Entertainment Inc. (Livent), asked him to become concert programmer of the 1,000-seat hall in the George Weston Recital Hall on north Yonge Street where *Show Boat* is now playing at the Apotex Theatre.

The Recital Hall's inaugural season began in November 1993 with a sell-out performance by soprano Kiri Te Kanawa, and featured almost 100 subscription events, to which more than 75,000 tickets were sold. Performers since then have included Art Garfunkel, Tony Bennett, Frederica von Stade, Kathleen Battle, Shlomo Mintz, Marilyn Horne — and Yitzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman, who quickly sold out first one and then a second added concert.

Initially, Cera had to use his own and Drabinsky's good names in the entertainment business to entice such celebrated performers to commit themselves to playing in a concert hall that hadn't been built yet in a place most had never heard of.

"When I first came on board, we didn't have a centre — we hadn't even broken ground yet — and nobody knew what Livent was," Cera recalls.

North York's Recital Hall has roughly 35 to 40 per cent of the capacity of long-established venues like the century-old 2,600-seat Massey Hall and the newer 2,800-seat Roy Thomson Hall, both in downtown Toronto.

Stephen Cera, concert programmer of Geroge Weston Recital Hall.

"Roy Thomson is a symphony hall — ours is a recital hall," Cera says. "It can accommodate a symphony orchestra but it is primarily designed for smaller-scale forces."

Since it opened, the Recital Hall's acoustics have been celebrated by performers and audience members alike. In early reviews, the acoustics garnered nearly as much praise as some of the performers who tested them. Pianist Anton Kuerti pronounced it "clearly the best hall in Toronto."

Recalling the hall's humble origins in the municipal backrooms of Mayor Mel Lastman's North York, *Globe and Mail* critic Robert Everett-Green noted that "a marriage of civic boosterism and entrepreneurial drive has somehow produced a compact concert hall of world-beating quality ... What might have proved a piece of suburban presumption has turned out to be a music hall, and a music series, that could claim a proud place in any city in the world."

For Cera, part of the challenge of filling the hall is in changing the deeply-entrenched habits of concert-goers who live in North York or the more northern Thornhill or Richmond Hill, but who, through custom, may prefer to hear concerts downtown.

He points out that the Recital Hall is convenient to both Highway 401 and the Yonge Street subway line and that, despite a lingering misconception to the contrary, the neighborhood offers a number of pre- and post-concert possibilities.

"North York has really changed. Now it's possible to have a first-rate evening out, with first-class dining as well as first-class music," he says.

As Livent's vice-president of concert music programing, Cera speaks almost daily with agents, publicists, producers and performers, and attends music festivals around the globe, searching for top names as well as new and underexposed talent worthy of sophisticated Toronto audiences.

"I'm very attracted to major young artists who have not had the exposure here. I'm giving them a platform in Canada's major city."

He designs each season's subscription series by combining a few major musical stars with lesser-known names, leaning on the drawing power of the celebrities to sell the whole package.

Many concerts at the Recital Hall have involved Russian-born Jewish performers such as Vladimir Ashkenazy, Vladimir Feltsman, Sharon Kam, Yuli Turovsky, Yefim Bronfman, Bella Davidovich, Vladinir Spivakov, Shlomo Mintz, Dmitry Sitkovetsky and members of the Borodin String Quartet, as well as other Jewish performers, including Rivka Golani, Menahem Pressier, Ofra Harnoy and Joseph Kalichstein.

"It happens that a lot of the world's great musicians are Russian," he explains.

Cera believes Livent may be the only private operator in North America that offers an annual series of classical music without government subsidies.

He says the Recital Hall is not yet swimming in profits but bolsters its income with community rentals. Its viability is assured by sponsorships from major corporations such as the Royal Bank.

The fact that *Show Boat* is drawing hundreds of people nightly helps the public become familiar with the venue, Cera notes. Having two theatres and a major concert hall under one roof "presents possibilities for cross-fertilization and mutual reinforcement that we're by no means finishing exploring. It's an exciting new development in arts presentation — its very cutting edge."

His top priority, he says, is to increase the hall's subscriber base, beginning by selling mass subscriptions for the 1995/96 concert series, to be announced March 7.

Books

By Bernard Baskin

Winchell: Gossip, Power & the Culture of Celebrity, by Neal Gabler (Random House, $42).

In his heyday — 50 or 60 years ago — Walter Winchell (1897-1972) was one of the best known and most feared personalities in America. He invented the newspaper gossip column and must be regarded as the principal architect of the culture of celebrity and scandal in which we now live.

In 1925, at a time when editors of most newspapers were reluctant to publish even something as inoffensive as the notice of an impending birth for fear of crossing the boundaries of good taste, Winchell introduced a revolutionary column that reported on who was suffering from financial difficulties, which celebrities were having affairs, which couples were about to divorce — and dozens of other secret and juicy titbits that had previously been concealed from public view. For good or ill he singlehandedly expanded the purview of American journalism.

It is estimated that 50 million Americans — out of an adult population of roughly 75 million — either listened to his weekly radio broadcast or read his daily column, which was syndicated in more than 2,000 newspapers.

Born into a poor Manhattan Jewish family, Winchell rose above his depressing immigrant environment via vaudeville and then journalism. He called himself an "intuitive" Jew, although he was far removed from either Judaism or its rituals. He had a radar-like sensitivity to anti-Semitism. As early as 1933 he recognized the danger of Hitler, far earlier and with greater prescience than most of the political pundits of the time. In 1934, the B'nai Brith organization named him one of its five honorees for the Hall of Fame. It declared that no one had contributed as much as he toward laughing the Nazis and what they stood for off the map.

In the first half of his career Winchell was a a staunch New Dealer with a profound and exuberant admiration for Franklin Roosevelt. But after his hero's death, he became a rabid reactionary — a follower of the odious Joseph McCarthy, and a basher of communism.

One of Winchell's most publicized and notorious successes occurred in 1939 with his "capture" of Louis "Lepke" Buchalter who J. Edgar Hoover called "the most dangerous criminal in the United States." After complicated negotiations, the gangster surrendered to Winchell who triumphantly presented him to the authorities. It was a sensational coup which was overshadowed only by World War II which broke out a week later.

Winchell's final years were sad. His popularity faded. Television passed him by. He was bedeviled by family and financial problems.

This meticulously researched biography by Neal Gabler, author of *An Empire of Their Own: How the Jews Invented Hollywood*, is continually engrossing. It is not just the story of the rise and fall of an astonishing man, but also an entertaining and informative account of the state and transformation of the media in the middle years of the century — a thick slice of illuminating cultural history.

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Travel

Jamaica: Relaxing in comfort far from the madding crowds

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

NEGRIL, Jamaica — There are two ways to experience Jamaica. One is to check into a modestly priced, beach-front hotel that may not have a telephone, TV or radio in the room, and mingle with the locals at reggae clubs and beef patty stands to get an up close, personal feel for a country that throbs with life.

The other is to hermetically seal oneself inside an all-inclusive resort, and from morning to night, be shamelessly pampered with drinks with little umbrellas in them hurried to poolside, then a leisurely game of tennis, followed perhaps by a massage and facial.

Both approaches are recommended.

For Jamaica is something of a paradox: at once alluring for its rich history and culture, in which all Jamaicans seem conversant; and attractive for its emphasis on pure relaxation, far from the madding crowds.

This is a place to explore, to discover, to hike in, *to sweat* in. It's also where the milk-skinned North American can totally veg out, soak up those precious rays, then tuck into a candlelit dinner with white-glove service. A king-sized bed and in-room HBO then beckon.

Jamaica's epicentre of do-as-you-please is Negril, until recently, one of the country's best-kept secrets. Nestled on the island's western tip, Negril is, no matter how cliched it sounds, an oasis of sugar-textured beaches, lush vegetation and breathtaking sunsets.

The range of accommodations is wide — from the ultra swank chain of SuperClubs to a hammock in a thatched hut. In between are well-appointed smaller resort hotels such as Negril Gardens, the Tree House, Foote Prints on the Sand, Xtabi and the more stripped-down Negril Inn, where in-room telephones, TVs and radios are eschewed.

Relax, mon: The "Hammock House" at Tensing Pen Village. [Ron Csillag photo]

But almost all of the mid-range resorts offer water sports, decent meals, evening entertainment and air-conditioned rooms, either beach-front or garden view. Winter rates are typically in the $125-$175 (US) per night range, based on double occupancy.

If you venture out, a reggae club is recommended, with De Buss and Rick's the popular spots. If you don't work up a sweat in these places, see a mortician.

On the high end are the SuperClubs, the all-inclusive places, with the accent on all. Places like the Grand Lido, Sandals, Swept Away and Hedonism seem to compete with each other over which can be the most luxurious, the most accommodating. Whichever you pick, you're in for a treat.

The Grand Lido, with its stunning use of marble, glass, mini waterfalls and bright flowers, harkens back to the age of the resort where guests' fingers were not lifted. Fronted on a prime stretch of pristine beach, the Grand Lido, like its sister resort, the Sans Souci Lido in Ocho Rios, is not cheap. Beachfront junior suites are $1,090 (US) for three nights, while one bedroom suites go for $1,260 for three nights in the winter months. But that includes all meals, sports and amenities, and if you're given to pampering yourself, it's considered reasonable.

Ditto at Swept Away, where the vegetation is so thick, you may need a machete. Swept Away prides itself on its amenities, which include all water and land sports, unlimited drinks, aerobics and recently, golf. About the only thing a guest would pay for is a massage and beauty treatments. Winter rates range from $1,395 for three nights in a garden suite, to $3,780 for seven nights in a beachfront suite.

Then there's Hedonism, where the name says its all. Here, guides say with a wink, anything goes for the singles only crowd. Sandals Negril is for couples only.

Probably the most original place to stay is Tensing Pen Village, for the more adventurous. An echanting little property in Negril's hip west end, this is an unspoiled tropical paradise that is more Polynesian than Caribbean. Touted as a nature retreat, the idyllic setting features secluded thatched cottages — some perched on pillars — amid lush foliage and the lovely cacophony of exotic birds. Guests get around using small foot paths, while swimming is off cliffs into the pounding surf below. This is the place to check out of civilization for a while. Rates start at $90 per night for a bungalow.

CJN reporter Ron Csillag visited Jamaica recently as a guest of the Jamaica Tourist Board. Air travel was provided by Air Canada, which flies a 747 to Kingston and Montego Bay daily.

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Jaffa's Flea Market. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Flea Market in Jaffa has immense appeal

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

JAFFA — From a purely esthetic point of view, the Flea Market here is not the most enchanting place in Israel.

Dilapidated, and invariably pungent with the whiff of ripe horse droppings, it is not a picture of alluring beauty.

Nevertheless, the Flea Market has immense drawing power and remains one of the favorite tourist destinations in Tel Aviv.

Set amid a jumble of crumbling buildings in what was once an Arab residential quarter, it is nothing if not vibrant.

Approaching it from Jerusalem Boulevard, Jaffa's main thoroughfare, you follow Olei Zion Street, past workshops, shoe stores, a pita bakery and two barber shops, until you reach the heart of the market.

The sidewalks are filled with hawkers peddling everything under the sun — sinks, faucets, toilet bowls, cheap fur coats, second-hand shirts and pants, vinyl records, old coins, kitschy oil canvases.

There is a musty smell in the air, testifying to the vintage of the goods on sale.

A car, crammed to the roof with video cassettes, is parked on a corner. Its owner waits silently, hoping someone will stop and buy.

Nearby, in dark shops filled with antique furniture, merchants sit on stools, drinking mint tea or Turkish coffee, usually while dragging on cigarettes.

Much of this furniture will probably end up in the smart salons of North Tel Aviv, one of the most affluent neighborhoods in town.

My wife, Etti, who loves the market, would dearly like to buy a piece for our home in Toronto. Alas, she cannot. The shipping cost would simply be prohibitive.

We turn right, into a crowded street lined with handicraft shops specializing in decorative plates, samovars, coffee sets, wooden camels, swords and daggers, jewelry and menorahs.

Lauren, my 12-year-old daughter, pores over the jewelry but finds nothing appealing. She settles for a bowl with a Jerusalem motif, a gift for her teacher.

We wander on, passing furniture workshops with the heady smell of glue, varnish and new-cut wood. The weathered Arab-style buildings, with their wrought-iron balconies and green shutters, conjure up a long-gone era.

Carpet dealers are ubiquitous. Strolling by one shop stacked high with aging carpets, I pause next to a car that is nearly covered with an exquisite Persian rug.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

Jewish Feminist Weekend: "It's been an extremely important vehicle in helping me reconnect with my identity in a meaningful way," says Temi Firsten about the Jewish feminist study group that she has been involved with for more than three years.

Now Firsten is organizing a weekend retreat for Jewish feminists at the Maple Lake Resort in Parry Sound, Ont., from March 3 to 5. Author Sandra Butler, who is active in the Jewish renewal movement and has spoken to groups on three continents, is the facilitator.

"Women have experienced Judaism differently than men," says Firsten. "The essence has been exclusion from language and ritual and that has fostered a sense of marginality. Sandra is extremely effective in creating a safe forum for exploration."

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Jewish Telegraphic Agency

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However, it is due as much to the deterioration of service abroad as the improvement here. Federman cited Tourism Ministry surveys of departing tourists, which showed that the overwhelming majority were satisfied with service in hotels here. He added that as a frequent traveller, he can testify to the fact that service standards in other countries have gone down.

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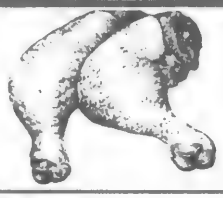

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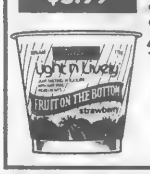

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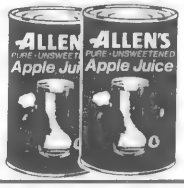

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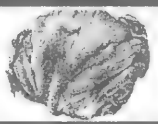

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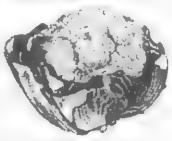

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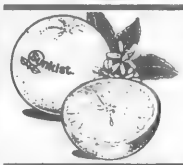

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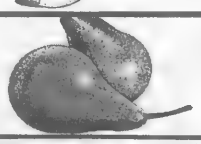

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A Man of G-d

Six months have now passed since that dark day of Tammuz 3, and we have yet to find relief from the pain and the immense sense of loss we are experiencing. Still, we know that the Rebbe would not allow us to indulge in sorrow, but instead, have us direct our emotions into positive, constructive and fruitful activities. In the Rebbe's words, we must "turn pain into action." These words reverberate in our ears as we go to press with a new issue of Lubavitch International.

The Talmud and Kabbalah are replete with allusions to the eternal life of the righteous. These point not only to the immortality of the soul, which is true of every soul, but beyond that—to the soul's continued impact on our world, in ways even more pronounced than during the physical—and therefore confining—life of the *tzaddik*.

But there are singular individuals of whom still greater immortality is true. One of these is Moses, about whom the Talmud says that "he did not die." (*Sotah* 13:b) The Kabbalah interprets this to mean that some of the sparks of Moses's soul are reincarnated in the lives of every Jewish leader of all subsequent generations.

There are many parallels to be drawn between Moses and the Rebbe: Each led the nation for four decades; each accorded the lost and stray sheep genuine significance; each nurtured a vision of the Jewish people redeemed, and each embodied infinite love for the Jewish people. Alas, we see striking similarities in the full pathos and poignancy of their last days, when, after devoting every breathing moment of their lives to lead the Jewish people ever so painstakingly towards a new reality, both are allowed only to glimpse from afar their dream fulfilled. In that penultimate moment—as Moses's vision seems just a handbreadth away and the Jewish people are about to enter the Land of Israel, their great leader and visionary is withdrawn from the world. In our own time, the Rebbe, our great leader and visionary, is withdrawn from this world just as he coaxes it ever so close to the Redemption.

In the days immediately following Tammuz 3, the eyes of the world were upon the Lubavitch community. "How will they cope now?" seemed to be the question on the lips of every journalist and every social scientist.

Anyone who ever visited the Rebbe was curious about the way we, his Chassidim hovered close to him, how we followed his every move, how we found much significance and inspiration in the wave of his hand, the nod of his head, and the smile on his luminous face. These were the movements of an individual who could and did empower people all over the world to undertake the bold and innovative programs for which Chabad-Lubavitch has earned its reputation. These were the movements of an individual who could find light within the greatest darkness, expose beauty within the harshest ugliness, and uncover warmth in the coldest of places.

People who observed the Rebbe were confounded by his schedule. They marveled at his incredible stamina. How else to explain his refusal to take a single day off in more than four decades; his late night

Cover photo: The Lubavitcher Rebbe in prayer. Photo by Fridrich Vishinsky.

Isaac Benez

Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson ע"ה, the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

appointments that stretched into the morning hours as he attended to the personal problems and heartaches of his people; the days spent each week fasting, as he prayed at his father's-in-law resting place on behalf of his people and humanity at large; the long hours spent teaching us and enlightening us with his wisdom, his insights and his divine vision; and in later years, when his flock grew by hundreds of thousands and the demand on his time far exceeded its supply, the long hours—six or seven hours—he stood, in the ninth decade of his life, on ailing feet, so that he could personally greet each of the thousands of individuals, Jew and non-Jew, child and adult, who sought his blessing on any given Sunday, and give them a dollar so that they, in turn, would have the mitzvah of giving charity. Surely this was not the stamina of a mortal being.

The myriad ways in which he has tended our wounds, nurtured our dreams, and sustained us, collectively and individually, will never be fully told. But through his unified existence, through his deep sensitivity to human suffering and pain, through his vision for a world perfected and his work towards its realization—from his earliest calls to education—both Jewish and universal, until his most recent efforts to educate the world about the Redemption—the Rebbe has stirred our passions for the good and the G-dly, and taught us to manifest these in our lives, our reality and our world. Surely this could not be the work of one mortal life span.

Indeed, our relationship with the Rebbe can never be defined in terms of his physical being alone. For just as Moses was to the Jews of the Exodus, mortal yet clearly a man of G-d, so the Rebbe is to us: So that while we are handicapped by the loss of his physical presence, while we suffer the pain of a truncated limb and are made awkward and clumsy by this great loss, the Rebbe's life has not ended. Rather, it continues to breathe palpably in the work of Chabad-Lubavitch, and in the lives of the Rebbe's emissaries around the world in the minds and hearts of each of us.

WHILE WE SUFFER THE PAIN OF A TRUNCATED LIMB AND ARE MADE AWKWARD AND CLUMSY BY THIS GREAT LOSS, THE REBBE'S LIFE HAS NOT ENDED.

Whether we consider the institutions of Jewish learning and tradition he established, or the visibility of traditional Jewish life today in America and abroad as he inspired it, or the various social, educational and humanitarian activities he initiated, or the number of lives he affected through any and all of these, the Rebbe's life shall endure, eternally.

And through the continued global activities of Chabad-Lubavitch, his shluchim, and too, all of the many people who carry his inspiration within themselves, in their charitable, educational and spiritual activities, shall continue to share in that eternal life. It is therefore, in the continued and enhanced work of Chabad-Lubavitch that we take our greatest comfort and consolation. Through these activities, and with every soul that is touched, we may discern the Rebbe's presence, his nod of encouragement, his reassuring smile, and his blessings. These will continue to sustain us as we carry on with his work, bringing redemption to a tired and aching world.

LITTLE SHUL THAT COULD

IF WALLS COULD SPEAK, THE FOUR EXTERIOR WALLS THAT REMAIN OF the Marina Roscha Synagogue would speak volumes. If walls could cry, they would shed a sea of tears. For what transpired inside these walls during a period of close to seventy years, through nods and winks and code words, at risk of death and for the love of Jews, are events at times so surreal, at others, so miraculous, they can only leave us in awe of the enduring power of the Jewish soul.

People do cry, and cry they did last December morning, when they arrived at the famed Marina Roscha Synagogue and found it a charred shell. "The elderly men arrived for prayer, as they have every morning for many years, and they wept—like babies," says its Rabbi, Rabbi Berel Lazar. They would; when all else was bleak and gray, during the long years of communism, it was here, at the Marina Roscha shul—the only Jewish holdout for so many—where the fires of *yiddishkeit* were kept burning, and the memories, the warmth and the familiarity of Jewish traditions were kept alive. It was for their individual and collective history, for the secret triumphs and joys they've known inside the shul—now made into a black ruin by an arsonist's hands—that they cried bitter tears.

AP/Sergei Karpukhin

Rabbi Mendel Cunin and a Moscow fireman sift through the scorched prayer books.

In 1926, wanting to save face after it shut down the last shul in Moscow, the communist government granted the congregants permission to build their own shul—not believing they would ever succeed. They did, however, and a small, wood frame building which would become the center for Jewish activity over the next six decades, was built, in the Marina Roscha Section of Moscow. As the only synagogue that was not run by KGB moles, it seemed a more secure place than others, although here too, one could never know for sure which one out of every three fellows in a *talit* was preparing for a briefing with the KGB later that day.

Israel's victory in the Six-Day-War sparked a strong spiritual revival among Russia's Jewish youth, and many were drawn to the Marina Roscha shul. There they found Reb Getcha Wilensky, a devoted Chasid, who, with great consequences to his personal life, helped clear a path for them back to Judaism. "The shul was always packed with people," says Rabbi Lazar. And during the hungry years of communism, the shul's kitchen was kept open through the food smuggled in by Lubavitch in the Free

Otto Pohl/NYT Pics

Rabbi Lazar: trying to correct decades of ignorance.

World. It was here, under the suspicious eyes of undercover KGB agents, that thousands of *brissin* and *chuppahs* were arranged, always through an ostensibly benign exchange of words that were actually full of import as to the time and place where these forbidden activities would take place.

Even before the fall of communism, the Marina Roscha shul had opened a yeshiva. "Things under Gorbachev were getting easier, and we had a number of local students who wanted to study Torah," explains Rabbi Lazar, who visited Moscow as a student in 1987. "The Rebbe encouraged us to open a yeshiva, and we simply notified the government." The yeshiva opened in the Marina Roscha, with some 20 students, ranging in age from 16-50.

Shortly thereafter, a school, Achei Tmimim, was opened, and until last year, when enrollment grew to nearly 400 students, it too, was housed in the small wood frame building.

Under Gorbachev, the *brissin* the *chuppahs* and all other Jewish activities were held in the shul, which in effect, became a bustling Chabad House. Many Jews were emigrating to Israel, and the shul offered an Ulpan in Hebrew. "We had 200 people during the course of a day, coming through the shul," says Rabbi Lazar. That, he adds, was in addition to the yeshiva and the school. "It became the one-stop address for Jews who needed anything from a kosher meal to a crash course in Hebrew reading. With the fall of communism—much more became possible, and things at Marina Roscha were blissfully hectic.

It took 20 fire engines, 200 firemen and four hours to put the blaze out in the pre-dawn hours of a grey December morning. Rabbi Lazar, who was called by one of the students sleeping in a flat on the grounds of the shul, pleaded with the firemen to salvage the Torah scrolls. "When they determined where the ark was, they assured me that the Torahs were surely burnt,

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The Mikvah the KGB Built

In the mid 1980s, Lubavitch renovated the Marina Roscha building. Part of the renovations included the construction of a *mikvah*—something forbidden by the government. It was during the "nine-days" —a period of mourning on the Jewish calendar leading up to the ninth of Av which is commemorated, among other ways, by deferring all joyous events, including construction of a new house, or new facilities. To the surprise of everyone involved with the Marina Roscha shul at the time, the Rebbe insisted that they continue with construction during those days, and urged them to complete it quickly.

David Blumenfeld

Later, the people of Marina Roscha learned that the KGB had a stakeout across the street. "All the agents were on a week-long holiday during the nine days," says Rabbi Lazar. It was only their absence that made it possible to construct the *mikvah*—as apparently the Rebbe alone had known.

Indeed, just as it was completed, the agents returned from their holiday, and paid the shul a visit. Using health reasons as a pretext, they declared the *mikvah* illegal, filled it with cement, and as a finishing touch, put fine parquet flooring over it. Meanwhile, back in the States, the issue gained the interest of senators and congressmen who lobbied to have the *mikvah* reopened.

The efforts proved effective, and the KGB agreed to allow the *mikvah* to be reopened. But now, the shul insisted, it was the KGB's responsibility to undo the damage it had done. "You closed it—now you have to open it," the Chasidim told them. "The next day they arrived with the necessary equipment, dug out the cement, and repaired the *mikvah*," chuckles Rabbi Lazar.

And the parquet floor? That was preserved and installed on the *bimah* — a reminder of the KGB's inadvertent participation in the building of the Marina Roscha shul.

Karl Schatz

THE ONLY JEWISH HOLDOUT WHERE THE FIRES OF YIDDISHKEIT WERE KEPT BURNING

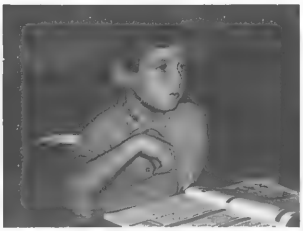
and there was no way anyone would go through the flames to retrieve them," says Rabbi Lazar.

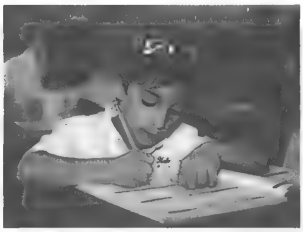
After the fire, Rabbi Lazar made his way through the remains of the warped and burnt shul, hoping to find something salvageable. What he found, to his utter disbelief, were the ark and all the Torah scrolls, intact. "They were not damaged by the fire or the water," he says.

Two days later, huddled and freezing in a makeshift shul on the grounds of the Marina Roscha, the congregants vowed amongst themselves, to rebuild their Synagogue bigger and better then ever before.

While the government drags its feet investigating the fire, Rabbi Lazar and the members of the shul are raising funds to build a multi-million dollar complex which will house everything—including facilities for the 500 *brissin* it does each year, the soup kitchen and the yeshiva, to name just a few of the many activities that have been displaced by the fire and are now operating out of temporary facilities. To date, more than 1000 people are affiliated with the Marina Roscha shul. Once the center is completed, says Rabbi Lazar, he expects that many more of Moscow's 100,000 Jews will find their way to the shul—the starting point towards a life filled with the joys of Judaism.

AN ACADEMY





ZIPPING ALONG ON INTERSTATE 95, RABBI Y. Biston's mind is racing as well. As director of Chabad-Lubavitch activities in Broward and South Palm Beach, Florida, Rabbi Biston oversees a wide variety of projects and programs spread out over the Broward County area.

There's no knowing where he is at any given time but a peculiar habit places him at the Shepard Broad Hebrew Academy of N. Broward and S. Palm Beach every day at 3:45. He doesn't even get out of his car, so long as he can watch as the 250 children file out of their classrooms for dismissal. "I get such pleasure watching them," he says. "It gives me real *nachas* to see them go home at the end of another successful school day."

Many of these children, he explains, would have likely never ended up with a Jewish education were it not for the Hebrew Academy.

Its newly acquired building, formerly a shopping mall, sits just off Route 441 in Margate, a 10 minute commute from Coral Springs, where many of the school's students live. Set on 2½ acres of land, the 30,000 square foot building has bright, airy, beautifully decorated classrooms, each with its own bathroom.

It is the third move for the Hebrew Academy, which opened in 1986 with a handful of children in the living room of Rabbi Yossi Denburg, principal of Shepard Broad Hebrew Academy.

As the school grew, Chabad-Lubavitch bought a building in Coral Springs. That was fine for several

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years, until 1992, when the school's growth could no longer be contained in the 4,000 square foot building.

The school encompasses nursery through seventh grade. "I think it is fair to say that the school's outstanding academic quality and its ability to attract a broad diversity of students has a lot to do with our professional administration and staff," says Rabbi Biston.

Its accreditation by the Association of Independent Schools of Florida—the highest level of accreditation —means that the schools' teachers are skilled and certified, and the facilities feature all the amenities including an activity center and a computer lab.

In addition to a stimulating Jewish studies curriculum prepared by Rabbi Yossi and Rivka Denburg, music, music appreciation, gymnastics and language arts, give the students a well-rounded educational experience.

Yosef Bliskow, a sixth grader who moved from the East Coast with his family several years ago, greets Rabbi Biston in the school yard. "I'm doing much better now," he tells Rabbi Biston.

Yosef had been to other schools before switching to the Hebrew Academy. "I like it here because I'm Jewish and all the other kids here are Jewish too," he says. "Also," he admits readily, "I've learned how to behave better here." Yosef will be among the first students of Hebrew Academy's Middle School, the new division for grades 7-9, which opened this September with its first class.

The building, purchased by Chabad for close to a

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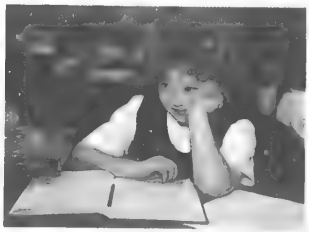


Twice As Nice

NO, THEY'RE NOT TWINS; in fact, they're not even brothers. But in so many other ways, the two rabbis bring the Doublemint twins to mind. Chipper and full of humor, they were invited by Rabbi Biston in 1992 to serve adjacent communities of Palm Beach County. "These were areas with large Jewish populations, and literally nothing in terms of an Orthodox Jewish shul," observes Rabbi Biston. Serving, the Central and West Boca Raton communities, Rabbi Zalman Bukiet's shul is in the Boca Hampton's mall, and Rabbi Moshe Denburg's, in the Polo Club Shops mall. They each have about sixty people at their Shabbat services, and about 250 people on Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur. They plan joint events and even make their annual dinner together. If one's not around, you can always call the other.

Asked about their most impressive accomplishments since their arrival, and Rabbi Bukiet's reply sounds like an excerpt from Harper's Index: "We've supplied more than $18,000 worth of mezuzot, koshered more than 30 homes, distributed close to 500 pounds of *shmura* matzah, and provide at least a thousand Chanukah menorahs annually."

Those are the details. But they make up an incredibly grand total for the Jews of Palm Beach.

million dollars, was a good investment, giving Chabad of N. Broward and S. Palm Beach a comfortable facility for all of its functions, year round.

Everything from its Gan Israel summer and winter day camps to its popular Passover matzah bakery and pre-Rosh Hashana shofar factory, have become annual highlights for children from virtually all of the area's Jewish schools. The large activity hall also doubles as a synagogue every Shabbat, and communal Passover seders for 100 people are conducted there as well.

In 1978, there was no Orthodox Judaism in Palm Beach County. Today, shoppers in tennis shorts and sunhats browsing through the posh boutiques of the Polo Club Shops, stop in at Chabad, a Judaica shop that makes everything from silver menorahs to a Shabbat *minyan* available. "The shop is an unbelievable draw," says Mrs. Rivkah Denburg, who manages it.

"Whether they come in for a Bar-Mitzvah gift, or some Jewish reading material, they inevitably wind up spending a good deal of time here learning about Judaism and what Chabad can offer them," she says.

THE SPIRIT & THE LAW

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN bridges are built. Last year at the National Conference on Jewish and Contemporary Law, co-sponsored by North County Chabad Center in Yorba Linda, California, and the Loyola Law School, such a bridge was built during a weekend of debate and discussion between lawyers, judges and rabbis.

Rabbi David Eliezrie, director of N.C.C.C. who organized the conference, says the event created a "forum for the comparative analysis of important public policy issues under Jewish and secular law." Among the distinguished panelists and speakers were Professor Alan Dershowitz of Harvard Law School, Judge Stanley Mosk, senior Justice of the California Supreme Court, and Professor Irving Breitowitz of the University of Maryland. Sheila Prell Sonnenshine, Associate Justice of the California Court of Appeal who co-chaired the conference said that the conference used the "three-millenia old tradition of Jewish law to shed light on many of the important legal challenges."

Topics covered were of controversial and far reaching interest, including Euthanasia, Church and State, Gender Bias, Hate Crimes, and other issues. The three-day conference which convened on a weekend to include an inspirational Shabbat celebration, was well attended by some 300 lawyers, judges and legal scholars, as well as some community lay people.

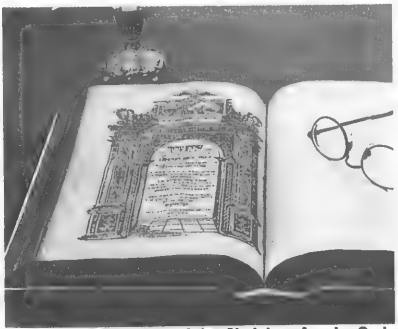
Conference Co-Chairman Marshal Pearlman attributed the success of the conference to the disillusionment by lawyers with "the decline of the profession into a market driven business. Material success has not produced satisfaction or peace of mind. The fundamental relationships between man and G-d, and man and man are explored to help explain the origins of our law, why we need them and the extent to which they should be part of our lives."

The idea for the conference all began when Rabbi David Eliezrie had trouble convincing the local authorities to exempt the Chabad House's property from taxes. Rabbi Eliezrie consulted Michael Rubin, a prominent lawyer, who resolved the problem. Lawyer and rabbi found they shared common concerns, and a monthly Talmud Seminar for the local legal community was established.

One thing led to another, and before long, Rabbi Eliezrie had organized the first conference. "This year," Rabbi Eliezrie promised, "the third conference will bring together two worlds in a bigger way than in years past. The conference will explore issues as far-reaching as Church and State, Sexual Harassment, Gun Control, Health Care, Immigration and Legal Ethics.

This year's conference will be headlined by Justice Antonin Scalia of The United States Supreme Court, and Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, the world renowned talmudic scholar. The conference will take place in Irvine, California from March 31 through April 3, 1995.

Lawyers participating in the Conference will receive MCLE Credit. This year's conference is being sponsored by the National Institute of Jewish and Contemporary Law, one of the 93 new institutions founded since the passing of the Rebbe last June.



One of the first prints of the Shulchan Aruch—Code of Jewish Law—printed in Cracow, 1594.
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Impacting Jewish Education

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"Our intention was to create a Jewish consciousness and spark an awareness so that the community would develop Jewish institutions and programs necessary to its growth."

Small, yet strong in unity. Facing page: Aerial photo of Carmel School.

But then, in 1986 when Rabbi Mordechai and Goldie Avtzon came to Hong Kong, things began to change for Joe. "Mordechai upset my whole life," says Joe, only half in jest. Suddenly, there was a Shabbat *minyan,* a daily *minyan,* kosher food—and it was no longer so difficult to live Jewishly here.

According to Rabbi Avtzon, Hong Kong's Jewish community, with a population of 2000—composed of 30 nationalities, is one of the most diverse Jewish communities in the world. On any given Shabbat at the Chabad Shul, which is located in Hong Kong's Hilton Hotel, one can find an eclectic mix of Jews from seven continents and all levels of Jewish identity. "For example," says Rabbi Avtzon, "last Shabbat we had approximately 75 people in shul, 60 of whom were from overseas." And this past Rosh Hashana, the Lubavitch shul had one Sephardic *minyan* and an Ashkenazic one, with a total of close to 200 people.

Yossel Wohlhendler, an observant Jew from New York, is a repeat visitor to Hong Kong. "What's especially beautiful about Chabad in Hong Kong," he says, "is that everyone, from the Chasid in *peyot* to the unaffiliated, are joined together and greeted with the Avtzons' special warmth and hospitality."

Typically, explains Rabbi Avtzon, a family will settle in Hong Kong for about five years, before returning to the West. "The level of Jewish awareness here was really lacking," he says. "Our job is to get people to pause and realize that Judaism cannot be put on hold for five years. We do this by awakening them to their yiddishkeit, here—in Hong Kong."

To do that, Rabbi and Mrs. Avtzon have planted a variety of Jewish educational and religious programs, covering the gamut from Passover *seders* to overnight summer camps in the hills of Bombay.

But, as Rabbi Avtzon is quick to emphasize, Chabad did not come to Hong Kong to establish its own community. "Our intention was to create a Jewish consciousness and spark an awareness so that the community would develop Jewish institutions and programs necessary to its growth."

In this way, the Avtzons have served as a catalyst for much of what defines the Hong Kong Jewish community today, from its kosher eateries, to, most notably, the first Jewish school in the history of the Far East, The Carmel School, a primary school for children up to age seven with an enrollment of 75.

Rabbi Avtzon serves on the school's board, and Mrs. Avtzon serves as director of its Jewish program. Rabbi Avtzon also serves as Chairman of the Education Committee.

In addition, Chabad sponsors and organizes several *minyanim* that are held daily; well attended weekly class-

THE AVTZONS HAVE BROUGHT JEWISH AWARENESS PROGRAMS TO JAPAN, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, TAIWAN AND THE PHILIPPINES.

Summer camp Bombay, India; Discovering the beauty of lighting Shabbat Candles.

Excerpt of an article, as it appeared in the Chinese daily, *Sing Pao*, about the first menorah lighting in Hong Kong.

燭光祭昨舉行

願樂觀與希望普照人間

【本報特訊】一個已有兩千年歷史的猶太節日，昨八七年元旦首次在港舉行，該個名爲「燭光祭」節日，原意是將樂觀與希望之光，普照人間，在此新年晉天同慶節日氣氛中，「燭光祭」在港舉行，更具意義。

昨晚七時，爲數約七十名居港猶太裔人士及少量中外人士，齊集在中區遮打公園，圍繞一支圖案式樹形燈柱舉行「燭光祭」，該燈柱柱頂綴一燈胆，柱身兩邊各伸出四條柱枝，枝末各綴一燈胆。儀式開始，只有燈柱正中頂部燈胆亮着，燈柱台座一角則放置一具與燈柱形狀相同燭台，只是燭台上其中一個燭座並未放上燭。

主禮者致詞歡迎及祝福各人後，首先按電掣點亮燈柱上八個燈胆的其中七個，然後再召集在場觀禮小朋友上前，一同將燭台上燭點燃。主禮者隨即致詞表示：希望燭光燃亮每人心

es led by the Avtzons and a beautiful, four-color magazine, L.I.F.E.—an acronym for Lubavitch in the Far East—which is circulated throughout all of Asia.

As representatives of Chabad in the Far East, the Avtzons attend to the needs of Jews in all parts of this region. Recently, it opened its first satellite Chabad House in the suburbs of Bombay Tahne, which will serve the Jewish community of Tahne. Fighting intermarriage is high on their priority list, and the Avtzons have brought Jewish awareness programs to Japan, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan and the Philippines.

Of course, the Avtzons have tremendous hurdles to overcome, not least of which is the staggering cost of living in Hong Kong, where rent is among the highest in the world. In this British Crown colony in Southeast China, a month's rent for a standard apartment is typically $10,000. "It is only because of the dedication and support of the friends of Chabad-Lubavitch in the Far East, that we are able to entertain the activities we have here," says Rabbi Avtzon. "Without their support we couldn't think of doing many of the inspirational events and educational programs we bring to the community."

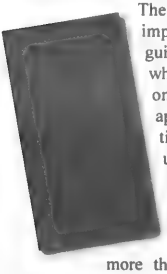
In addition, to their full range of activities and responsibilities, the Avtzons find themselves heavily involved in tutoring their own children to assure them a strong Torah education. They typically work 12-15 hours a day. But the work is rewarding, and the successes seem to spur them on to keep expanding. With three shuls, two kosher restaurants, 100 kosher-keeping families and a Jewish school, Rabbi Avtzon bets that life in Hong Kong is more Jewish than many places in the West.

"I credit all these changes to the Avtzons," says Joe. "They are caring and non-judgmental," and, he says, they've created "competition" for quality Jewish services in Hong Kong that makes it a viable place to live.

NEWSBITS

World-wide Directory of Lubavitch Centers

A directory of all Chabad-Lubavitch institutions around the globe was published in conjunction with the semi-annual meeting of the Machne Israel Development Fund, held in New York on March 15, 1993. The directory, printed exclusively in a special limited edition for the members of the Fund, listed reference information on the more than 2,000 educational, outreach, and social service institutions maintained and directed by Chabad-Lubavitch worldwide.



The demand for this impressive, 192 page guide grew to a point where the need for a second edition became apparent. This new edition includes the updated and revised 1994 information on the Chabad-Lubavitch global network of institutions. The more than 100 new institutions have been established since the 1993 edition, and are listed in this edition.

Provided in this institutional reference guide is the location and contact information of the Chabad-Lubavitch facilities and services in forty-three States in the United States and thirty-nine countries around the world. An extremely useful resource for the business traveler and tourist alike, this directory will make a thoughtful gift for any Jewish family.

The directory is now available to the public. To order: Call (718) 778 0226.

President of Uruguay Honored

At a gala affair at the New York Hilton this past September, Dr. Luis Lacalle, the president of Uruguay, was honored by Friends of Lubavitch in Uruguay. Among the guests attending the event were distinguished community and business leaders from the U.S., Canada, Israel, Argentina and of course, Uruguay.

The guest of honor, Dr. Lacalle, greeted the audience and spoke about the significant work which Lubavitch of Uruguay has accomplished, and recalled his encounter with the Rebbe in 1989. The president received a standing ovation when he withdrew a dollar bill—the one that he received from the Rebbe at that time, and which he carries with him at all times.

Rabbi Eliezer Shemtov, Director of Lubavitch in Uruguay, presented the president with a *shofar*. He discussed the symbolism of the *shofar* as representing critical points in Jewish history, with the final one being the *shofar* blasts that will be sounded with the coming of Moshiach.

Upon receiving the award and much to the delight of everyone present, the President proceeded to blow the *shofar*.

Others honored at the event included Mr. and Mrs. Peretz Friedberg of Toronto, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Salomon of Montevideo, Uruguay; Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Weiser of Punta del Este, Uruguay, and Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Elsztain of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

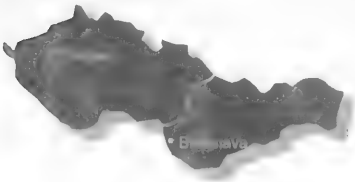
Here Come the Judges

They know what American law has to say about any number of issues, but the group of Civil Supreme and Apellate Term Judges in Borough Hall, Brooklyn, want to explore new terrain: Jewish law.

So once a week they meet with Rabbi Aron L. Raskin of Chabad of Brooklyn Heights for a kosher lunch, and study session. The "Lunch and Learn" program that covers issues in the Talmud and *halacha,* is geared to the intellectual Jew, yet is designed to appeal to those without any background in Jewish law.

In addition to the Judges' program, Chabad of Brooklyn Heights sponsors a weekly Lawyer's "Lunch and Learn," "Torah for Assistant District Attorneys," and a "Keys to the Kabbalah" study program. Rabbi Raskin also hosts a weekly radio program called "Spirit of the Law," heard throughout the New York Metropolitain area.

"THEY FINALLY HAVE A RABBI"



SLOVAKIA

IF IT'S THE SYNAGOGUES, YESHIVAS, kosher bakeries and grocery shops that make life viable for a Jewish community, the lack thereof is sad testimony to the contrary. In Bratislava, Slovakia, until very recently, the most visible Jewish presence could be found not in life, but, rather, in death; on the weather-beaten stone markers, hundreds of years old, where one's fingers can still trace the names of great Torah luminaries and pious, sainted women. The names bear evidence of what once was, and too, of what might have been before the weeds grew wild and the markers began to fall.

With a heavy concentration of Slovakia's 3000 Jews, Bratislava is becoming decidedly more hospitable to Jewish life since the arrival, in April '93, of Rabbi Boruch and Chana Myers and their three children, now four. In June of 1993 the community held a ceremony in which Rabbi Myers was inaugurated as the official Rabbi of Bratislava and western Slovakia. The inauguration was held in the one remaining synagogue in Bratislava and was attended by several hundred people. Rabbi Myers is the first Rabbi of Bratislava since 1968.

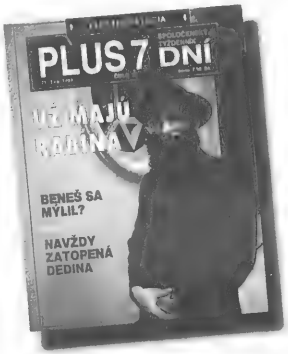
Among his first objectives was the re-vitalization of Shabbat services which are now attended by about 25 people. "One of my biggest challenges," says Rabbi Myers, 30, "is getting young people to come to shul." Many of them still operate under the threat of communism, he explains, and part of his task is shaking those fears off.

The holiday awareness programs for which Chabad is famous, have greatly relieved these fears. Last Chanukah, 300 people turned out to see the public Menorah lighting ceremony, the first publicly-held Jewish religious program in over 40 years. Attended by the President of Slovakia, the Mayor of Bratislava and the Israeli Ambassador, the experience was a turning point of sorts for many of Slovakia's Jews, where the pomp and publicity of this Jewish celebration "made them feel that they can breathe more freely," said Rabbi Myers.

Responding to the dearth of Jewish literature, the Myers' have produced sophisticated, Slovak-language Jewish holiday brochures, filled with useful information. "The people who are still ambivalent about coming out in the open, enjoy the opportunity to learn about Judaism in their homes," says Mrs. Myers, 25, who conducts classes for women and directs the Gan Irsael summer Day Camp.

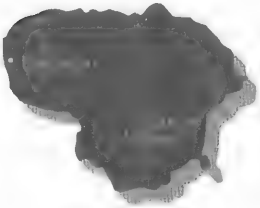
In response to the demand for more literature pouring in from other parts of Slovakia, a bilingual *Siddur* has been published, making traditional prayers accessible to Slovak speaking Jews. The President of the Union of Slovakian Jewish Communities, Dr. Fero Alexander, commented: "What we have been missing here for 40 years is Jewish literature. It is this gap that Rabbi Myers is beginning to fill."

In between these activities, Rabbi Myers switches caps from rabbi to *schochet,* so that kosher meat and poultry is now available in Bratislava. In addition, he is working with food manufacturing plants to have them produce kosher food. Of course, a viable Jewish community needs a *mikvah*, so that too, is now under construction. As Bratislava is slowly beginning to come alive, so too have the prospects for preserving its more than 400 Jewish cemeteries, one of which has been targeted by the city to be made into a public park. Rabbi Myers is heavily involved in negotiations with city and state officials to prevent this from happening.



Largest news magazine of Slovakia announcing: "*Uz Maju Rabina*- they finally have a rabbi."

While he prefers to spend all his time bringing yiddishkeit to life, Rabbi Myers says that "It is a mitzvah and an obligation to preserve and restore Jewish sacred places in Slovakia." After all, where there is Jewish life, there is sanctity in the memory of its forbears.



LITHUANIA

Chasidic Warmth in Vilna

There is a nostalgic quality about the quaint cobblestone streets of Vilna, and the decaying buildings and old houses that Jewish tourists stop to examine. Once known as the Jerusalem of Lithuania, Vilna, or Vilnius, was a stronghold of Torah scholars and Talmudic academies.

It was just about fifty years ago when 70,000 Jews were killed in Panerai, outside of Vilna, and 30,000 others were killed in the Vilna Ghetto. Lithuania, one of the Baltic States, now an independent country, is yet another place where Jewish life was put to an abrupt and cruel end, and the Jewish blood soaked up by its soil has yet to be redeemed.

So it was particularly poignant when one thousand Jewish people, many of them young, with little children, participated at a communal Passover *Seder* last April. Sponsored and conducted by the new Chabad-Lubavitch representatives to Vilnius, the three *seders* were a first for the postwar generation, and a memory recalled to life for those whose last Passover *seder* was more than fifty years ago.

Two years ago, Rabbi Shalom Ber Krinsky, 26, the only rabbi in Lithuania and soon to be Rabbi of the Choral Synagogue, visited Vilnius, which has some 6000 Jews. He found a real dearth of Jewish activity, but a strong interest and a growing, young Jewish population. "There are many young families with children here," says Rabbi Krinsky, "and they have had absolutely no exposure to anything Jewish."

One of his first projects, a Purim celebration, drew a crowd of 600 Jews. For the Passover *seders*, Rabbi Krinsky had to give out tickets. "Space was limited, and we had to turn people away at the doors," he says. The separate *seders*—one for families with children, one for students and one for the elderly, were conducted respectively by Rabbi Krinsky and Lubavitch Rabbinical students from New York.

Since Rabbi Krinsky and his wife, Nechama Dina, moved to Vilnius, things have been happening quickly. Rabbi Krinsky serves as a *schochet*, making kosher meat available to Lithuanian Jews for the first time in decades. The *mikvah* is being rebuilt, attendance at the shul is growing but more importantly, says Rabbi Krinsky, "we're teaching people how to *daven* with a *minyan*, and the meaning of their prayers." The Jewish State School with 150 children, is enriching its Jewish curriculum. Mrs. Krinsky, who is from New York and has taught Russian Jews before, plans to offer classes for women, and is involved with her husband in activities for Jewish college students at the Vilnius University. The Gan Israel summer camp was a first Jewish living experience for 200 children this past summer.

And for Chanukah — 3,000 people including the Mayor of Vilnius, braved the cold weather and attended a grand menorah lighting on the steps of City Hall.

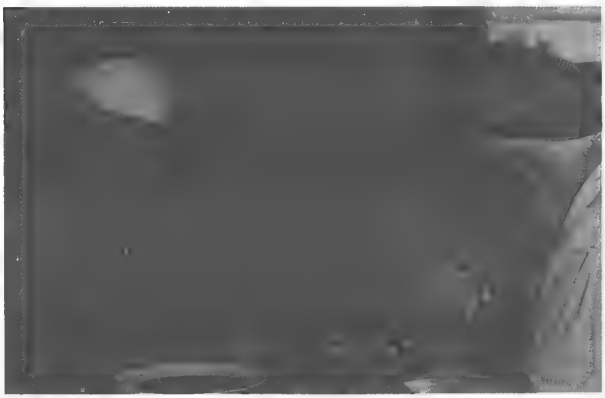
Rabbi Krinsky, a native of Boston, Ma. was ordained by the Central Lubavitch Yeshiva in New York. Nechama Dina, (nee Schochet) is a graduate of the Beth Rivkah Schools in New York. The couple has a baby boy.

Free Entreé

In Brazil, where there is virtually no middle class and the poor are very poor, there are some 200-300 Jewish families in S. Paulo who can be counted among Brazil's impoverished citizens.

"Many of these people," says Rabbi Dovid Weitman, "do not know where their children's next meal will come from." With no government aid or social welfare programs, these people have had no recourse, and until recently, some of S. Paulo's Jews were forced to go hungry. Today, however, they are able to enjoy a hot, three course dinner every day at noon at the Eishel Menachem soup kitchen.

"When some friends of Lubavitch wanted to present the Rebbe with a birthday gift for his 90th birthday, two years ago," explains Rabbi Weitman, "we tried to come up with something that was really needed here in the S. Paulo Jewish community." They couldn't have thought of a more appropriate cause, first of its kind in S. Paulo, and one which Rabbi Weitman acknowledges was long overdue.



A project of Ten Yad, the social service arm of Beit Chabad of Morumbi, in S. Paulo, the soup kitchen opened its doors in a one-floor rental of a large factory building in the heart of the old Jewish neighborhood of Bom Retiro, in north S. Paulo. It served 35 meals on its first day, but that number grew very quickly, and today, the soup kitchen serves 120 meals—two shifts each day, to accommodate the large number of people it feeds. "When we found that some people travel two hours each day to get a hot meal," says Rabbi Weitman, "we realized what a tremendous need the soup kitchen has filled. In the last year alone, the soup kitchen served 32,400 meals.

But the soup kitchen is not only a place where hunger pangs are subdued. It is also a place that seeks to fill a variety of needs, not least of which is loans, clothing for the poor, and needy brides. "Before Rosh Hashana," says Rabbi Weitman, "the

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Rabbi Weitman, center, is flanked by: from left to right, Mr. Issac Sverner President of Ten Yad, Mr. Joseph Safra, President of the Sephardic Jewish Community, Mr. Marcos Arbaitman, President of the Hebraica, and Mr. Marcio Goldfarb, President of Keren Kayemet L'yisrael.

soup kitchen provided new shoes to all the people and children it serves. We try to make it possible for the people to feel taken care of especially when a holiday comes around."

Holidays are indeed big events at the soup kitchen, where festive meals and a festive atmosphere put everyone in the holiday spirit. More importantly, the administrators and volunteers at the soup kitchen are very careful not to compromise the dignity of the people it serves. "We are very careful to preserve the respect and pride of the people who come here," says one of the 32 volunteers, "and we feel they should be received as guests."

The soup kitchen offers food for the soul as well. Every meal begins with a Torah comment, and Mr. Shimon Neistein, an extremely dedicated volunteer, goes from table to table helping everyone with the proper blessings on the food. In addition, a social worker, Mrs. Terezinha Davidovitch, is on staff offering counseling and guidance to people in distress.

Assuring a smoothly run operation are several volunteers who willingly give of their time, day after day. Coordinated by Mrs. Ruth Blank and administrated by Mrs. Ariane Stern, the soup kitchen has been so successful that it has now expanded to include a second floor which was renovated and outfitted with a large, fully equipped Kosher kitchen. At the inauguration ceremony for the expanded facility, more than 500

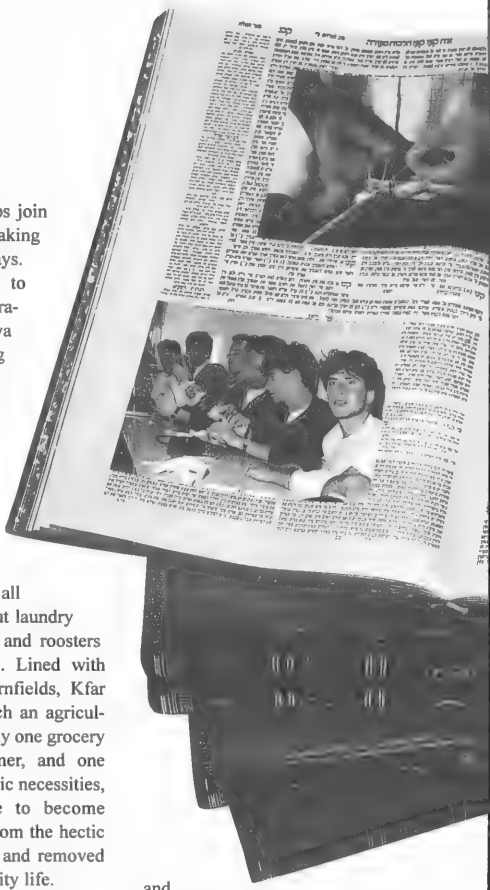
people—among them distinguished deputies and senators, turned out to tour the newly renovated facility. At the ceremony, the soup kitchen, formerly known by the name Eishel Mamash, was renamed Eishel Menachem in the Rebbe's memory.

Immediately after the inauguration, Eishel Menachem began its "Meals on Wheels" program for the immobile and homebound. The "Meals on Wheels" service now delivers close to 40 meals a day, and the number keeps growing.

"This project is something that I think the entire Jewish community is tremendously proud of," says Mrs. Davidovitch, who is also executive coordinator of the Ten Yad institution. "Because of its humanitarian, social and spiritual value, it is embraced by everyone in the community, and I'm hoping that it will set an example for other communities with similar needs." Indeed, when Victor Sapienza, President of the Assembly of the Deputies of S. Paulo, returned to his old neighborhood to visit the soup kitchen he met a childhood friend, a fellow soccer player, eating at the soup kitchen.

This really hit home with him and he now sends a basket of food every month, without fail, to the soup kitchen. "If all communities would adopt such a program," said the Mayor at the inauguration, "then we would save the people of Brazil from this misery."

COMING HOME



SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, after his Bar Mitzvah, Yehuda Kaye, 19, from South Africa, began to drift from the Jewish lifestyle he was raised with in his parents' home. He drifted far, until, as he puts it, "I pretty much dropped everything."

Today, however, Yehuda spends most of his day splitting hairs over Talmudic minutiae, or exploring the relationship between abstract concepts of Chasidic philosophy and their applications in a pragmatic context. "The *Chasidut* is simply marvelous," he says of the classes taught by the widely renowned Rabbi Gafni, "particularly for someone like myself, who's experienced disillusionment."

It was Rabbi Yosef Kessleman, a Chabad Rabbi in South Africa, who knew Yehuda's potential and wouldn't let go. He convinced Yehuda to try Ohr Tmimim, an English-language yeshiva in Israel. During his last six months at Ohr Tmimim, Yehuda seems to have found for himself a pace and level that suit him comfortably. Although Ohr Tmimim has a one and a half year *Smicha* (Ordination) program—and has given rabbinic ordination to more than 30 young men—Yehuda doesn't plan to seek ordination. Instead he wants to stay on at least until December, and then perhaps, return to South Africa to study psychology. On second thought, "I may decide to stay on for another year, and perhaps join the larger Hebrew speaking Tomchei program," he says.

Yehuda is referring to Tomchei Tmimim, the traditional Lubavitch Yeshiva in Kfar Chabad and big brother yeshiva to its adjunct, Ohr Tmimim. Kfar Chabad, a tranquil, country village south of Tel Aviv is a place where the modern and the old-fashioned are in perfect balance. Its schools and homes have all the modern amenities, but laundry is still hung out to dry, and roosters herald the morning sun. Lined with orange orchards and cornfields, Kfar Chabad is still very much an agricultural village, and with only one grocery store, one chicken farmer, and one fruitier to provide the basic necessities, it is the perfect place to become engrossed in study, far from the hectic pace of life in Tel-Aviv, and removed from the distractions of city life.

For Asher Belis, 20, a nutrition major at Cornell University, and now a student at Ohr Tmimim, Kfar Chabad as a setting for the yeshiva has special appeal. "This is a place, as opposed to all other yeshivas, where there are no distractions, and I can really sit down and learn." Belis, whose only exposure to Judaism was his visit to a Conservative synagogue when he attended his father's second wedding, learned of Ohr Tmimim through the Chabad Rabbi on his campus at Cornell. "The classes are offered on a variety of lev-

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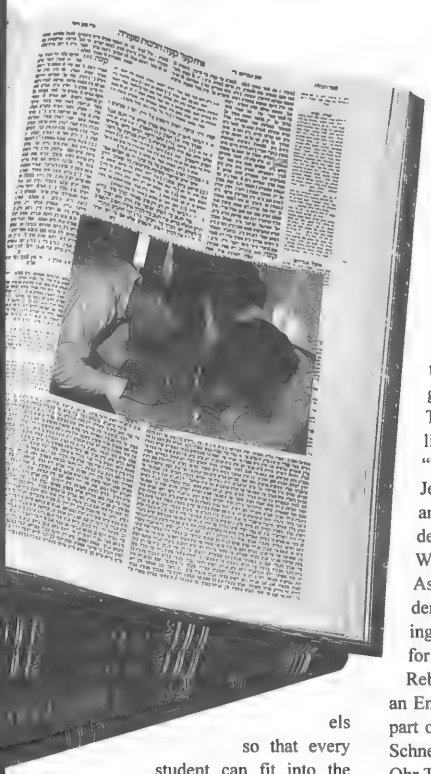

els so that every student can fit into the program," he says. More importantly, "the Rabbis have a way of bringing the concepts down to my level so that I come away from every class feeling that I've actually learned something about why I am in this world." Being able to study with Rabbi Gafni he continues, "is a true privilege for me."

Yehuda and Asher are among Ohr Tmimim's 40 students who spend roughly 12 hours a day studying, alternating for the most part between Talmud and *Chasidut*, developing the textual skills and conceptual understanding necessary for independent study. All of Ohr Tmimim's students are English speaking, and each comes to the yeshiva with a unique background. An offshoot of Tomchei Tmimim, Ohr Tmimim was established following the '67 war. "There was an incredible surge in Jewish interest among American and other English speaking students in Israel after the Six-Day War," says Rabbi Tuvia Bolton, Assistant Dean. Many of these students arrived in Kfar Chabad, seeking direction to channel their thirst for Judaism. It was then that the Rebbe gave instructions to develop an English-language study program as part of Tomchei Tmimim. With Rabbi Schneur Zalman Gafni at its head, the Ohr Tmimim program was established.

The Rebbe's foresight proved itself as the success of Ohr Tmimim grew, particularly because of its unique affiliation with Tomchei Tmimim. Distinct from the latter in that its study program is in English and is designed to meet the student at his, often times beginners level, Ohr Tmimim is otherwise part of the Tomchei yeshiva. "What that means," explains Rabbi Bolton, "is that the Ohr Tmimim students interact with the Tomchei students throughout the day." Students share the same dormitory facilities and take meals together, and when they have advanced far enough, often graduate to the Tomchei program.

Until recently, word of the Ohr Tmimim program got around by word of mouth alone and in fact, only recently was given the name "Ohr Tmimim," to identify it as a unique program. "We have just begun to spread the word through formal channels, and I think the yeshiva will see a lot of growth in the near future," says Rabbi Bolton, who in addition to teaching at Ohr Tmimim, manages the yeshiva's student body and Outreach Programs.

Tuvia Simon, 20, from Oxfordshire, England, is another Ohr Tmimim student. Tuvia expects to spend two or three years at the yeshiva and receive his rabbinic ordination while studying for a vocation as a scribe.

"The Rabbis here are totally dedicated to us, and their breadth of knowledge and willingness to become involved in our personal lives and growth have made me exceptionally happy here." In addition, says Tuvia, "the interaction with the students of Tomchei is a big inspiration."

GETTING SERIOUS IN AFTERNOON SCHOOL

"BEGINNING WITH THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR," SAYS RABBI GITLIN, "THE TALMUD TORAH CAN EXPECT TO ENROLL ANOTHER 100 STUDENTS BETWEEN THE TWO SCHOOLS."

THERE AREN'T TOO MANY KIDS who will jump at the suggestion that they go to a Talmud Torah after school hours. Many who do go, feel they're doing their parents a great favor. Even adults, who retrospectively appreciate the experience, confess that as kids, having to go to Talmud Torah when the other kids on the block were out playing ball, was a real drag.

Students at the Chabad-Lubavitch of Markham Talmud Torah are singing to a different tune. "They simply love it here," one parent said of her two children who attend the school three times a week for two hours, as a supplement to their public school education.

Bringing holiday cheer to a local retirement center.

Rabbi Meir Gitlin, principal of the school, is not surprised. The object of Rabbi Gitlin's passion, the school distinguishes itself from other afternoon school programs with its unique curriculum created by Rabbi Gitlin to meet the particular needs of its students. "I feel that each subject offered by the school deserves a thorough, comprehensive treatment so that the children gain a deep understanding and appreciation of whatever it is they are learning." Rabbi Gitlin, whose hands-on approach has inspired him to develop a resource center for his teachers to facilitate an exciting program, is involved in the progress of every class. Exhibits, tours, video presentations and competitive activities are often included in the curriculum, covering the gamut from Hebrew reading, writing and conversational language, to Bible, Jewish history, the Jewish life cycle and Jewish music.

"The Talmud Torah is not an afterthought," says Rabbi Gitlin who is consulted by Talmud Torahs in Canada and the U.S. "Parents and students take it very seriously—and their consistent attendance—unusual for most Talmud Torahs, is evidence of that." Indeed, the seriousness and professionalism with which it is run has allowed the school to flourish from a small Talmud Torah into a widely respected community school.

After joining Rabbi Avraham E. Plotkin, Director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Markham, in 1989, and with the help of Mr. Chai Cohen, Rabbi Gitlin immediately set out to establish a Talmud Torah in the community. Under the direction of Rabbi Gitlin the school has grown to 350 students (175 students in the Markham school, and 175 in a newly opened division in Vaughn serving the Bathurst Jewish community) with a kindergarten through eighth grade program. "Beginning with the next school year," says Rabbi Gitlin, "the Talmud Torah can expect to enroll another 100 students between the two schools."

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Congress Awards Rebbe Gold Medal

Before the close of the 103rd Congress, both Houses passed legislation by unanimous consent to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Rebbe. The award honors the Rebbe for his "outstanding and lasting contributions toward improvements in world education, morality and acts of charity."

The bill, which was introduced in the House of Representatives by Charles Schumer (D-NY), John Lewis (D-GA), Newt Gingrich, and Jerry Lewis (R-CA), attracted a wide coalition of over 225 co-sponsors crossing all political, racial and ethnic lines. Senator Alfonse D'Amato introduced the legislation in the Senate.

This type of award is highly selective and dates back to the early history of the U.S. when George Washington was tendered a gold medal on behalf of Congress and the Thirteen Colonies for his "wise and spirited conduct" in the siege and acquisition of Boston. In the history of Congress fewer than one hundred legislative actions have bestowed this honor. The bill calls on the Treasury Department to design and strike the medal. 10,000 replicas will be minted in bronze for sale to the public in the spring.

"This award reflects the appreciation of the American people for the Rebbe and his contributions to the educational and moral fabric of our society," said Rabbi Avraham Shemtov, National Director of American Friends of Lubavitch in Washington D.C.

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Palestinian Authority makes promise

Will take steps against terror

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Israel has reportedly obtained a Palestinian commitment to take specific steps against terror before implementing the next phase of the autonomy plan.

According to separate communiques issued by the two sides at the conclusion of Sunday's foreign ministers' meeting here, the Palestinians are responsible for "pre-empting terror, prosecuting those responsible, and denying those who plan and carry out terror or violence any safe haven."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israeli reporters Sunday night that Israel had not promised it would lift the closure of the territories in exchange for the Palestinians taking those steps.

In fact, Israel's cabinet on Sunday voted to extend the three-week-old closure. According to a recent poll, the continuing closure is supported by 80 per cent of the Israeli public.

Peres said the Israeli position toward the Palestinian Authority (PA) is, "Take care of terror and we'll take care of everything we promised. We'll judge according to the actions, not declarations. We said the expectation of these things are those that will determine the lifting of the closure."

The communiques followed seven hours of meetings between the foreign ministers of Israel, Egypt, Jordan, the United States and PA planning minister Nabil Sh'ath.

U.S. President Bill Clinton used the summit to throw his political weight behind the floundering Middle East peace process, urging officials to push ahead with their efforts.

Joined by Vice-President Al Gore, Clinton urged Israel and its peace partners not to "let people believe that they can disrupt the rational, humane, decent course of history by terror."

The one-day summit concluded with a joint communique pledging "strong commitment to honoring those agreements already concluded" and "to accelerate negotiations on all tracks."

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and national security adviser Anthony Lake also attended the sessions, as did Russian deputy foreign minister Viktor Posuvalyuk, about 50 Israeli and Arab diplomats, and several other American officials.

The summit was the latest in a series of high-level meetings among regional leaders in recent weeks to jump-start the stalled talks, particularly on the Israeli Palestinian front.

The talks came at a particularly fragile point in the peace process.

On the Israeli-Palestinian track, negotiations have stalled in the wake of terrorist attacks against Israelis.

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HANDS ACROSS A NEW BORDER

Senior Israeli and Jordanian army officers shake hands Feb. 9 at the end of a ceremony completing the return of land by Israel to Jordan under the terms of the 1994 peace treaty. *[RNS photo]*

Manning calls for prosecution of war criminals

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — In an effort to build good relations with the Jewish community and generate support for Reform Party byelection candidates, party leader Preston Manning sat down behind closed doors last week with community representatives.

Last Thursday's session came near the end of a five-day Montreal trip by Manning meant to boost Reform Party candidates running for the first time in Quebec. The Feb. 13 byelections were expected to be a bellwether of support for Quebec sovereignty.

As Reform begins organizing in Quebec, Manning told *The CJN* in an exclusive interview last Friday, it will address concerns that local associations may attract extremists, as happened in the West and in Ontario.

"We are going to be very careful not to let special interest groups take a run at the party. Eventually we find them and throw them out, but they do a lot of damage. They've got to be nipped in the bud," Manning said.

Reform hopes to run a candidate in every Quebec riding in the next federal election.

In a 25-minute interview at the Reform Party office on Rene Levesque Boulevard, Manning discussed his party's views on war criminals, multiculturalism and the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service.

He said Nazi war criminals should continue to be prosecuted in Canada but not deported, as proposed by the Liberal government. "There's no way any country can compensate for the horrific things that happened to the Jewish people, but this [prosecutions] is one way we can say 'never, never again,'" he said.

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Manning said there should be no time limit on prosecutions.

He said the "biggest tribute" Canada can pay to the memory of Jewish victims is to be "vigilant" against the perpetrators of more recent atrocities who may seek refuge here, he said. "Some think they can find safe haven here, and that's an insult to the memory of those killed during the war."

Manning is eager to set the Jewish community's mind at rest about his party's policies and his personal outlook. Last week's meeting was his first in this province. He also met privately with Jewish students at McGill Hillel.

Manning said his father Ernest, a founder of the Social Credit party in Alberta, faced the same challenge of fighting anti-Semitism within its ranks.

Those who blamed Jewish financiers for causing the Depression did infiltrate the Socreds, but Manning is proud his father "rooted them out and even fired some who were quite high up."

Fringe groups infiltrating the party are not Manning's only headache. He is still seeking a satisfactory answer on what Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS) informant Grant Bristow was doing inside Reform.

He suspects the former Conservative government deliberately attempted to discredit Reform by using a "government paid agent to create the impression of a link between Reform and the Heritage Front for political purposes."

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JOB SEARCH

In this issue we introduce the first of a monthly column on job-searching techniques by a job counsellor. Lisa Galet's first column is found on page 35.

Shas won't rejoin coalition — please see page 25

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CANADA

Teens Sentenced

WINNIPEG — Two rural Manitoba teenagers charged with spraying anti-Semitic graffiti on a synagogue on Halloween were sentenced recently to nine months probation, 75 hours of community work and attendance at a Holocaust awareness seminar.

One of the youths wrote an open letter of apology to the Jewish community that was published in the local Jewish weekly.

The teens were charged with desecrating the 40-year-old Winnipeg Beach Shul, which is used in the summer by families vacationing on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, about 70 km north of the city.

Arrests Follow Brawl

TORONTO — Two people have been charged in connection with a bloody brawl between skinheads and anti-racists at a Toronto subway station.

Adrian Kaddie is charged with attempted murder after an anti-racist activist had his throat slit.

Another man faces a variety of charges.

Two other anti-racists were stabbed in the melee.

The anti-racists have been linked to the militant group Anti-Racist Action.

Wurzweiler Rep Here

NEW YORK — A representative of Yeshiva University's renowned Wurzweiler School of Social Work here will be in Ottawa and Toronto this month and next to meet with students interested in the school's summer programs.

Anita Rotman, professor emeritus of Social Work at Wurzweiler, will be at Ottawa's Chateau Laurier Hotel on Feb. 26 and 27, and at Toronto's Park Plaza Hotel Feb. 28-March 3, and again March 8-10.

Those interested in arranging interviews, call the Chateau Laurier at 613-241-1414 or the Park Plaza at 416-924-5471.

ISRAEL

Dinitz Testifies

JERUSALEM — Former Jewish Agency chairman Simcha Dinitz last week began giving evidence in his own defence on charges he used agency credit cards for personal purposes.

Appearing in court as the first witness for the defence, Dinitz argued he was not required to report expenses, based on the status he had been granted by the Jewish Agency board of governors.

He explained that in practice, he had been given a status technically similar to that of the prime minister and that he acted like one when it came to matters of expenses while on agency business.

Edri Acquittal Appealed

JERUSALEM — Israel's Judge Advocate-General last week appealed the recent decision by a military court to acquit Lt. Oren Edri.

Edri was acquitted earlier this month on charges he trained right-wing activists in weapons, knowing they were organizing a Jewish underground.

He was convicted of taking Israel Defence Force explosives without authorization, but the conviction was termed "technical," and Edri was freed.

Last week, the prosecutor asked the military court of appeals to convict Edri on several charges, including divulging classified military information to civilians, and requested a jail term.

New Ten Shekel Coin

JERUSALEM — The Bank of Israel has announced it is issuing a new 10-shekel coin, which will gradually replace the bill of the same denomination.

The coin is a reproduction of an ancient Hebrew coin from 69 CE, one year before the destruction of the Second Temple and the fourth year of the war between the Romans and the Jews.

The new coin will lower production costs, as it will outlast the bill, a mint department official said.

The 10-shekel bill bears the likeness of the late prime minister Golda Meir.

Hesder Founder Dies

JERUSALEM — Rabbi Haim Ya'akov Goldvicht, dean of Yeshivat Kerem Beyavne for 40 years and founder of the hesder yeshivah program, died in Jerusalem last Tuesday. He was 69.

In 1954, Rabbi Goldvicht established Yeshivat Kerem Beyavne at Kibbutz Yavne, and served as its head until his death.

He also conceived and implemented the hesder yeshivah movement, in which students integrate Torah study with service in the Israel Defence Force.

There are 15 hesder yeshivot today, with another five scheduled to open next year.

WORLD

Swiss Asked for Apology

GENEVA — A Socialist member of the Swiss Federal Assembly has proposed that the government apologize for introducing in 1938 a rubber stamp bearing the letter "J" that was applied to the passports of all Jewish citizens.

Newt, Bibi Talk

WASHINGTON — Israel's deteriorating security situation will affect the U.S. Congress's readiness to authorize American troops on the Golan Heights, House Speaker Newt Gingrich told Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu here last week.

Following their meeting, Netanyahu said American willingness to deploy troops on the Golan has been weakened.

However, Gingrich "did not say whether he is for or against" stationing U.S. troops on the Golan, and "I didn't ask him to say so," Netanyahu added.

The Likud leader said he has found Congress more open to what his party has to say about the Oslo accords than during his previous visits.

Nazi Dismissal Rapped

BONN — Jewish and government leaders have criticized a recent decision by a German court to dismiss a case against two neo-Nazis who used a telephone hotline to spread Holocaust-denial propaganda.

The messages said that the murder of Jews during World War II was "an Auschwitz myth."

The court ruled the use of that term did not amount to Holocaust-denial, a punishable offense in Germany.

The prosecution said it will appeal the ruling.

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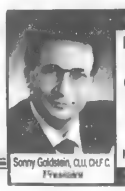
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Genetic research centre launched

Mount Sinai facility will aid in diagnosis and treatment

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Toronto has taken a giant leap into the forefront of medical research with the recent establishment of the Centre for Human Genome Research and Molecular Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital.

The centre, which is expected to open in 1996, will be part of the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute.

The $15.3 million in funding came from Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Research Institute and the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works program.

Research will focus on understanding the genetic factors and molecular bases responsible for human development.

Dr. Alan Bernstein, director of the Lunenfeld Institute, told *The CJN* the centre will aid in the diagnosis and treatment of human diseases, such as breast and prostate cancer, heart disease, diabetes, birth defects and neurodegenerative diseases.

One hundred fifty scientists, technicians and research trainees will be employed in the 15,000-sq. ft. facility on the hospital's 10th floor.

The work of the centre, Bernstein said, will complement other genetic research being carried out at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, at McGill University in Montreal, and at the University of British Columbia, where a centre for molecular medicine is soon to be built.

Scientists now know that a person's genetic makeup may predispose them to or protect them from developing certain diseases.

For example, the gene BRCA 1 has been shown to make women more susceptible to breast or ovarian cancer.

"Just one gene has opened up a whole area [of treatment and research]," Bernstein said.

"It will be possible to do a DNA test on a woman to find if the BRCA 1 gene is good or bad, and so increase her chances with monitoring and early treatment."

Researchers at the centre hope to find ways to alter genes, to design better drugs and to better understand the nature and purpose of each of the genes.

Another research goal, Bernstein said, will be to learn the relative importance of genetic makeup versus environmental factors in contracting diseases.

The centre will be part of the Human Genome Project, a worldwide cooperative effort to identify each of the 50,000 to 100,000 genes in the human body.

Bristol-Myers Squibb has been supporting the work of the Lunenfeld Institute for five years, at an annual rate of $1 million.

They have raised their contribution to $2 million per year for the next five years, in connection with the new centre.

Most of their contribution will be used to create animal models in which genes can be studied.

(The Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works program is paying for the new laboratory facilities.)

"Once a gene is isolated," Bernstein said, it will be possible to make a copy of it, and then study how it works in an animal. Eventually, we will study the epidemiology in people.

"What makes the Lunenfeld institute so unique, is that because we have both the scientists and the hospital setting, we can cover the whole spectrum of research."

Bristol-Myers Squibb will have the first rights to bid on any therapies or animal models developed by the centre.

Dr. William Scott (left), senior vice-president of Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical Research Institute, with Ontario premier Bob Rae, Dr. Alan Bernstein, federal infrastructure minister Art Eggleton and Toronto mayor Barbara Hall. [Alron photo]

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Fiery right-winger warns against Israeli civil strife

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Recent Palestinian terrorist acts against Israelis may lead to civil strife inside Israel between rightists and supporters of the present government, a leading activist has warned.

Shifra Hoffman, founder of the Jerusalem-based Victims of Arab Terror (VAT), said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his Labor-led coalition have so polarized Israeli society that "the right and the left are mobilized. I pray and hope it doesn't happen, but the terrible escalation [in terror attacks] may lead to counter-action."

The fiery Hoffman, in town for a series of speaking engagements at various Orthodox venues, mocked the Oslo peace accord, which led to the Declaration of Principles between Israel and the PLO, as a "piece-by-piece" treaty that is slowly carving up the Jewish state.

Rabin, she said, "is ready to make Israel the size of a postage stamp" in exchange for peace.

Hoffman told *The CJN* she has been to more funerals and memorials since the accord was signed in 1993 than ever before.

Shifra Hoffman

About 125 Israelis have been killed in Arab terror attacks since the pact was sealed on the White House lawn, she noted.

An unabashed supporter of the late Rabbi Meir Kahane and his now-banned far-right policies, Hoffman said it was a "chillul Hashem (desecration of G-d's name)" to award last year's Nobel Peace Prize to "a murderer" like PLO leader Yasser Arafat, and for Rabin to accept it.

"Any decent person feels outrage," she said.

She claimed that a majority of Israelis now oppose implentation of the Palestinian autonomy accords. That would contradict the findings of a recent poll, which found 41 per cent of respondents said Israel should proceed with implementation, 27 per cent said it should not and 32 per cent have adopted a wait-and-see approach.

Hoffman said she "envies Arab pride. When one of them is killed, stores are closed and there are strikes." But she finds it "absolutely disgusting" that Israeli Jews do not respond the same way when their compatriots are murdered by Palestinians.

Neither did Hoffman have kind words for Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, who "speaks in platitudes."

Hoffman came to Toronto from San Francisco, where she was arrested during a speech by Israel's ambassador to the United States, Itamar Rabinovitch. She was charged with battery and disturbing the peace, but claims she was "roughed up" and denied a chance to speak.

In 1986, the U.S.-born Hoffman established VAT, whose volunteers visit families of those killed in terrorist incidents and advocate on behalf of survivors and surviving relatives.

Providing the right answers seen essential for continuity

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Unless we tell children why to be Jewish as well as how to be Jewish, we can't expect them to stay Jewish, according to the chief executive of Jewish Continuity in Britain.

"If we haven't got answers to that," Clive Lawton said, "then we are in a seriously disabled position when it comes to talking to young people."

Lawton was in Ottawa recently to talk to parents and students about the challenge of Jewish continuity. The relaxed, denim-shirted Lawton said too often, the answer to the question "Why be Jewish?" is tied to the past. Stay Jewish for the sake of your grandparents, we tell children. Or because you are part of 5,000-year-old chain of tradition. Unfortunately, Lawton said, history does not influence children's future choices.

"If we don't get a way of talking to young Jews about how being Jewish is a necessary part of their future, then any number of appeals to the past is not going to do," Lawton said.

The key to Jewish continuity is to show children how Judaism will enrich their own children and grandchildren.

One of the strongest messages children get from us is that Judaism is for kids. Parents in the audience chuckled with recognition as Lawton compared the atmosphere of a Simchat Torah service with a birthday party.

Typically, adults shove flags into the hands of their children and then watch with amusement from the sidelines as they march around the sanctuary behind the Torah. Small children have a grand time, but by the time they are 10 years old, Lawton said, what they are thinking is this: "You just wait until I'm 12 and I can stop this."

Key is to show children how it will enrich the lives of their offspring

"These [Jewish celebrations] are supposed to be of cosmic significance and we use them as playtime to keep 4-year-olds happy," Lawton said.

Similarly, children see that Jewish education is something imposed on the powerless by adults. For instance, Lawton asked, how many adults in Ottawa studied Judaism with the same intensity and workload as their children? For most adults, Jewish education consists of taking in the occasioned lecture. The message children get is that ending Jewish study is a sign of adulthood.

Lawton's advice is that parents show children how Judaism is passed on from parent to child, so that they will know how to do it when they are parents themselves. And that involves observing at least some Jewish rituals.

"I think most Jewish parents have a gut feeling that they would like their children to find something of value in being Jewish," he said. "But then they actually have to have a strategy. They can't be satisfied with just a gut feeling."

Lawton said he appreciates that many parents will feel skeptical and uneasy observing rituals, like lighting Shabbat candles, for the first time. But he says they have nothing to lose.

"What they have to know is that it's not harmful and if they suspect that it may be beneficial at some level they don't understand, then it's worth trying. If they do that I think they'll start finding things of value ... I can't guarantee that every single Jew will be turned on by being Jewish, but I can guarantee they won't be harmed by it," Lawton says.

From coast to coast

Vancouver JCC expands as membership grows

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Membership in the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver grew by 15 per cent last year, with thousands more taking part in the centre's programs.

Executive director Gerry Zipursky, speaking at the centre's recent annual meeting, reported that membership is up to 3,000, and another 7,000 to 8,000 non-members are using its services.

Add to that the almost completed $11-million expansion, which will double the current space to 100,000 square feet, and the centre becomes "a vibrant community cultural activity" in Vancouver, said president Gary Averbach.

Construction at the Oak Street and West 41st Avenue building includes the addition of the 500-seat Norman Rothstein Theatre, the Isaac Waldman Library, a large Holocaust Education Centre, as well as complete renovation and enlargement of community organization offices such as Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, Hadassah-WIZO, Jewish National Fund Pacific region, Jewish Federation and Jewish Family Services.

The final phase of construction will begin in May to accommodate the Jack Belzberg memorial pool, a woman's health club, an adult lounge and centres for preteens, teens, seniors and day care.

The finished centre will be the largest non-profit community centre in the Lower Mainland. Provincial grants have helped to raise $7.5 million towards its cost.

"Building a community and realizing a dream doesn't come easily," Zipursky told the annual general meeting.

Skinheads, hatemongers fail to stop author's message

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — White power skinheads have stalked and harassed the author of a book probing racism and hate crimes in Canada.

Warren Kinsella, author of *Web of Hate*, said he has installed surveillance cameras outside his Ottawa home to protect his family. When he and his wife register in hotels they use assumed names. He said he frequently changes his unlisted phone number.

Just before his speech to a United Jewish Appeal meeting here, Kinsella found his mail box stuffed with child pornography.

At the meeting in the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts in North York, the author said he was sure a representative of the harassing groups was in the audience of 150, taking notes.

"You won't scare us out of our home," he said. " You won't make us leave town."

Young people are the target of today's racists, said Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress at the meeting sponsored by UJA's Young Professionals Network.

Hatemongers feed on the insecurity of young people in today's economy, Farber said. "Though there was a time when black and Jewish communities walked as one, in some circles the Jew is a scapegoat for the ills of black America. Young, black, educated Americans are being manipulated and sucked into this rhetoric."

CJC's Bernie Farber (centre) is flanked by fellow guest speaker Warren Kinsella and moderator Jane Hawtin of CFRB.

However, the CJC official said, the black and Jewish communities must maintain dialogue and continue to build bridges.

Neo-Nazi and white power groups are "better organized, more articulate and more numerous than even a decade ago," Kinsella said, adding that Canadians are mistaken in believing the far right is just a "few old rednecks with few organizational skills."

He said Canada's racist groups are waiting and watching and growing stronger. "'Never underestimate the ability of Canada's neo-Nazis and hate group leaders," he warned. "They have seduced hundreds of adolescents into their ideology. School yards from primary to secondary are the first battleground, and the Heritage Front has elevated recruitment of young people into an art form. "

CFRB talk show host Jane Hawtin moderated the program, which was chaired by Dr. Norm Epstein.

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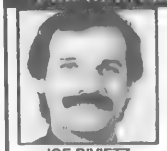

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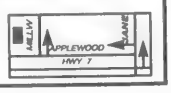

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Hate crimes in Toronto rise 61 per cent in '94

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There were 249 hate crimes in Metro Toronto in 1994, an increase of 61 per cent over the previous year, the head of the police hate crime unit, told the Ontario region Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) executive Feb. 9.

The highest number of offences were committed against blacks with Jewish people the second highest among victims, Det.Sgt. Wayne Cotgreave said.

However, Cotgreave asked the executive "not to be alarmed" because his unit has "better control" of the situation and police chief designate David Boothby wants closer relations with minority communities.

"We've had good relations with the police, though we did experience a bump recently," said executive chair Gerda Frieberg in introducing Cotgreave. "But even if we've had our differences we've been able to work them out and the unit's formation is a good omen."

In turn, Cotgreave, said: "I hope our good relations will continue."

Providing only a few of the details which the unit will report fully to the Police Services Board Mar. 2, Cotgreave said more than 60 per cent of hate crimes in 1994 were perpetrated by people under 25 and the highest percentage of these were under 17.

He agreed with Bernie Farber, CJC community relations director, that the tensions between anti-racism youth and neo-Nazis is a situation of serious concern, evidenced by a clash between the two groups at a Kennedy Road subway station recently.

"There is an attempt to stockpile weapons and innocent people may end up getting hurt," Farber said.

"There are hooligans on either side," said Cotgreave. "The anti-racist youth on the whole are a sincere group though unfortunately there is a small element that is quite active and has a potential for violence."

The crime unit head said a "racist rock producer" had recently moved from Toronto to Detroit "and is now putting out rock music in the United States which is horrifying to say the least."

Hate literature being distributed on Internet and other electronic bulletin boards is a real challenge for the unit, Cotgreave said, because Canadian law appears unclear. A task force is needed to investigate hate literature through networking, he said. In the meantime, a group of 20 police forces in the Golden Horseshoe area are exchanging information on how best to prosecute offences.

The unit head and fellow officers Det. Const. Dave Malcolm and Det. Steve Irwin described its workings and encouraged complainants to come forward. In particular, Cotgreave urged anyone who knows about stockpiling of weapons to inform the police "to save trouble down the road."

Malcolm applauded the existence of 19 STAR (Students Against Racism) groups in Toronto schools and mentioned a particularly active one in Downsview Secondary School. "It's amazing what they can do," Malcolm said. "When kids get together without involving adults it usuallly works out."

Frieberg suggested that all police be taken on a tour of the Holocaust Remembrance Museum in Toronto "so they can see the end result of what starts in the school yard with name calling."

Jewish pavilion threatened by lack of volunteers

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Jewish participation in a popular multicultural festival here is being threatened by a lack of volunteers.

Folkorama, one of North America's premier multicultural festivals, may open in August without the usual Israel Pavilion-Shalom Square at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre.

The Jewish community has been part of the festival for 25 years. But the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, which funds the pavilion, says a lack of volunteers is now threatening its existence.

Council president Don Aronovitch said the pavilion usually loses money, but "the community is willing to pick up the losses [which are] reasonable considering the tremendous public relations value Shalom Square has both for our internal Jewish community and for the wider community.

"However, we can't operate without volunteers."

Over 50 cultures are represented at Folkorama.

Longtime Shalom Square performer Jerry Maslowsky said fellow volunteers have become tired. "I overheard some people last year talking about stopping," he said. "It's a very demanding job even for just one intense week."

An organizing meeting in January attracted only a handful of volunteers. Organizers have sent an open letter to the community asking for help. "Many organizations have difficulty getting people out," Aronovitch said. "Ultimately, people vote with their time."

David Cohen, a four-time Shalom Square mayor, said he is upset at the prospect of Folkorama without an Israel Pavilion.

"Shalom Square has been a great showcase for the Jewish community," he said. "It is one pavilion other people look up to. It would be a mistake if the community doesn't do something to keep it open."

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Dr. Adolph Asher Appell

Surgeon broke medical barriers

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Dr. Adolph Asher Appell, a surgeon who broke medical and religious barriers in the city, died Feb. 5 of cancer. He was 89.

Appell, the son of a fur dealer from Lindsay, Ont., was one of the first Jewish doctors to intern at the Toronto General Hospital, following his graduation from the University of Toronto Medical School in 1929.

He was also one of the first Toronto doctors to surgically treat Crohn's disease and, with Dr. Vera Peters, was an early proponent of lumpectomies for breast cancer.

At a time when Jewish doctors were not granted admitting and operating room privileges in city hospitals, Appell was a rarity.

His 1929 appointment to the Toronto General Hospital came six years after Mount Sinai Hospital was founded by Jewish doctors shut out of the larger medical establishment.

Jewish doctors were unwelcome in Montreal as well. When Dr. I. Rabinovitch was accepted as an intern by Notre Dame Hospital in 1934, fellow trainees went on strike in protest.

Despite offers from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he finished his training, and the Wellesley Hospital, Appell joined the surgical staff of Mount Sinai Hospital in 1934 and practised there until retiring in 1970. He continued a consulting practise until he was 87.

"He was a very, very caring and good person," said Mount Sinai surgeon Dr. Irving Koven, who trained under Appell in the '60s. "He practised medicine to the best of his knowledge and gave patients the best medical treatment that he could."

Niece Helen Hirschorn remembers her uncle as a modest man and a pioneering surgeon who saved her life in 1944 with his understanding of inflammatory bowel disease.

Hirschorn, then 17, was in a summer camp infirmary with what was thought to be a flu bug when Appell cut short a fishing trip to check in on her. Her flu turned out to be fulminating ulcerative colitis, and she was rushed to New York City for treatment. Appell performed a final operation in Toronto.

When Hirschorn once asked him why he was so popular with patients, Appell told her that "operating is a lot like being a good cook: you can give your recipe to someone else, but it never turns out the same way."

Appell leaves his wife of 56 years, Eve, daughter Linda Gold and two grandchildren.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer Fred M. Catzman has been researching their origins over the past few years. Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

MAKAGON

Murray Tonken, of Mississauga's Makagon Industries Ltd., enquires about the name Makagon as a surname. It sounded like the name of a Scottish clan, but it is actually a Ukrainian word spelled Makogon. It means a pestle for pounding poppy. I wonder whether it is a pharmaceutical device.

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A symbol of unity

Romeo LeBlanc's first day as governor general was auspicious. He spoke to Canadians from the heart, eloquently, poignantly relying on rich, memory-laden language to convey a powerful message of national unity.

"I believe that we still learn as much from our differences as we do from our similarities. When we only talk among ourselves, all we get back are echoes. But when we talk with others of a different mind, we are made to think. And it is in thinking that we learn and in learning that we grow."

LeBlanc is Canada's 25th governor general since Confederation, only the eighth Canadian to hold the post and the first ever Acadian to become the head of state.

The position itself of course is not without controversy. Many Canadians feel that it is now anachronistic. But the debate about the position's relevance is not one which we join at this time.

The prime minister speaks for the political majority; but the governor general represents the whole country. The position is thus entirely symbolic. One scholar has described it as "a subtle presence above divisions and differences, affirming community, an acceptance of inherited loyalties and permanent ideals."

The Jewish people understand very well that symbols, through time, like an invisible thread weaving a national fabric, can fasten a nation and bind a collective consciousness.

It is appropriate therefore as LeBlanc picks up the potentially powerfully symbol on the eve of the second "referendum", that we wish for him the hopes expressed in a traditional Jewish prayer: that he help to administer the affairs of state in justice and equity, that happiness and prosperity, right and freedom forever abide among us, and that he help to unite all the people of this country whatever their origin and creed.

Out of their experiences, human beings fashion symbols. Perhaps one day, out of our symbols, Canadians will be able to fashion the experience of a truly united nation.

A threat to many

Finding agreement with the Palestinians on the basis of the Oslo accords is difficult enough for Israel. But the intrusion of fanatic terror by Islamic fundamentalists complicates the process immeasurably.

In this week's *Perspectives*, Prof. David Newman of Ben-Gurion University captures dramatically the dilemma facing the government of Israel in its attempt to conclude an agreement with the Palestinians. He compares the current situation tactically to the one which the leaders of the Yishuv faced more than 50 years ago. He believes Israel must press two simultaneous campaigns: negotiations with the Palestinian leadership and war against the fundamentalists.

Newman contends that "Israel must fight, and fight hard, against the fundamentalist threat if it is ever to achieve peace."

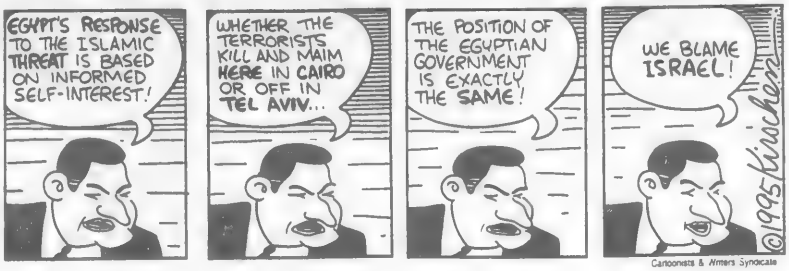
That Israel can fight, and fight hard, has been amply demonstrated by history. That Israel may have to fight the fundamentalists alone, has also been amply demonstrated by history. This though, would be unfortunate and ironic. For Israel alone is not threatened.

If further evidence of this proposition were needed, we saw more of it on the weekend. The media airwaves were filled with the sights and sounds of the frenzied masses in Tehran "celebrating" the 16th anniversary of the Shah's downfall. They were being exhorted by the ghoulish incantations of their leaders to hate and to kill "America" and "Israel", i.e., the embodiments of liberal, democratic, western civilization and of Judaism, respectively.

It is widely known that Tehran is the main supporter, funder, organizer, and trainer of fundamentalist Islamic terror throughout the world, whether it strikes in Beit Lid, New York or Algiers. Its targets are Israel, the "decadent" West, as well as the secular Arab regimes.

In our view, therefore, it is absolutely short-sighted, blind. folly for western governments to attempt to mollify the terrorists or the governments that sustain them. Rather, as we have written before, western governments should join in the effort to root out the terrorists and to isolate their sponsors.

Dry Bones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Hardships in raising disabled son

I am responding to the recent article in *The CJN* of Feb. 2 by Leila Speisman. I am the parent of a disabled child. My son, Eli, is now 20. He is studying journalism at Ryerson Polytechnic University.

Eli was diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy at age one. Eli is leaving Bloorview Childrens Hospital next month, where he has resided for the past 13 years, to live in his own apartment, where attendant care will be provided.

We have come a long way with modern technology and accessible buildings, but government budget cuts have placed more burdens on the caregivers of the physically challenged. Chronic care institutions are no longer an option to the family. We live in the age of managed care.

In the late '70s when I searched for a Jewish school for Eli, I was told they could not accommodate students with Eli's physical needs. Eli subsequently attended Sunnyview Public School. He had tutors over the years to provide some basic Jewish education.

I have not received any assistance from the Jewish community, despite the many challenges I have faced over the years. Eli has received tremendous support in his current environment.

When Eli was at home we had no support from the Jewish community. Day-to-day living was very stressful. We were involved with organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the Easter Seals Society who had services for the disabled. No synagogue offered visits or support. You just struggled as best you could.

The day came when I had to admit Eli to Bloorview for respite care. Subsequently, he was admitted on a long-term basis.

In all the years Eli has resided in Bloorview, the synagogue visiting committees have found no time or need to visit him, even when he was acutely ill. It was the chaplain at Bloorview who was available.

In closing, I would like to add that I am encouraged to learn the rabbis of the Vaad Harabonim of Greater Toronto and the Toronto Board of Rabbis have said they will support those parents with disabled children in the community.

Mena Shupak
Toronto

Vigilance needed on euthanasia

In his article on passive euthanasia (*CJN*, Feb. 2), Rabbi Mark Dratch concludes that in certain cases passive euthanasia "may be compatible with Torah values."

While these values are based on the highest ethical principles, much of current medical practice is founded on the goal of providing cost-effective treatment and does not concern itself particularly with moral content. More than ever before, vigilence is required to ensure that decisions taken on behalf of the afflicted reflect halachic guidelines and not those of other forces.

Roberta Sinyor
Toronto

Artist's Jewishness influenced his work

It was a pleasure to see the "King of Comics" get some recognition in Sheldon Kirshner's Jewish World column (*CJN*, Feb. 2), but unfortunately you got his name wrong. The name he used throughout most of his life was Jack Kirby, not Joe Kirby. The confusion probably came about because he worked through most of the 1940s and 1950s with a partner named Joe Simon.

Kirby's Jewishness occasionally influenced his work. The romance *Different*, which he and Simon wrote and drew back in 1950, dealt with anti-Semitism in a small American town, although the word itself is never mentioned. In it, a family are welcomed by the townspeople only to be shunned after the grandparents come to visit and their Jewish roots are made known. The story was apparently a personal favorite of Kirby's, and just as Kirby changed his name from Jacob Kurtzberg to Jack Kirby, the father of the story's heroine had changed his from Jacoby Wilheim to Jack Williams.

Like so many others early comic book artist and writers, Kirby grew up in the Jewish tenements of lower East Side New York in the '20s and '30s. That atmosphere colored his work, giving a gritty quality even to science fiction dystopias set on other planets. One of his last published works was a story set in the New York tenenments of that era. It seemed to be part of a much larger semi-autobiographical work, but, if it was, the rest still hasn't seen print.

Joseph Kary
Toronto

Anti-terrorism lacks Entebbe spirit

Prof. Ehud Sprinzak makes several factual errors in his comments regarding terror bombings (*CJN*, Jan. 26), not the least of which is that he counts only the murdered as victims. He should have also included the several hundred injured in these terror attacks since the Oslo Accord, many of whom lost limbs, eyes, or were left with other grave and permanent injuries.

To these numbers, one should also add the 100 dead and 200 injured in the terror bombings of the Jewish centre in Buenos Aires. They too were victims of the "peace process." At no other time did any government of Israel leave such a heinious crime against Jews anywhere go unanswered. Only the present government, so as not to rock the boat for their "peace partner" Yasser Arafat, would let the perpetrators off without punishment.

It is hard to accept that a country which in the past was able to mount an operation thousands of miles from its borders to rescue its people from Entebbe, finds itself now paralyzed in fighting terror in its own backyard.

Sprinzak is asking Israelis to accept violent death as a normal component of their daily lives. To what end? So that their government can continue its failed experiment?

The sacrifices he is asking for might be understandable, although reluctantly, in times of war.

But as the price of peace?

Joseph Winter
Toronto

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Perspectives

The dilemma of waging peace

The following are excerpted remarks delivered by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin Jan. 23 on Israel Television after the terrorist bombings at Beit Lid.

Citizens of Israel, soldiers and commanders of the IDF, members of the Security Services:

Those who were severely injured yesterday were wounded by a new form of terrorism used by our Palestinian Islamic extremist enemies. We have experienced this type of terrorism in Israel only in the past two years. Previously, we experienced it with Hezbollah in Lebanon.

This is a type of terrorism used by lunatic people who are prepared to strap explosives to their bodies, or place them in their cars, in order to kill Israelis, and in order to eliminate the chance for peace in the most complex conflict which has existed between us and the Arab world — the conflict between us and the Palestinians.

This photo taken in Cairo last May illustrates the difficulties of finding agreement.

We must contend with these hate-filled lunatics, and I am convinced that just as we foiled some of their attacks, we will fight them with all of our might, and I am certain that over time we will find the solution for them as well.

They have chosen to attack us inside sovereign Israel. They have chosen to attack us in places where they still have freedom of movement. This obligates all of us to be alert, to be careful, to warn of anything suspicious. There is no choice. The reality today is that everyone is the army and the entire country is on the front line, until we overcome them.

To our enemies we say: as in the past, we will continue to fight you, both now and in the future. We will continue building our homes and our families here. We will continue our search for peace and at the same time we will pursue you and hit you hard. No border will stand in our way. And we will eliminate you. We will overcome you. No enemy will defeat us.

I know that many are asking: have you brought us peace, or terror? The road to peace is not easy. About 17 years ago peace was made for the first time between an Arab country and Israel, due to efforts by then prime minister Menachem Begin, who had the courage to make a painful decision and pay a painful price for peace.

Today, we are continuing on the path of peace. We want to solve the painful problem between us and the Palestinians, the 100-year-old conflict. We achieved peace with Jordan, a full and contractual peace, and we will continue our efforts to reach peace. There is no other alternative. We will achieve peace, for this is the long-term solution to terrorism as well, even if it is difficult now.

I am convinced the path the government has taken is the path which will lead to the end of control over another people. The Palestinians in the territories are an entity different from us — religiously, politically, nationally.

This path must lead to a separation, though not according to the pre-1967 borders. Jerusalem will remain united forever. The security border of the State of Israel will be situated on the Jordan River. We want to reach a separation between us and them. We do not want a majority of the Jewish residents of the State of Israel, 98 per cent of whom live within the borders of sovereign Israel, including united Jerusalem, to be subject to terrorism.

We must break this cycle of hatred. We must break it so that we, as mothers, fathers — and I as a grandfather — will not have to undergo the pain of eulogizing our good, fine children. I am convinced that, despite all of the pain and difficulty, the people of Israel have known how to overcome even greater difficulties than those which we have experienced today. The residents of the State of Israel have known how to withstand wars and terrorism, and have always known how to dream about peace and to contend with enemies, while at the same time building a wonderful country — one with 4.4 million Jews, and with a total of 5.3 million citizens.

We will continue the struggle to achieve peace, to build the country and to fight the enemies of Israel and the enemies of peace. We will not yield to moments of weakness. The Jewish people's special ability, throughout all of its history — the ability of the State of Israel to overcome the wars in which thousands of its sons fell — is the ability within us which makes us special, and we will achieve our goal.

Fellow citizens of Israel ... we are a strong country, we have a tremendous army, we have a great ability to achieve all of our goals if we will define them as peace, security, building and development. There are difficult moments and we have to overcome them. We must find the denominator common to us all, and thus achieve the dream of generations of Jews in the 2,000 years of exile. We will fulfill the Jewish belief in the return to Zion, in building a strong country in which we will live in peace and security.

By DAVID NEWMAN

At the outset of World War II, the Yishuv in Palestine was faced with a tactical problem.

On the one hand, the Jewish leadership wanted to continue its struggle for a Jewish homeland despite the discriminatory British White Paper which had limited Jewish immigration. At the same time, Britain was an ally in the fight against Nazi Germany which, given the gravity of the situation, was a more immediate problem facing world Jewry.

It was at this critical stage in Jewish history that David Ben-Gurion made his famous comment to the effect that "we will fight the British White Paper as though there were no Nazi Germany, and we will fight the German threat as though there were no White Paper."

The tactical problem facing Israel today is similar in many ways. On the one hand, the Israeli government has courageously gone ahead with implementing a process designed to bring about greater political stability between Israel and her neighbors. At the same time, we have been witness to some of the most ferocious terrorist outrages which Israel has known during 45 years of conflict.

The arguments for and against the contribution of the peace process place the Israeli government in a delicate situation. Those of us who have always supported the peace process will argue that this senseless terrorism and violence is further proof that a solution has to be reached. For those opposed to the process, the recent terror is proof there never can be peace with the Palestinians and that the only solution is to withdraw from the peace process altogether.

Clearly the government, while desiring to forge ahead with the process, cannot ignore the heartfelt cries and genuine grief of the majority of the Israeli populace who question the validity of a peace process which has not brought about any significant improvement in their personal security.

For a public which still has to be won over to the idea of negotiating with past enemies, there have to be tangible benefits in return for concessions, especially a cessation of open hostility and violence, as a prerequisite to further advancement along the road to a final territorial settlement.

The fact that the Islamic fundamentalist groups emerged long before the Oslo Accords and that they would carry out their murderous suicide bombings within Israel regardless of whether or not there is a peace process is largely irrelevant to the populist argument. What, they rightly ask, is the point of continuing with the negotiations if the violence and the terror do not cease?

Despite Israeli attempts to force Yasser Arafat into action, the government has so far been unsuccessful in its fight against the growing fundamentalist threat. There is no question about it — from an Israeli perspective, Arafat has so far proved to be a great failure. Arafat's position as leader is probably in greater danger than at any other time during the past three decades.

The threats to his leadership place Arafat in jeopardy. Had he been able to make the transition to a smoother, more efficient form of administration, one which was less dictatorial and which involved greater participation, then maybe he would have been able to exercise greater control.

Why, many ask, if Arafat is unable to control his own turf should we continue to deal with him? At least, if we are going to negotiate, let us deal with someone who can deliver the goods. If he is unable to control his own people, then maybe we should cease negotiations altogether or wait for another, stronger, leader to emerge. Whether the alternative leadership comes from amongst the ranks of the PLO, from the more extreme fundamentalist groups, or from amongst the more moderate Palestinian intellectuals is not the issue. For Israel, the issue at hand concerns the ability of the leader to exercise control and to deliver the goods which have been promised as part of the agreement on limited autonomy and Palestinian empowerment.

Making peace does not mean we have to take a soft-handed approach if our security and safety continue to be threatened. If Arafat is unable, or unwilling, to deal with the Islamic fundamentalist threat, then it is for Israel to take up the challenge. By doing so, we can serve warning that despite our desire to achieve an agreement, this will not be at the price of our security.

Even the pro-peace government of Rabin, Peres and Weizmann, who between them have done more for Israel's security and military deterrent over the past 40 years than any other combination of living Israeli leaders or generals, will not be prepared to sit and wait for Arafat to take action. They will act to rid the region of the fundamentalist cancer, one which does not recognize the basic values of human life or personal dignity.

Move towards physical separation

But this does not mean the peace process should stop. While fighting the fundamentalists, we must make even greater efforts to move towards a final territorial agreement. The current situation of interim autonomy leads us nowhere. There are only two ways from here — either backwards to pre-Oslo, or forward to separate territories.

We should go ahead with the difficult task of delivering territories which best accomodate the geo-ethnic realities of both Palestinians and Israeli settlers. Borders which take account of Israel's strategic interests and control of valuable water resources must be negotiated. We must move towards the idea of physical separation between two peoples who are unable, and unwilling, to live together. If we once thought of future boundaries open to the movement of people and goods, then we should reassess those objectives. If fundamentalist terrorism continues, we should create a situation in which they remain on their side of a well-fortified boundary, with little chance of infiltrating into Israel. There will be no mutual economic benefits of cooperation as long as open transit brings terror and violence with it.

I never understood the meaning of the slogan "to fight for peace." It had always appeared a contradiction in terms. If one desires peace, one does not need to fight. If one fights, then it clearly cannot be to achieve peace. But in light of recent events, the meaning has taken on a new clarity. Israel must fight, and fight hard, against the fundamentalist threat if it is ever to achieve peace. To paraphrase Ben-Gurion, we must continue the peace process as if there were no Islamic fundamentalist terrorists, while we must fight the terrorists as if there were no peace process. Only by a concerted effort simultaneously on both fronts can we move towards an era of greater stability and security.

Dr. David Newman, a political geographer from Ben-Gurion University in Israel, is visiting professor of political science at York University.

Opinions

Some desultory thoughts

Three quite unrelated items help to paint a corner of today's historical canvas.

On Worship: The bulletin of a San Francisco congregation has an announcement by its rabbi, which reads as follows.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Clergyman quits sports — Why a local clergyman stopped attending athletic events.

• Everytime I went, they asked me for money.

• People with whom I had to sit didn't seem very friendly.

• The seats were too hard and not at all comfortable.

• I went to many games but the coach never came to call on me.

• The referee made a decision with which I could not agree.

• I suspected that I was sitting with some hypocrites. They came to see their friends and what others were wearing rather than to see the game.

• Some games went into overtime, and I was late in getting home.

• The band played some numbers that I'd never heard before.

• It seems that the games are scheduled when I want to do other things.

• I was taken to too many games by my parents when I was growing up.

Wiedergutmachung. The word means "making good again" and describes the effort Germany has made to compensate its victims of Nazi days. Usually it means reparation in kind or money; at other times it contains an invitation to people born in a particular city to revisit the old homestead and share a few days with other refugees they have not seen in half a century.

Since 1945 the incidence of wars has increased

A Toronto correspondent now tells me he has received a letter from the premier of Brandenburg province in Germany, headquartered in Potsdam, which contained a personal invitation to attend the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camp in Sachsenhausen. The observance will take place at the old camp site on April 23.

My correspondent writes me that he accepted the invitation "in the name of all those whom I saw being killed and all those who never came back except in cardboard boxes containing their ashes."

And finally, war. Speaking of Germany, there exists in that country an organization entitled Working Group for Investigating the Causes of War, which is active at the University of Hamburg. It's latest statistics reveal the following:

Since the end of World War II in 1945, the incidence of wars has increased steadily to altogether 187 wars. The past year, 1994, ended as it began, with a new war, making it 41 for the year. The largest number occurred in Africa with 12; Asia with nine; Near and Middle East, seven; Latin America, six; Europe, three; and others four. The organization estimates that these wars have caused the death of 6½ million people.

What this statistic does, among other things, is to discredit the opinion so many people hold: that ancient days were less civilized than ours. We may even come to the uncomfortable conclusion that it is precisely the other way around.

This IDF helps out dolphins in Israel

The achievements of the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) are known far and wide, but the IDF we speak of here is a completely different agency, associated with the activity of dolphins in a new and unsuspected role. This is to tell you about the IDF, Israeli Dolphins' Friends.

By Carl Alpert

We call attention to the fact that dolphins are no strangers to this country. They apparently inhabited the waters off our coast at least in Roman times. There are pictures of dolphins on the mosaic flooring in a tomb at Beit Shean, and in a building uncovered during the recent explorations in Zippori.

A research project carried out for the past year and a half by a team operating out of the Recanati Centre for Maritime Studies at the University of Haifa, reports sightings of more than 800 dolphins during that period, though the figure may be less because of repetitive reports. The dolphins are gregarious creatures and travel in groups, known as pods.

But what role do they play in "defence" of our coastal waters? Since the creation of the state, about 50 dolphins have been washed up on our shores, dead or dying — 20 of these in the last two years. Careful study of the dead dolphins established they were in poor physical condition, suffering from pollution or bacterial or viral factors in the water. Because of their delicate systems, dolphins are the very first to suffer from harmful elements in the water. It is their role as early ecological indicators of pollution that makes them guardians of our shores, and local scientists are taking seriously the warning inherent in the increasing dolphin fatalities.

ISRAELI DOLPHINS' FRIENDS

Oz Goffman, a student, who is preparing his Master's thesis on the subject of the dolphins, has become so enamored of his subject that he appears to be devoting his life to them. With the active encouragement of Prof. Ehud Spanier, of the university's Centre for Maritime Studies, public interest is also being mobilized.

The new organization is known as Israeli Dolphins' Friends. Volunteers are on call to render immediate service when reports come in of injured dolphins stranded on the shore. Immediate treatment, medication and care may often save the creature's life and enable it to rejoin its pod out at sea. The real need is for construction of a convalescent pool, where the ailing dolphins may be kept for some time, until fully recovered, when they can then be sent back to their families. But with so many human social and economic needs, who has time or money for sick dolphins?

The team at the University of Haifa is operating without a budget and without space, but is driven by a spirit of determination and love of the playful creatures. Perhaps there are lovers of dolphins elsewhere, who might wish to make common cause with them.

The importance of having babies

There are millions of reasons to add a baby to your family, now that you're getting too much sleep.

Babies fill your arms and your heart and your nights and their diapers. Babies perpetuate the Jewish people and the makers of disposable diapers, the powder, bottles, the formula concocters and the manufacturers of tiny bibs with snaps that pop through the terry cloth the first time they're used.

By [illegible] Meyer [illegible]

Babies are good alarm clocks, imprecise, but useful. They are attuned to an internal clock that rings with hunger, with damp, with cold and with an unerring sense of just when Mom has her hands full, her doorbell ringing, her boss on the phone and her red shirt in the wash load of white napkins and tablecloths.

Babies are cause for celebration, be it a baby naming or a brit milah, an occasion, as Miss Manners points out, where everyone has a good time except the guest of honor.

Babies are a reason for wrapping paper with pastel teddy bears on it, for balloons that proclaim, "It's a Girl!," for bubblegum cigars with wrappers reading "It's a Boy!"

Babies are the reason big sisters get bunk beds, older brothers share dresser drawers and the "designated guest room" suddenly overflows with diaper cases, wind-up swings, fold-up strollers and portable players.

For tiny people who can't go anywhere or do anything, babies generate an astonishing amount of debris. One minute, a home is tidy and neat; the next minute, there are booties on the bureau, a car seat in the foyer, milk bottles in the bedroom, mounds of wipes and creams and cotton swabs on the dining table, and a veritable library of pamphlets, folders, coupons and manuals every where you turn.

Most major computer systems come equipped with fewer documents than a baby home from the hospital: promotional copies of a dozen magazines, coupons for unheard of unguents and creams, and forms that presage a life of bureaucratic paperwork.

They confirm the miracle of creation

Babies are the mainstay of an entire branch of book and magazine publishing, which issues a steady flow of documents designed to tell a mother what to do in the event of red spots or hiccups or fever, but unfindable at the exact moment the baby is actually, hicupping, or heating up.

Books on baby naming (Griselda? Xerxes?) say every name has a meaning, although most names mean "Mom's Uncle in Ottawa."

Books on baby feeding say to start solids at four months, or five months, or six months, and to begin with cereal or banana or a pizza with anchovies and green pepper. These books do not agree with each other; if they did, we could somehow get by with fewer of them.

Books exist on teaching your baby to read, on teaching your baby to exercise and on toilet training your baby by the time he's a year old. Those books miss a valuable point: the unique thing about babies is their babyhood. We know they have unlimited potential, but they have a limited amount of time to simply wave their hands in the air, play tag with their toes, smile gaseously, chirp in a deliciously meaningful argot of their own, pull their grandma's hair, clutch their grandpa's fingers and absorb the noisy, colorful, fragrant, textured world around them.

Babies serve a lot of useful purposes. They teach their siblings how to help, how to be self-sufficient and how to grow up. They teach their parents that nothing else is as important as a squirmy, helpless, cockeyed, slightly drooling ticket to the future ... nothing matters as much as the toddler, the kid, the teen, the parent, that the baby becomes.

Babies confirm the miracle of creation by repeating it. Babies are joy and mess and delight and work and happiness and responsibility, all in one demanding, comic, scary, fabulous package.

Babies do so many wonderful things that every family should have one. Or at least one more. That's the conclusion we reached five years ago, when today's birthday boy was born.

He turned out to be our last baby, the third, the boy, the leprechan, the charmer, the adventurer, the little guy.

My editor is incorrect in teasing that we added this particular baby to our brood just to provide me with a permanent source of column fodder. That is, he's incorrect in general ... but he's right today.

Features

Or Yehuda's transformation

Sheldon Kirshner recently visited an Israeli town which has been transformed with the assistance of Canadian Jews.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

"Once, people were ashamed to admit they were from Or Yehuda," recalls Rina Sofer, the local librarian.

"Now there's pride," she adds. "Physically, the town has changed completely. It looked like a slum. You felt you were in the Third World. You saw sick-looking people in the street."

Or Yehuda, 15 kilometres southeast of Tel Aviv and on the flight path of planes heading toward Ben-Gurion Airport, has undergone a startling metamorphosis in the past 15 years.

Indeed, it is an excellent example of urban renewal in Israel, a town to be emulated.

Or Yehuda, a pleasant municipality with a population of 25,000, was rescued from abject neglect, self-pity and apathy by Project Renewal, an ambitious social engineering plan conceived by the then prime minister, Menachem Begin.

Begin, a Polish Jew, won the 1977 election largely because of disaffected Sephardi Jews in stunted development towns like Or Yehuda. They helped the Likud vault to power. They were angry and bitter voters who felt left behind in Israel's scramble to affluence.

In line with Zionist ideology, they had been ingathered, but never really properly absorbed into the Jewish state.

The overall objective of Project Renewal — a partnership between the Israeli government, the Jewish Agency and a specific community in the Diaspora — was to improve the quality of life and to provide better access to the benefits of the welfare state for more than half a million Israelis. These broad goals would be met by improving dilapidated neighborhoods and by providing much needed social and educational programs.

Although Project Renewal's success was dependent on overseas funds, citizen participation was essential. Ultimately, the residents themselves had to take responsibility for their neighborhoods.

Once described as a "social jungle" by a criminologist, Or Yehuda was certainly a test case for Project Renewal's effectiveness.

By the late 1970s, Or Yehuda, which began as a transit camp and a ma'abarot (shantytown) for new immigrants, was an ugly, depressing, underdeveloped place, seemingly light years away from the dazzle and glitz of modern Tel Aviv.

"The socio-economic situation here was bad," says David Mutzafi, Or Yehuda's director of education.

Much to its fortune, the town was "adopted" by the Ontario and Atlantic regions of the United Israel Appeal (UIA), which worked closely with the administrators of Project Renewal.

In all, Canadian Jewry was linked up with 11 Project Renewal rehabilitation schemes throughout Israel: Toronto with Beit Dagon, Rehovot, Eilat and the Eilot district in the Arava; Montreal with Beersheva and Yerucham; Winnipeg with Gan Yavneh; Calgary with Maskeret Batya; Ottawa with Netanya; and Vancouver with Kfar Yona.

By all accounts, the guiding hand behind Or Yehuda's transformation was a retired Toronto furniture manufacturer named Lou Sklar, who was convinced that it could be turned around. For his efforts, he won the 1986 Kaplan Prize, Israel's premier honor recognizing achievements in economic innovation, productivity and social service.

Yet simple goodwill was not enough. It had to be matched with hard, cold cash. And this is where UIA comes in. Since the late 1970s, UIA has channelled about $8 million into Or Yehuda.

Librarian Rina Sofer.

And the results are impressive.

The single most important Canadian project, the Or Yehuda-Canada Cultural Centre, was finished in 1991. "It's the beating heart of Or Yehuda, the real focal point of our community," says its director, Shimon Hazout.

Originally, the centre consisted of one small building with pitifully few facilities. UIA invested $3 million and the centre was greatly expanded.

Its showpiece is a 470-seat theatre, with an overbooked subscription concert series that attracts music lovers from around the region. The auditorium is dedicated in memory of Lynda Pearl-Cartu of St. Catharines, Ontario. A mural in front of the theatre, designed by Gad Ullman, charts Or Yehuda's progress as a town on the move.

Or Yehuda's cultural centre. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

The library, an integral component of the centre, is another indicator of the remarkable strides Or Yehuda has made since Project Renewal came on line.

When Sofer, the librarian, arrived here from Paris 20 years ago, townspeople were anything but well read. "We had about 2,000 books and about 100 regulars who borrowed books from the library. People were afraid to come here. We were too sophisticated for them."

Today, the library, with an immensely expanded collection, is in high demand. "Now we buy the best literature, and we have readers for it."

The heightened interest in reading is a function of the upgrading of Or Yehuda's education system. Until the late 1960s, there was not even a high school in Or Yehuda. Now there are two high schools. Not too long ago, most youngsters did not complete their matriculation exams. Now upwards of 80 percent finish high school.

Or Yehuda was also plagued by substandard housing. The majority of residents lived in hastily constructed, rat-infested rental flats, in tiny shacks built of sheet metal and asbestos, and in old Arab dwellings (Palestinian Arabs resided here until the 1948 War of Independence).

Thanks to Project Renewal, cramped apartments were renovated, somehow enlarged and sold to the occupants. (By then, the shacks and the deteriorating Arab dwellings had been demolished.)

Not surprisingly, Or Yehuda was entirely lacking in green spaces. But now, due to Project Renewal, five parks and neighborhood gardens grace the town.

Canadians also funded construction of two home environment centres for children from deprived families. In many cases, their parents are drug addicts and/or mentally disturbed, according to Nurit Aharonson, a truant officer who works at one of the centres. As a result, their offspring tend to suffer from emotional problems.

Usually, the kids, aged 5 to 10, spend five hours a day here. They are helped with their homework and served lunch (their hot meal of the day). And if they wish, they can take a shower.

(When Project Renewal was still a twinkle in Begin's eyes, UIA built a kindergarten in Or Yehuda, funded by Saul and Nettye Podnick of Owen Sound, Ontario. This school, and the day cares which have sprung up here since, have enabled young mothers to join the work force and bolster family incomes.)

Canadian funds are also giving Or Yehuda a spacious sports centre, which is expected to be finished soon. UIA is contributing $900,000 to the project, according to Victor Yagoda, a UIA official based in Israel.

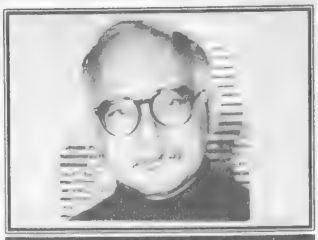
Due to the town's new positive image, a middle-class subdivision is rising on its outer edges. To Sofer, it is a good omen. "Many educated people left Or Yehuda in the early days," she explains. "Now they're coming back, helping to create a middle class."

Despite all its achievements, Or Yehuda is still on the road toward full rehabilitation.

Only 10 per cent of its high school graduates attend university, one of the lowest rates in Israel. The town is short of industry, forcing three-quarters of its workers to commute. And many of the approximately 1,000 new Soviet immigrants who've settled here since 1989, mainly from Central Asia, have mediocre educational backgrounds.

All things considered, however, Or Yehuda has come a long way since Project Renewal, which is scheduled to be phased out by the year 2000. But with its new-found confidence, Yagoda hopes that Or Yehuda will be able to manage without foreign subsidies.

"We don't want to create a dependency. We want them to stand up on their own two feet."



Jewish World

By Sheldon Kirshner

Ethiopian literacy

Fifty thousand Ethiopian immigrants have poured into Israel in the past 15 years, but they have not had an easy time of it.

Rabbis have questioned the authenticity of their Judaism. Unemployment has bedeviled them. And for many Ethiopian Jews, the Hebrew language has been an imposing challenge, adding one more obstacle to their integration into Israeli society.

With regard to the last point, the Ethiopians are struggling because theirs is a community with an *oral tradition* where reading and writing were not considered terribly important. Consequently, while Ethiopian adults speak Amharic, Ethiopia's national language, they are generally functionally illiterate in Amharic. This affects their ability to learn Hebrew.

Yaffa Schuster-Baronovitz, a PhD student at the Hebrew University, noticed this phenomenon while working with Ethiopians in Upper Nazareth in 1986 and 1987. There, she coordinated arts and crafts and dance projects.

Schuster-Baronovitz, a 42-year-old mother of five, came to the conclusion that the Ethiopians could best grasp Hebrew by learning to read and write in Amharic. In October 1992, she started an adult literacy program called Goshrim (Bridge Builders), the only one of its kind in Israel.

"Amharic acts as the bridge between Israeli and Ethiopian culture," she explained. "As students acquire literacy in Amharic, they will be motivated to acquire the same skills in Hebrew."

Schuster-Baronovitz, whose parents are of Russian and Romanian stock, was greatly encouraged and helped by Dov Friedlander, director of the Hebrew University's Martin Buber Centre for Adult Education.

But there was resistance at the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Absorption. For ideological reasons, officials there believed — and still do — that Ethiopian olim should learn Hebrew before Amharic. Despite their qualms about her methods, both ministries partially funded Goshrim. Also providing funds was a foundation in Germany.

There are eight classes, with up to 20 students in each class. Lessons are usually conducted at absorption centres and caravan sites throughout Israel. Students range in age from the early 20s to 70, though most are between 27 and 45. Apart from basic Hebrew, they study math and are taken on tours of Israel.

Students are recruited by teachers, fellow Ethiopians with varying degrees of fluency in Hebrew. The teachers are trained by Goshrim.

Schuster-Baronovitz believes that Goshrim has yielded positive results. But a financial crisis looms. Being skeptical about Goshrim's effectiveness, local municipalities have yet to allocate classroom space and equipment, while the Ministry of Absorption has halted funding.

There is no immediate danger that Goshrim will cease operations, but Schuster-Baronovitz realizes that new sources of revenue are sorely needed.

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By RABBI MARK FRIEDMAN

A colleague attended a discussion at his local clergy association about the way to obtain salvation, titled How To Be Saved.

My friend, the rabbi, found it difficult to convey the idea that for Jews, salvation comes through performing mitzvot.

One of the Christian ministers there could not relate to this idea, since he only understood salvation to come through faith in Jesus. Eventually, he remembered that "it goes back to the idea that Judaism is a religion of deed, while Christianity is a religion of creed."

We rabbis are constantly asking people to do what Judaism demands of them, yet we hardly ever speak of faith. But faith is an important aspect of what it means to be Jewish.

Many of you are familiar with the song *Ani ma'amin*, which begins "ani ma'amin be'emunah shelema b'viat hamashiach (I believe with complete faith in the coming of the Messiah)."

The song uses emunah, the Hebrew word for faith. While many people know this song, I suspect most give no thought to the content of these lyrics.

Ours is a confusing, disorienting world. I am reminded of the great thinker, John Stuart Mill, raised by atheist parents who forbade the discussion of anything religious, or the observance of any religious rituals and traditions. When he grew to manhood, Mill said he felt a tremendous gap in his life, like a ship without a rudder.

I think Mill was describing a malaise all too frequent in our society. It is a malaise which probably explains the increase in teenage suicides. Young people who take their lives may be afflicted with a lack of emunah, resulting in a lack of stability in their lives. I also believe many people, both young and old, who are addicted to drugs and alcohol are desperately searching for some constancy. The rising rate of clinical depression in our time also bespeaks the uncertainty plaguing so many.

One of the ways we develop emunah is to observe those whom we know have it. Such a person has a sense of stability, of foundation. Look at the chassidic rebbes. They took their followers with them on a quest for emunah and taught them its power, stability and confidence.

If you want to learn to have emunah, you must allow for the possibility that you already have it; you simply may not be allowing it to be expressed. You may have inhibitions about admitting this. You may say, "I'm afraid of what others may think of me if I become more religious," or "I'm too old to change." You may even say "I don't think I can."

Emunah helps us bring together our heads and our hearts. Many people say they believe in G-d, but they usually don't have their hearts in that belief. Some self-proclaimed "deep believers" rarely attend church services, and are no different from those Jews who profess belief in G-d and their loyalty to the Ten Commandments, but do little to prove it.

Putting our hearts into our religious practices allows us a much greater return. If we are to obtain emunah, we must involve ourselves in the study and observance of the Torah. To bring your heart and head together, you must not be content with what you already know or do. Be ready and willing to sit and learn, and then to go out and do more. As the rabbis tell us in the Midrash, speaking in G-d's name, "through the mitzvot they will find Me."

Rabbi Levi Ha-Levi of Jerusalem tells of a man who came one day to his little synagogue, a Jew who had escaped from the Soviet Union and who wanted a bar mitzvah ceremony for his son. He described himself as a chiloni, a secularist, who feared his son might someday resent him if he withheld his Jewish identity.

But his real reasons were not revealed until after the bar mitzvah, when the rabbi found himself alone with the man. The man told him he had never had a bar mitzvah, and grew up without access to a Torah.

He was no secular Jew. He wanted his son to get close to a Torah, to touch it, kiss it, read from it and hold it. When the father received an aliyah, it was the bar mitzvah he never had.

For the Jew, there is one path which must be followed to obtain emunah — the way of the Torah.

Rabbi Friedman is the spiritual leader of the Shaare Zedek Congregation in Montreal.

USDS students with ketubot display. From left: Robin Mecklinger, Yoav Ickowicz, Emily Antflick, Rebecca Coleman, Samuel Posner and Jonah Peranson.

USDS students create ketubot

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — An exhibition of more than a dozen hand-made ketubot (Jewish marriage contracts) produced by Grade 8 students at the United Synagogue Day School on Bathurst Street is on view at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue throughout the month of February.

The students drew, inked, painted and otherwise constructed the ketubot as part of a research project on Jewish marriage. They received inspiration from a visit to Beth Tzedec's Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum, which holds some 100 historic ketubot from the Cecil Roth collection of Judaica, some dating back to the 17th century.

Museum curator Dorion Liebgott talked to the students about traditional symbols found on the marriage contracts, which art teacher Joan Loewenstein asked them to incorporate as well as their own. The result is "wonderful and amazing," says Loewenstein.

"They displayed such a sense of life when they did this. They took the project very seriously and it took them a long, long time. They put their hearts and souls into it. They also astounded themselves with the results."

The students' ketubot are displayed in the glass cases outside the main sanctuary.

Jewish Life

Library leads to personal destiny

By JEAN M. GERBER

Even today, 34 years after the summer of 1961, the smell of a library reminds me of it — that combination of dust, old paper, wooden floors covered with worn linoleum, stale air and the mustiness of books rarely opened.

GUEST VOICES

As a young undergraduate, I was fortunate to land a plummy summer job for a professor in the Department of History at Pennsylvania State University. As his researcher, I, a fledgling student of history, was assigned a simple task: survey documents relating to World War II for references to Count von Stauffenberg, the German general who led the abortive 1944 attempt on Hitler's life. Whether the professor's biography was ever published to scholarly acclaim or condemnation I never knew; but that summer's research changed my life in ways I was not even aware of at the time, and in ways that were immediate.

The major portion of my research was in the 23 volumes covering the Nuremberg Trials.

Those volumes were found in the womb of the Penn State Library in the "core," an inner area, windowless, ill-lit, musty with neglect, and hot as only rooms in midsummer Pennsylvania can be.

It was miserable. I needed the money. I knew this job was a step toward graduate school and notice by my professors.

Outside the sun shone. Outside were swimming, picnics, newfound friends, many of them Jewish, one of whom I would marry. Inside was dust on the seemingly endless pages of testimony.

I was not totally ignorant of the Holocaust, but the simple fact was that I had gone through 12 years of school without studying anything about the destruction of Europe's Jews. Never had I read a book about it, talked with a survivor of the camps, or even had it mentioned in my freshman survey of western history (I still have the books and I looked it up).

I knew because I had seen the bodies stacked like cardwood, the mass graves, the faces of the barely living frozen in the camera's eye.

I was 5 when the lights came on in Allentown, Pa., after VE day. One night we went to a near-by church to see films brought back by a returning soldier. I have no idea why my parents took me to that event; surely they were sorry 10 minutes into it, when the soldier began to describe the images flickering on the screen — faces of the survivors and the bodies of the dead. Then it had to be explained to me what the Allies had found in Germany and Poland.

So in the first few days in the library I had some remembering to do. Did von Stauffenberg come into the pages of that litany of denial? Only twice. More compelling was the drone of excuses given by the accused, and those not accused but called to testify. I remember the grotesque mutilations of children and women by operations that had no purpose but to torment. I remember how I pictured the sounds of that trial — not the drama of *Judgement at Nuremberg*, but monotone questions and monotone answers translated into monotone English. Everyone had been someplace else, looking away from the camera. But I had seen the faces looking into the camera, and the faces that would never look at anything again.

Count von Stauffenberg ceased to be of account, while a pulsating anger took hold of me. How could I care about the plot to kill Hitler when so much killing was going on daily in the pages of the trials? When I could step outside the library, smell the rich summer afternoon air, I was still angry. So I took it up with my companions. They, after all, were Jews. How could they live with it? To my surprise, they knew little more than I did, for of course they had studied the same version of the war as I had, a war without Jews and without concentration camps.

One friend in particular, the man who became my husband, recalled how he had heard of DPs in the kitchen of his parents' Brooklyn apartment. Whispered stories heard through thin walls, the sound of grown-ups weeping had to be explained to children unable to sleep, but too young to hear the whole truth — that was how he had learned. His story made me a bit desperate. Surely someone would tell us what it means.

Overall I felt a terrible hopelessness as I read on. This time, wouldn't the story have a different ending? Hitler would be killed; the war would end; the camps would be opened; thousands would be saved. But at the end of the day, the ending was always the same.

I felt a terrible hopelessness

So I went to work each day, hot, angry, and aware that my university education had let me down, somehow. I needed the job but I hated myself for doing it.

I did it. At the end of the six weeks, I had looked at every page of the trials. I don't remember if I found the man, or his co-conspirators mentioned. Lacking German, I was spared the search through German language publications. To rectify this deficiency, I enrolled in a basic German course — simple historical essays, which we laboriously translated.

About six weeks into the course, the topic was World War II. And, unbelievably, I translated something like the following:

"About 400,000 Jews and other minorities were imprisoned in camps where many died."

Just that, nothing else. I approached the teacher, himself a young graduate student. "Excuse me, 400,000? Many died? What is this?" He hemmed and stuttered. Of course not, but ... this was the required text. That day I ended my German lessons with disgust at all of us who were collaborating in the beginning of a lie.

And finally I began to realize that my own personal fate had become bound up with the story of those people in the flickering films of the war, those in the pages of dusty books, those erased from history by a quisling German text, and those alive and wanting to understand what had taken place.

It would take several more years of search and reflection, personal anguish and decision, but at that moment I began to link myself with the living people who demanded that they not be forgotten, locked in musty pages, ashes turned under as fertilizer. It was somewhere in that summer that I knew I would become a Jew.

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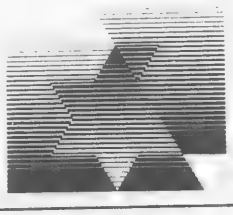
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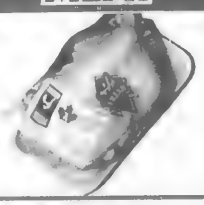

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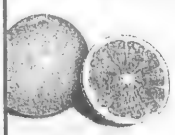

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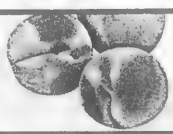

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From coast to coast

Wallace helps launch chair in mood disorders

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "I couldn't sleep, my sex drive was non-existent, I couldn't eat, my hands were shaking, I thought my whole life was a fraud."

This how *60 Minutes* host Mike Wallace describes his first major clinical depression 10 years ago.

At the time, the veteran journalist was being sued for libel by Gen. William Westmoreland. He said he was afraid to tell co-workers about his symptoms because they would think he was "crazy."

His family doctor for 20 years "didn't catch on to the symptoms," Wallace, 76, said. He ended up in hospital.

The Jewish TV celebrity was in Toronto to launch a $2.2-million campaign initiated by the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry to establish a chair in mood disorders at the University of Toronto.

Wallace, who now takes antidepressant medication, said it took him a long time to get over the "shame" of being mentally ill and that the stigma attached to depression is one of the major obstacles to its treatment.

Mike Wallace

"You wouldn't be ashamed of measles and this is a treatable disease," he said at a press conference.

He urged anyone suffering from depression to seek medical help because it is effective. "I'm more alert, I have a better perception of things, I'm a better guy since I've been on the [anti-depressant] drug and I intend to continue to take it."

More than twice as many women as men are subject to depression for reasons that are unclear, said Dr. Sidney Kennedy of the Clarke.

About one in every five Canadians will have a significant depressive episode in their lifetime, Kennedy said, and the incidence is increasing.

"There is alarming evidence in the 1980s and 1990s that the incidence of depression among people 18 to 30 is roughly double that of other age groups," he told the press conference.

Early detection of mental illness could save $1 billion a year in Canada in medical costs, he said.

Depression can be triggered by genetic or environmental factors, and can be treated with medication and psychotherapy.

Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities planned

TORONTO — The forty-seventh Yom Ha'atzmaut Festival will be held on May 7.

A Toronto-area tribute to the State of Israel's Independence Day will be held at the North York Civic Centre and Mel Lastman Square, North York.

Avrom Gossack, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, central region made the announcement recently.

This project has been in the planning since last summer. A committee representing Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith Canada, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Jewish National Fund and other organizations has met regularly to plan and produce the celebration.

The day-long event will feature sale of Israeli foods and Israeli products, displays, crafts, folk dancing, films, art exhibits, children's activities, a novel quiz show, an auction and more. Everyone is welcome to participate in this exciting festival; admission is free.

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From coast to coast

After decades separated, sisters finally meet

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — This Christmas, Jeanette Rogerson gave her daughter a Star of David.

The gift followed Rogerson's recent discovery of her Jewish roots and her first meeting with Susan Freedman, the older sister she never knew she had.

Both women had long dreamed of having a sister. Freedman, a 55-year-old nurse, was adopted as an infant by Min and Don Stickles and raised with two brothers, also adopted, in a close and traditional Jewish family in Sudbury.

Rogerson's childhood was less secure. Her adoptive parents divorced when she was four, and she grew up in a series of Toronto foster homes. "I always wondered about my roots," the soft-spoken art consultant says.

Both were adopted at 2½ months. Only Freedman knew she was born Jewish.

In 1988, when amendments to adoption disclosure laws made birth information more accessible to Canadian adoptees, Freedman decided to apply for information about her background.

The search reached a dead end last October when the counsellor working on Freedman's case informed her the woman believed to be her mother was not, nor was there any information about her birth father.

"However," the counsellor continued, "did you know you had a sister?"

Within two months, Rogerson had been located. The two women discovered they had lived only three miles from each other for over 25 years. They met for dinner on the same mid-December day they first spoke.

"I was in shock," recalls Rogerson, sipping herbal tea in the panelled den of her sister's North York home.

They talked for almost three hours that first night, then went out again a few days later with their husbands.

They've gotten to know each other's grown children and when interviewed were looking forward to a Meet My Sister brunch arranged by Rogerson.

"I think we have a lot in common," says Rogerson. "I think Susan is very loving."

"I hear you're stubborn," teases Freedman, as the two sisters laugh in unison.

A recent Saturday morning found Rogerson at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue with the Freedman family to attend services and hear Freedman's childhood friend Judy Feld Carr speak from the bimah.

After services, Rabbi Joseph Kelman greeted the family and learned Freedman had a sister. When he learned that Rogerson was raised Protestant, the rabbi wondered whether she was feeling "a little mixed up."

"I'm quite religious," says Rogerson, who has found "some conflicting things" about her dual religious identities but feels good about her newly discovered heritage.

The sisters are now looking for a Jewish class to take together. "We're looking for something easier, sort of a beginner's [course]," says Rogerson.

Jeanette Rogerson (l) and Susan Freedman.

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Sports

49er dedicates Super Bowl win to his late father

By MARVIN GLASSMAN
Special to The CJN

MIAMI — The first person San Francisco 49er Harris Barton thought of after winning his third Super Bowl game was not himself, nor his best friend, quarterback Steve Young, but his late father, Paul Barton, who died seven months ago at age 57 after a lengthy bout with brain cancer.

"I played pro football despite initially being discouraged from doing so by my father. But once I was drafted by the 49ers, he not only accepted my decision to play but often came to the West Coast from our hometown in Atlanta to see me perform. He always boosted my spirits, especially if I felt bad after losing a game," said Barton after the 49ers' decisive 49-26 victory over the San Diego Chargers.

"Since 1994, it was my turn to boost his spirits. After every game last year, I would fly home to spend at least one day a week in Atlanta. I knew my dad was dying; he needed me and I wanted to give both emotional and financial support to my mother, brother and sister as well.

"It was tough to think only of football for such a long time ... My dad was too young to die but at least he got what he wanted near the end. All the people that loved him were with him at the end of his life.

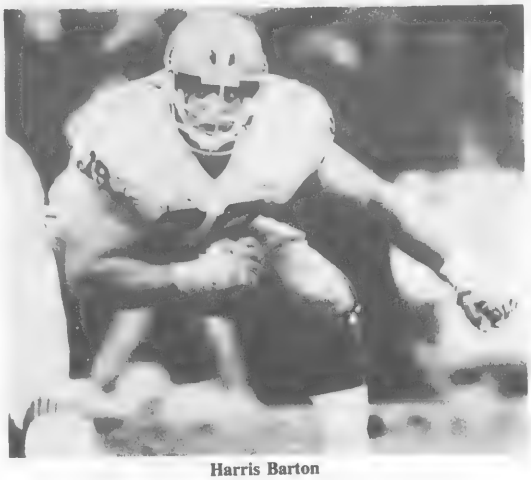
"I dedicate this season and the Super Bowl victory to my dad," Barton said. "It was his love that helped me focus on playing as well as I have all season."

Barton has been a stalwart, not only to his family, but to the 49ers as well since they drafted him as a linebacker in 1986. For the past eight years, the 6 foot 5 linebacker has developed into one of the finest offensive tackles in the National Football League. Much of the glory of the 49ers' past Super Bowl titles has gone to quarterbacks Joe Montana and Steve Young. However, Barton was instrumental in giving Montana and Young the time in the pocket to perform their magic.

"Harris excels in all facets of run and pass blocking, being quick to adapt to new plays that are called in the huddle. Believe me, without the help of Harris and the other linemen, I might never have had the time I needed to complete all my passes," said Young, named Super Bowl MVP.

Barton has earned recognition for his abilities by being named a starter in the 1994 Pro Bowl game and being selected to the NFL All-Pro team in 1992 and '93. As a college player at the University of North Carolina, Barton was chosen for various All-American teams in 1985 and '86 as well.

Known in the past as the team's worry-wart, Barton said two things changed his outlook this year. "My father's death made me realize that worrying about my own injuries or missing a tackle is not worth losing too much sleep. The second was the attitude that Deion Sanders had about playing football. Deion said you had to have fun while you were winning games. It started to sink in that football will always be a serious business, but not a life and death struggle."



Harris Barton

His new, upbeat approach helped him perform at peak levels this past season. He was superb at right tackle throughout the 49ers' playoff run, especially in the NFC title game against Dallas when he kept the Cowboys' Tony Tolbert and Jim Jeffcoat from registering a single sack.

Those close to Barton say his sense of humor and pride in being the only Jew on the team (and one of the few in the league) kept the team in the right frame of mind.

"I always worried about performing well but it didn't mean that I couldn't laugh. When another Jewish player (former tight end John Frank) played for the 49ers, we always were working on ways to get the guys in a good frame of mind.

"We brought in a method to unsettle the opposition. When Montana called signals, we taught him to count numbers in [Yiddish]. It threw off the defensive line to hear 'eins, tzvei' instead of hut-hut.

"Another time John and I were chanting Hebrew blessings during our annual Thanksgiving dinner. The guys on the team were all touched by our affirmation of our faith. An important concept of our 49er team is that we are distinct individuals who are molded together into one unit. It didn't matter this year that my roommate on the road was Young, a Mormon. We repect each other, laugh with each other and play the best football in the world."

Barton, 30, attended afternoon Jewish school while excelling in basketball, wrestling and football in high school in Atlanta. During the season, he volunteers to speak at San Francisco-area synagogues and other Jewish organizations.

"I'm very proud to be getting awards all the time from Jewish groups because being a pro football player who is also Jewish is, well, an odd animal. I mean, when I go to synagogue, people can't help but stare at a guy who comes up to the Torah and is six-foot-five, weighing 280 lbs," Barton laughed.

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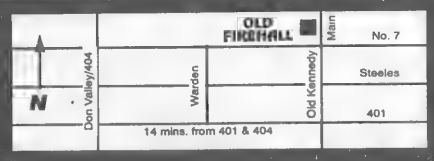

From coast to coast

Immigrants graduate from JIAS

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As it was, the room was full to bursting, but if Mary Clancy had her way, the recent graduation for Jewish Immigrant Aid Services' (JIAS) English as a Second Language classes would have been even more crowded.

"I'd like to go out and get all the critics of immigration and show them this and all the groups like this who make this country strong, free, and an incredible mosaic of cultures, beliefs and tolerance," said the Halifax MP and parliamentary secretary to the minister of citizenship & immigration.

"Newcomers to Canada come with a dream for the future. Learning a new language is a key to success but also a key to taking part in all Canada has to offer," Clancy said.

JIAS set up the ESL program six years ago to help recent Soviet Jewish immigrants. It has served new immigrants from Argentina, Bosnia, Ethiopia, Hungary, Iran and Israel.

In addition to the 15 English classes, the program offers support and lessons in Jewish heritage to over 600 students.

Federation thanked

"Five months ago we knew no English," said Igor Karatigan, representing his first-level English class. "Today we can understand, read, write and speak a little English. We feel comfortable using English in our neighborhood."

Representatives of the 10 graduating classes thanked the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the federal government and the North York Board of Education, all of which provide funding for the program.

Rafael Balkins, a student who immigrated in December, enhanced the celebrations with polished renditions of two Yiddish songs. He was accompanied by two musicians who are former students of the program. The evening concluded with music and dancing, including an energetic horah.

Speakers included Perry Romberg, executive director of JIAS Toronto, whose Russian welcome was met with enthusiastic applause; Robert Furman, chair of JIAS Toronto's regional council and an immigrant from the former Soviet Union over 20 years ago; Susan Davis, national executive director of JIAS Canada; and Mila Voihanski, social work team supervisor. ESL co-ordinator Roslynne Greenberg emceed the evening.

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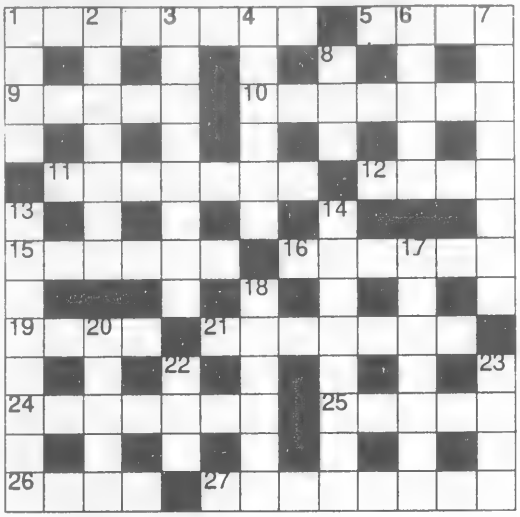

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1 This son of Josiah ruled for only three months
5 Scorch
9 The two months of year devoted by Jews to popular study under Muslim Babylonia
10 Stage of Passover
11 Stored in the ark
12 First name of a Tolstoi character
15 Hidden
16 Descendants of the Pharisees
19 Perfection in first chapter
21 Large quarter of southern Jerusalem
24 Flagrant
25 Happens during Rosh Hashanah
26 List
27 He was to be asked to become President after Weizmann's death

DOWN

1 Prank
2 The Jewish way
3 Match
4 A chronological record of past events
6 One who chants
7 Practice
8 Storeplace of scrolls
13 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand lose its -
14 This sect did not accept the oral Jewish Law
17 Taken from the Dead Sea
18 Minor Latter Prophet
20 Eradicate
22 Lasted eight days instead of one
23 Yigal - was Palmach commander of Operation Yiftah in Galilee

Answers for February 9

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From coast to coast

Secular Jewish Association marks 25th year

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Secular Jewish Association (SJA) is marking its 25th anniversary this year, still trying to counter its image as a group whose members are not really interested in Judaism.

While for some, the term secular Jewish is an oxymoron, SJA members view the faith as more of a cultural, historical and humanistic way of life, eschewing prayer, dogma and other aspects of mainstream Judaism.

And adherents are proud of their movement being fully egalitarian, pluralistic and welcoming of intermarried couples (referred to as "intercultural relationships").

The organization's silver anniversary is being marked with a number of lectures and social events, including a gala dinner last Saturday night. The keynote speaker was Roberta Feinstein, executive director of the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, which represents some 15,000 North American Jews.

Worldwide, the movement claims between 40,000 and 45,000 followers, even in Israel, where adherents include Knesset member Shulamit Aloni, author Amos Oz and Prof. Yehuda Bauer.

Today, the organization claims 68 member families in and around Metro, with small groups in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Montreal. A Sunday school in Toronto offers classes for 75 children in kindergarten through Grade 7. There are youth and adult education programs, leadership training, socials and discussion groups — all stressing the belief that Jewish identity is rooted in ethnicity and culture, rather than in Torah and traditional religious observance.

Also offered are bnai mitzvah, baby namings and weddings. Jewish holidays are observed — again, with the accent on their cultural and historical validity. The SJA is an affiliate of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and takes part in community-wide programs such as Holocaust Education Week and Jewish Book Fair.

Members have also volunteered at food banks.

Judaism has "a long and rich history" of humanism and pluralism, says the SJA's madricha (leader) Eva Goldfinger, who's licensed to perform weddings in Ontario. "We deal with this world. We are open, flexible and non-authoritarian. We believe in self-determination."

In a more controversial vein, SJA members are "fundamentally agnostic. We do not pray," although Torah readings, brachot and prayers are permitted in services if they and their relevance are fully explained.

The main philosophical underpinnings of secular/humanistic Judaism, Goldfinger explains, are that the universe exists on natural laws; that human beings guide their own lives; and that only through acceptance and inclusion will Jewish identity be preserved.

The movement has its roots in the Yiddish nationalism and secular Zionism that flourished in Europe a century ago. Congregations espousing humanistic Judaism began in 1963, while the international movement gelled in 1986.

The SJA was founded in Toronto in 1969 as an outgrowth of the far-left United Jewish Peoples Order. SJA members were mainly unaffiliated, probably liberal and perhaps disenfranchised Jews who sought a non-religious outlet for their beliefs.

For information on the SJA and its calendar of anniversary programs, call 416-463-3930.

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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Thursday, Feb. 16

PRAYER BOOK USE

Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz will show how to use the Siddur in a meaningful way, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Suite 303, upstairs Promenade offices. Admission $5. Call 636-7530 for information.

BEIT RAYIM SYNAGOGUE

Rhonda Katz, family and sex therapist and broadcaster will speak on Matters of the Heart — Romance in Judaism, 7:30 p.m., Beit Rayim, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill. $5 non-members. RSVP 905-770-7639.

PATHS TO GOD

A panel discussion on Different Paths to God: Torah, The Way of Islam and Jesus, features **Fr. Henri Nouwen, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** and **Dr. Layakatali Takim**, 7:30 p.m., Newman Centre, 89 St. George St. For information call the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, 941-9356.

PART TIME FATHER'S GROUP

A workshop to develop ideas and strategies to meet children's needs in the early stages of separation takes place at Jewish Family & Child Service, Promenade branch. To register call **Elinor Gertner** 905-882-2331.

Saturday, Feb. 18

DOWNTOWN REFORM MINYAN

Following the 10 a.m. Shabbat service, **Arthur Benjamin**, will give a lecture on the content of the Reform Siddur, 1 p.m., Bloor JCC. All welcome. For pre-recorded message call 905-844-4185.

THE LAUGH RESORT

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Sisterhood is having another blockbuster evening, The Laugh Resort, 8 p.m., at the synagogue. Scrumptious food, roaring laughs and friendly faces. For information call **Judy**, 905-889-6802. $30 per person.

Sunday, Feb. 19

FRIENDS OF YIDDISH

The Jews of Shanghai, a film by Karen Shopsowitz will be screened at a Friends of Yiddish program; breakfast 10 a.m., film 10:30 a.m., Workmen's Circle Auditorium, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Discussion with film-maker will follow screening. Members free, non-members $5. Call 905-883-9403 for reservations.

PROOFS OF TORAH

Canadian Friends of Darche Noam and Or Chaim Kollel present **Rabbi Shaya Karlinsky**, dean, Darche Noam Institute Israel, 8 p.m., Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Ave. Topic will be Codes, Coincidences and Convictions: Proofs of Torah and Purim Torah. Public invited.

PNAI MEETING

Lawyer **Benjamin Rubin** will speak at the next meeting of Parents of North American Israelis, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 7:30 p.m. Bring in an Israeli product purchased in Canada for a special winner takes all draw.

BEAT THE BLUES

Israel Cancer Research Fund is hosting its fifth annual bash, Beat the Blues on Bourban Street, 8 p.m., RPM. Tickets, $25 in advance, $30 at the door. Tax receipt issued. Call 487-5246.

FLOATING JEWISH SINGLES

Breakfast with Rabbi Brandwein when he speaks on Tradition: Don't Fiddle With It, 9:45 a.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue, Eglinton Ave. and Allan Expressway. Admission, $8.00. For singles ages 40-65.

NA'AMAT

Club Beersheba, Na'amat Toronto learned the essentials of how to manage stress at a recent program meeting. From left are Rosalie Nowell; speaker Nancy Rodger, North York Public Health Department; Eva Kestenberg; and Charlotte Huberman. (Mollie Rothman photo).

Monday, Feb. 20

JEWISH MYSTICISM

Theme of the joint Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am continuing education series with **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum** is Leaders of Jewish Mysticism and Chassidism. Tonight's topic, 8 p.m., Beth David, Introduction to Chassidism, The Ba'al Shem Tov in Light of New Historical Evidence.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

DREAM SEMINAR

An opportunity to understand and identify the messages and symbols of dreams, 8:30 p.m., Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., 631-9395.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

ELINOR CAPLAN

What's a Nice Jewish Girl Doing in Politics? is the topic of **Elinor Caplan's** speech, 8 p.m., Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cresc. Questions and answers follow. Call 226-0111 for information.

OR CHAIM KOLLEL PROGRAM

Rabbi Yaacov Felder, Shomrei Shabbat Congregation is the guest speaker, 8-9:45 p.m., 159 Almore Ave.

FEBRUARY BLAHS

Dr. Richard Siegal will talk about strategies of coping with the February Blahs, SAD and general feelings of depression, 8:30 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. $4 fee. For information call **Rivi**, 905-886-1650 or **Jennifer**, 905-764-5521.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Sarah Chana Radcliffe will discuss the secret of harmonious relationships, 7:45-8:45 p.m., and **Rabbi Immanuel Schochet** will talk about Kabbalistic Ethics Part II, The Effects of Virtue and Sin on the Human Soul, 9-10 p.m., Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Register, 905-889-6066.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Louise St. Denis, Heritage Productions and **Manuel Linden** will discuss How to Present and Publish Your Family History: Sharing Research with Family Members, at a meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Thursday, Feb. 23

OPEN HOUSE

Canadian Cancer Society is holding an open house at eight metro locations, 5-8 p.m. This is an opportunity to learn about some of the society's activities including services for patients, health promotion programs and fundraising activities. For information call 975-5585.

FUN AND FOOD

Rose Reisman will demonstrate recipes from her light cookbooks, 7:30 p.m., Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd., 449-3880. $15 in advance, $20 at the door. Everyone welcome.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

PASSOVER HAGGADAH

Rabbi Moshe Stern, spiritual leader, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., will give an in-depth analysis of the Passover Haggadah at a six-week series beginning Tuesday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Helpful for those who want to have a more meaningful seder experience. Haggadot provided. Men and women welcome. No charge. For more information call 787-1631.

CHILDREN FOR MUSICAL

Children ages 7-12, with good voices, are wanted to participate in a Yiddish musical review to take place in June. To audition call **Faye Kellerstein**, 633-6558 or **Art Phillips**, 635-7217.

AL-ANON

A self-help group for family members or friends who are affected by someone's alcoholism meets Thursays, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

VISITING RABBI

Rabbi Tanchum Becker, scion of a chassidic dynasty, the House of Ozerov Chencin, is in North America in the interest of Kollel Esh Dat of Tel Aviv and will receive visitors in Toronto, Feb. 17-Feb. 20, by appointment only. Call 636-1945.

AT PRIDE OF ISRAEL

Rabbi Flanzraich starts a five-week Learn to Pray class Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 p.m. Classes open to everyone. The Learn to Daven class takes place Thursdays, 7:30-8:45 p.m. Everyone welcome. Call 226-0111 for information on all classes.

ISRAEL DAY '95

Yom Ha'atzmaut will be celebrated at Mel Lastman Square, North York Civic Centre, May 7. Volunteers are needed to fill planning committees such as fundraising, vendors, contests, sales and more. Call **Jean Bernholtz**, 787-9039 or the Canadian Zionist Federation, 633-3988.

ROSH HODESH CELEBRATION

Adath Israel Sisterhood presents a Women's Rosh Hodesh celebration, Wednesday, March 1, 7 p.m. Ma'ariv prayers will be followed by a special seudah and a lecture/demonstration on Spiritual Women's Movement by dancer/choreographer **Shula Saltzman**. Pre-registration, Sisterhood members $6; non-members $10. Call **Susan Haber**, 905-764-5419.

VOLUNTEER AT BAYCREST

Baycrest Centre's music department

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SWEDISH AWARD

Hamilton pediatrician Dr. Peter Rosenbaum recently became the first Canadian to be named Sweden's Folke Bernadette scholar in recognition of his work with handicapped children. Rosenbaum, who is affiliated with McMaster University's Neurodevelopmental Clinical Research Unit, lectured in Sweden for two weeks in January.

What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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offers a four-week workshop to train prospective adult volunteers who have piano skills to lead sing-alongs. Apply by calling volunteer department, 785-2850.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

Generation to generation sub-committee presents the premier screening of *In Search of Joy*, written, directed and produced by **Isabel Fryszberg** and **Tracy Thomson**, Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., Fanny Greenspoon Hall. Fryszberg, child of Holocaust survivors will facilitate a discussion following the screening. Admission $2. For information call **Pnina Zilberman**, 635-2883, ext. 144.

APHASIA CENTRE

Bright, energetic volunteers are needed to work on special events with the Aphasia Centre's fundraiser. Call **Linda**, 226-3636.

KABBALAH LEARNING CENTRE

A 13-week beginner's course in the basic concepts of Kabbalah begins Thursday, Feb. 16, 8:30 p.m.

Children ages 4-11 will enjoy drama, karate, tennis, swimming, gymnastics, arts and crafts and more at Kabbalah Kids Summer Camp, Aug. 14-25, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For information and registration call The Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., 631-9395.

PLAYGROUPS

Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue playgroups begin in September for children ages 3 and 4, offering arts and crafts, music, free play, Shabbat, holidays and more. For information call **Ellise**, 785-6638.

VENDORS WANTED

Limited space available at a Fashion Fantasy Show and Tea, Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., Sunday, March 26, 2 p.m. Call the office, 787-1631 or **Phyllis Sugar**, 445-5836.

COMEDY NIGHT

Beit Rayim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill hosts its third annual Comedy and Auction night, Saturday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m. Tickets $5 members, $10 non-members. Call 905-770-7639.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. This is an opportunity to develop a special friendship. There are many families from the former Soviet Union waiting to join this program. Call **Selena Kovshoff**, 636-1880, ext. 261.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Looking Ahead After Separation, begins March 21; For Women Only, explores self-esteem, stress management and inter-personal relationships, begins Feb. 23; Adult Children Losing a Parent, begins March 4. For more information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Canadian Mental Health Association seeks volunteers to provide social support on a one-to-one basis to people recovering from mental illness. Volunteers receive training and are asked to give three hours a week for at least six months. There is particular need for volunteers in their 30s and 40s, especially men. Call North York Volunteer Centre, 631-6117.

at the JCC/BJC

March Break Fundays at Bloor JCC feature supervised programs for children in senior kindergarten to Grade 6. Daily activities include swimming, gym and a specialty workshop. Registration by the day or week. Call 924-6211.

Israeli folkdancing at Bloor JCC Mondays — beginners, 8-9 p.m., intermediates 9-10 p.m. Cost $5 per person. Call **Marco** 905-771-0363 or **Lindsay**, 924-6211 for information.

Bathurst Jewish Centre in cooperation with Institute of Chartered Accountants offers free tax preparation assistance for seniors, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, until April. Guidelines, $15 single income, $22.50 for families with dependents. For appointment call **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

How to Rearch Your Family Tree with **Henry Wellisch** is the next Learning Experience Program of BJC Senior Adult Services, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1 p.m. Call **Yvonne**, 636-1880.

Israeli folkdancing at BJC — beginners, Wednesdays 8-9:15 p.m.; intermediates, Wednesdays 9-10:30 p.m.; Intermediate and advanced, Sundays 8-11 p.m. Call **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

for seniors

North York Central Library's series on Keeping Your Heart Healthy continues Monday, Feb. 20, noon-12:45 p.m. No charge. Call 395-7600 to register.

Funtime Travel is attending a musical at Stage West on Wednesday, March 8. On Thursday, April 20, there are orchestra seats for the Lawrence Welk Show at Roy Thomson Hall. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Lunch and Learn in Retirement, Holy Blossom Temple, Wednesday, Feb. 22, 12 noon, features **Cantor Benjamin Maissner** who will speak on Hebrew Art Music Through the Centuries. Bring lunch. $1 fee for program. Coffee, tea and cookie served.

Bloor JCC Seniors, Feb. 23, 2:15 p.m. Wallin Lounge, will hear **Rabbi Irvin Brandwein**, Beth Sholom Synagogue, on Learning Some Startling Facts About our Past: Tell and Kvel Part II. Coffee and cookies served. Everyone welcome.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Program on Feb. 20 is bingo. Call 661-4689 for information.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2 for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 905-886-2625.

The Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. Next meeting is Feb. 17. For information and registration call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club 470 Glencairn Ave. is planning a six-day trip to Washington in May. Future trips include Artpark, July 19, August 8 and Stratford, Oct. 25. For information on programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club's next Sunday dance with live band, Feb. 26, 7:30-10:30 p.m., community centre. Members $4, non-members $5. Saturday dance in clubhouse, Feb. 18, 7-10 p.m. Members free, non-members $1. Movies resume March 1, bingo resumes March 7. Seats still available for Atlantic City trip, March 6-9. $5 local day trips available. All activities in full swing. For information call 395-7881.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Purim party March 15 with **Andre Furs** and **Rochelle Kasproyino**. For more information call **Anna**.

Friendship Circle for people 55+ and on their own meets every other Thursday. Purim party with **Lisa Shain**, March 16. Call **Anna**.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Avoiding Drug Interactions, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1:30 p.m., cultural room. Admission free.

Bernard Betel Remembrance Tour to Poland in May includes six nights in Warsaw and Krakow, two nights in Paris. A memorable experience. For information call **Helen Issenberg**.

Movie, Sunday Feb. 19, 2:30 p.m., *From the Terrace*. Members free, non-members $1.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band, Sunday, Feb. 19, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

Wednesday afternoon social Feb. 22, 1:30 p.m. features **Jenny Pressman**. Members $3, non-members $4. Call **Irina**.

Music Around the Mediterranean with **Dr. Judith Cohen** runs Mondays 1-3 p.m. beginning Feb. 27.

Lifelong Learning Institute and social action committee offer a seminar on power of attorney, Monday, Feb. 20, 1 p.m., synagogue. Question and answer period follows.

About People

CANADIAN YOUNG JUDAEA

Canadian Young Judaea announces the election of **Philip Ber** to the position of chairman, Young Judaea Adult Committee. Ber, who has been linked with the Zionist Youth Movement and its senior camp, Camp Solelim, for over twenty years, commenced his early association with Young Judaea as a camp counsellor. Joining Ber in the organization is **Itzik Gelber**, who arrived from Israel to assume the position of National Shaliach of Canadian Young Judaea and camp director of Camp Solelim.

JERUSALEM FOUNDATION

Manny Batshaw, national president, Jerusalem Foundation of Canada and **Paul Slavens**, president, Toronto board of directors announce the appointment of **Alice Lehrer**, national executive director and **Susan Mogil**, executive director, Toronto branch.

Lehrer, who has had extensive business and community fundraising experience, has been active in Federation CJA and in a number of other Jewish organizations. Mogil, has worked with United Jewish Appeal and the United Way of Greater Toronto.

WOMEN FOR WOMEN

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO recently sponsored a Women for Women breakfast, Domestic Violence — How Can We Break the Cycle. Guest speakers were from left, Catherine Fox, the Yellow Brick House; Mary Lou Fassel, Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic; Joan Hurley and Blanche Wiseman, Jewish Family & Child Services.

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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VIEWPOINTS meets Wednesday, Feb.23, Beth Tzedec. Speaker: Andrea Moses, author, M.S.W., Topic: "Choices-Reasons Behind Our Attraction to Certain Romantic Partners." All ages welcome. 7:30 refresh. 8:00 p.m. speak. $5.00. 781-9245

TZEDAKAH PROJECT

Students of the Holy Blossom campus of Leo Baeck Day School's grade 2/3 class, present their tzedakah money to Suzanne MacDonald, executive director of ALS Society of Toronto. Each month, the students give money to a worthwhile charity in the community.

Project Renewal helps revive neglected Israeli neighborhoods

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

BEERSHEVA — In Israel's headlong rush to modernity and prosperity, it was inevitable that some of its citizens would get left behind.

In an effort to deal with the lingering socio-economic problems, Project Renewal was established in the late 1970s.

A partnership between the Israeli government, the Jewish Agency and specific Diaspora communities, Project Renewal is essentially an ambitious effort to revive decaying and neglected neighborhoods and to upgrade social and educational services.

By twinning Jewish communities abroad with Israeli neighborhoods in need of rehabilitation, the hope was that the disadvantaged would benefit.

In line with this philosophy, Montreal and Toronto Jews are participating in Project Renewal efforts in Beersheva and Eilat, respectively.

The project in Beersheva turns on Dalet Mercaz, which was once described as the "worst neighborhood" in Israel by the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv.*

Dalet Mercaz, with a largely Sephardi population, was rundown and overcrowded. Its schools and public facilities were considered substandard.

In a bid to turn things around, a number of projects were started, according to Beersheva's deputy mayor, Rachel Levy.

The Early Childhood Centre, which opened last April, is located in the heart of Dalet Mercaz. It provides day care and preschool services and after school enrichment programs for local children.

"It's a new concept in Israel," says its director, Chasia Levine. "It answers the needs of young families for specialized services."

In the not too distant future, the Early Childhood Centre will be supplemented by an Education Resource Centre, says Elizabeth Homans, Montreal's Project Renewal representative in Beersheva.

The Education Resource Centre will deliver enrichment courses to local teachers, but students will have access to it.

In addition, Project Renewal funds the Entrepreneurial Business Centre, or Mati, which offers loans and advice to residents who want to start small businesses. Thirty per cent of the applicants are new immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

So far, Mati has helped literally dozens of aspiring capitalists, notes Yair Cohen of the Jewish Agency.

Until last year, mentally handicapped adults in Beersheva had no services. Thanks to Montreal philantrophists Leonard and Alice Cohen, some now have access to sheltered housing in the form of the Cohen Centre (which is not officially affiliated with Project Renewal).

In Eilat, Project Renewal is active on a few fronts.

It funds once-a-week classes for gifted children at Eilat College for 60 students aged 11 to 15. "Our objective is to reinforce their curiosity and motivation," explains Jacob Dafni, director of marine studies.

Through Project Renewal, the college also hosts an adult education program.

In conjunction with the Ministry of Housing, the playground at the Arava School has been renovated and a security fence built around it. As well, the school library has been upgraded.

Beyond these undertakings, Project Renewal subsidizes a youth club, which is scheduled to open shortly, and enrichment classes for students.

A science teaching centre, funded in part by the Hebrew University and the Ministry of Education, is due to be inaugurated in 1996.

CJNews for Kids

CJNews for Kids is looking for material for the Passover issue. If you'd like to send a short story, poem, joke, or word search, mail it to Linda Ander, c/o CJNews for Kids,

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From coast to coast

Guess who? Former campers from White Pine will gather this year for a 40th anniversary celebration.

Camp White Pine marks 40 years

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Joe Kronick has been going to summer camp since 1932: the founder and director of Camp White Pine was so hooked, he made a career out of it.

Kronick is gearing up for a special milestone in his long camping career. This summer marks Camp White Pine's 40th year.

The camp will hold a 40th anniversary staff reunion on the Labor Day weekend. Anyone who has ever worked at the camp is invited.

Organizers of the event — a steering committee of 40 former and current staff members — have sent out 2,000 invitations and are trying to track more people down. Invitations have been sent to Sweden and Tasmania.

Kronick's son Adam, who co-directs the camp with his father, told *The CJN* that many nostalgic staffers requested an overnight reunion "to relive some of their memories."

'Ultimate experience'

Camp is the greatest single experience you can have, Joe Kronick told *The CJN*. "Being in the outdoors away from parents; being with kids your own age. This is the ultimate experience."

Camp is the best social education for children because group living helps them develop peer relationships, he said. "[Camp] is where you make friendships."

Kornick said he still keeps in touch with some of the people he went to camp with as a youngster. His first camp experience was in Palestine. His father, an ardent Zionist, enroled Kronick and his sister in a camp near Haifa.

Back in North America he attended Camp Modin in Maine. During his teen years he worked at Camp Hag Shama, Camp Northland-B'nai Brith and Pittsburgh's Laurel Y Camp.

After completing a master's of social work degree at the University of Pittsburgh in 1950, Kronick became director of Camp Laurel Y. In 1952 he directed Camp B'nai Brith in Manitoba, returning to Toronto the following year to run Camp Northland.

Two years later, he went into private camping. "I wanted to be my own boss," he said. In 1956 Kronick set up Camp White Pine in an old fishing lodge on the 465-acre property he had purchased near Haliburton. Today the camp occupies 1,600 acres.

The first year 165 children enrolled in the camp. Registration more than doubled by the fourth year, and by the fifth year the camp was full with 380 campers.

The camp has maintained this level of registration — 380 to 400 campers — for the last 15 years, employing a total of 190 staff.

While most of the people at camp are from Toronto, Kronick has recruited campers from Montreal, the United States, Mexico, Hong Kong, Israel, Sweden and France. The camp is predominantly Jewish, offering Oneg Shabat programs and kosher food for those who want it.

For more information on the reunion, call Joe or Adam Kronick at 416-322-6250.

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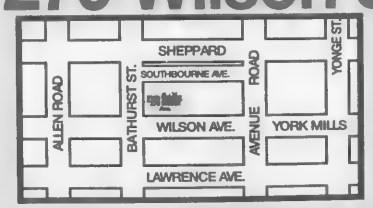

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Shas refuses to rejoin coalition government

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Orthodox Shas party has announced it will not rejoin the governing coalition of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

In a letter explaining the decision, Shas spiritual leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef cited Israel's deteriorating security situation as the reason.

"We had always aspired to peace, even in return for painful concessions," Rabbi Yosef wrote. "But the security situation now is insufferable.

"This is not the peace for which we prayed."

Shas political leader and former interior minister Aryeh Deri said his party's move did not mean it would automatically vote with the opposition.

Shas left the coalition more than a year ago when Deri was indicted on charges of fraud, bribery and breach of public trust. He is currently on trial.

Since then, Shas has neither joined the opposition nor returned to the government fold.

The party has usually supported the government in crucial votes, particularly those relating to the peace process or when no-confidence motions have been brought before the Knesset.

Rabin is expected to reassign the two ministerial portfolios held aside for Shas.

The religious affairs and interior ministry portfolios are expected to go to ministers who would act as caretakers — a move that would leave the door open for future negotiations between Labor and Shas.

Shas' decision came hours before Israel's High Court of Justice handed down a ruling on a controversial agreement Rabin made with Shas last year as part of the effort to get it to rejoin the Labor-led coalition.

A special panel of five justices criticized the agreement, calling it legal but highly improper. But the court decided not to intervene in the matter, saying it should be determined in the political arena, not in the courtroom.

The judges had criticized a clause in the agreement stating that if the religious status quo were violated — by a court ruling, for example — legislation would be enacted to restore it, thus overriding the courts. One of Shas' conditions for rejoining the coalition had been a guarantee the status quo would prevail on religious issues.

The justices said the wording of the clause made it appear the government would, through use of legislation, automatically reverse any court rulings affecting religious matters.

RECORD FLOODS

An Arab farmer uses his tractor to evacuate villagers from their flooded homes in Fradees in northern Israel. Over 100 mm of rain fell on the Israeli Arab farming community below Mount Carmel, the highest recorded level in decades. [RNS photo]

Helms advocates end to Israeli aid

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Conservative Republican Senator Jesse Helms has again drawn the ire of some Capitol Hill colleagues for advocating an end to Israel's foreign aid.

In an interview with *The Hill*, a weekly newspaper that covers Congress, Helms said "there's been a lot of moaning and groaning about money sent to Israel. I myself have been very candid to Jewish leaders that I'd like to cut out foreign aid to them."

Helms called foreign aid "insanity."

As chairman of the Senate's powerful Foreign Relations Committee, Helms will play a significant role in shaping American foreign aid. His committee determines the distribution of U.S. foreign assistance.

"I'd like to cut it all out and just revisit the whole issue in terms of what is best for the American people," said Helms in the interview.

Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D — N.Y.) immediately defended Israel's $3 billion in annual U.S. aid in a letter to the senator.

Your statements "suggest a deep misunderstanding of the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and the critical role foreign aid continues to play in promoting stability and peace in the region," Nadler wrote.

In the interview, Helms reiterated his plan to link foreign aid to how much it would cost America to defend its interests.

Sen. Jesse Helms

Citing as an example the role the United States could play in the Middle East without Israel, he said, "I would much prefer a system that would assess how much it would cost the American taxpayers to finance a defence of our interests in that part of the world if there were no Israel."

Analysts estimated that Israel's role in containing Iran and Iraq — one of Israel's primary strategic roles as a U.S. ally — saves the United States over $100 billion a year.

Thus, Helms' plan would cost taxpayers "exponentially" more than they pay now, according to the analysts.

Peres goes to bat

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres ventured into unchartered peacemaking territory last week: American baseball.

When an overzealous reporter confused Peres for a member of the baseball strike negotiating team and asked him about the status of the bargaining sessions, the Israeli leader joked with reporters who had surrounded him, "We will get an interim agreement. It will be a handshake."

During his visit here, Peres stayed at the Mayflower Hotel, where the baseball talks are being held.

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A model wearing the offensive pajamas

Japanese designer withdraws collection

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PARIS — A Japanese fashion designer has decided to take a line of men's striped pajamas off the market after outraged Jewish officials charged the clothing resembled Nazi concentration camp uniforms.

Leaders of the European Jewish Congress said Rei Kawakubo, the designer and president of Comme des Garcons, had trivialized the Holocaust by including the striped pajamas in a show held here on the same day the world was marking the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp.

Following the protest, Comme des Garcons issued a release last week, saying: "Rei Kawakubo has decided, as a measure of respect to those people who have been shocked, to withdraw from the collection the striped pajamas in question as well as all other clothes made with the same fabric."

The Jan. 27 show featured several striped types of pajamas, including one pair modeled by an emaciated model with closely cropped hair and protruding ears. Some jackets had boot marks and numbers painted on them.

The EJC called the show "deeply disturbing" and said the appearance of an emaciated model in a striped outfit was "particularly shocking."

Kawakubo had said in an earlier statement that the theme of the collection was relaxation and sleep, and that she never meant to make reference to the concentration camps.

"The fact that it was so completely misunderstood has caught me by surprise and made me very sad," she said. "Personally, I have always deeply respected the Jewish people and felt close to them in my heart."

Yad Vashem rejects photo removal request

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial here has rejected a request by a group of Orthodox Jews to remove photographs showing victims of the Holocaust going to their deaths naked.

Avner Shalev, the administrative chairman of Yad Vashem, said the institution had a duty to portray history as it happened.

"The pictures show how millions of Holocaust victims were taken to their deaths," Shalev said. "We have no reason or authority to cover the terrible truth or make it more attractive. We have to present it the way it was."

He said he dismissed a threat from a Jerusalem municipality official, Chaim Miller, who called for a boycott of Yad Vashem.

Miller, who heads the Association for Rights of the Haredi Public, a group representing the ultra-Orthodox, said that after "a letter is sent forbidding visits to Yad Vashem, I believe it will reconsider its irresponsible decision."

According to Miller, "Halachah forbids displays of nakedness. It is a humiliation and insult to Yad Vashem to show people who died [this way]. The Holocaust does not need nudity to make it more shocking."

He added that those who refuse to consider his group's request are turning the issue into a debate between religious and secular Jews.

The Week in Israel

Feb. 6:

• Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met with the UN Security Council to apprise members, as well as those from Arab states, on the status of the peace process.

• In an unprecedented move, the City of Jerusalem compensated Arab merchants whose stores were damaged by Jewish protesters during last summer's demonstrations against PLO leader Yasser Arafat. The city gave three merchants a total of $15,000.

Feb. 7:

• In 1994, 24 men were granted permission by Israel's Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi Doron to take second wives. *Yediot Achronot* reported that in most of those cases, the women were mentally ill and in others, they were out of the country and could not be reached.

• Yasser Arafat would easily win if elections were held today in the Gaza Strip and Jericho, said the head of Israel's military intelligence, Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy.

• Palestinian police in Gaza verified a report that an 18-year-old youth arrested three weeks ago had planned a suicide attack against Israel and had already videotaped a farewell speech to his family. The youth was released by police six days after his arrest when he promised not to go ahead with the plan.

Feb. 8:

• Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan announced he will run for prime minister in 1996. Eitan's platform calls for the annexation of the Jordan Valley and the southern Hebron Hills.

• Leaders of three Jewish settlements in Gaza prevented work from starting on an electric fence that would separate Israelis and Palestinians, arguing it would leave the settlements, with their 250 families, inside the Palestinian autonomous zone.

Feb. 9:

• Israel transferred some agricultural land in the Jordan Valley to Jordan. Under the countries' peace accord, Israel will lease the land back and Israeli farmers will continue to work it.

Feb. 10:

• In Jerusalem, a Kach activist was arrested carrying two home-made bombs police said he planned to use against Arabs in eastern Jerusalem.

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Israel, U.S.A. and the World

Pollard play provokes Israeli audiences

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — American Jewry did nothing to stop the Holocaust.

Israel is a danger to the Jewish people.

The "partnership" between Israel and Diaspora Jewry is a farce.

These are just a few of the accusations made in *Pollard*, a provocative new play that opened in Tel Aviv this month to packed houses.

The fictional account does more than reconstruct the circumstances that led to the arrest of Jonathan Pollard, the American Jew serving a life sentence for passing classified documents to Israel. The play goads Israelis into examining their own consciences, forcing them to question not only Israel's handling of the Pollard affair, but other issues like Israel's smug attitude towards Diaspora Jewry, and the very meaning of Jewish identity.

"We are here not to blame or to justify, but to soul-search," says one of the characters.

Why do we need soul-searching?

"Because we have buried many of the issues raised by the Pollard affair," says playwright Motti Lerner, 46, whose own conscience was shaken during his visits to the United States in the last two years.

"I found that in every conversation with American Jews concerning Israel-Diaspora relations the Pollard affair came up. Yet in Israel, it is rarely discussed ... Most Israelis, including myself, dismissed it as an incident of little interest or importance."

One of the sharpest attacks in the play is directed at Israel for its failure to assume responsibility for the fate of Pollard after he has given the country valuable information. The play attempts to raise Israeli awareness and generate public support for Pollard. The audience is even urged to sign a petition demanding his release.

But Lerner also pokes mercilessly at some of Israelis' most cherished assumptions.

"You know the United States is a better place for Jews than Israel is," says Sam Goldstein, the fictitious American uncle of Ann Pollard in the play.

"Not true!" shouts someone in the audience to wild applause.

But Goldstein is just warming up. "Oh yes it is," he retorts. "America is stronger than Israel, our Jewish community is bigger — and it's more Jewish than yours!" The audience groans. "Where do you have more yeshivot?" he asks. "In Brooklyn or in B'nai Brak? "

Goldstein — a plump, UJA-supporting New Yorker — is an outlet for Lerner's own disturbing questions about Israel and Jewish identity. While visiting Jewish communities in the United States, the playwright did some soul-searching of his own.

" 'Why is it that in all Israeli drama and literature there is not a single American Jewish character?' I asked myself. You'll find European Jews and Oriental ones, but not a single American — even though this community represents almost half of world Jewry."

Lerner's answer? "I think it is an act of self-defence on the part of Israeli Jews. Until I saw the vibrant cultural life of American Jewry, I was convinced — as most Israelis are — that Israel is the world centre of Judaism. But American Jewry presents a convincing alternative — and this is a real threat to Israeli Jews since it puts their own identity into question."

Even Israel's raison d'etre — to provide a safe haven for Jews — is challenged in the play.

"You want us all to come to live in Israel?" Goldstein asks his Israeli audience. "And once we all make aliyah what will happen then? We will be eight million Jews living in this tiny spot surrounded by hundreds of millions of hostile Arabs. All it takes is one Islamic nuclear bomb and that's the end of us. Israel is a danger to the Jewish people!"

But the Diaspora is not spared. "When a Jew wins a Nobel Prize, we swell with pride. But if one of ours does something wrong then we each crawl off to hide under our individual rocks," says Goldstein.

"One question posed by the Pollard affair is the extent to which American Jews are obligated towards Israel," says Lerner, who recalls his own sense of disappointment in American Jewry in the tense days preceding the Six Day War. "I was 18. I remember my fear at the time. There was a real sense that Israel's existence was in doubt. Why didn't the United States use its veto [in the UN Security Council] to prevent UN peacekeeping forces from leaving Sinai at Egypt's request? Where was the American Jewish community? Aside from a few demonstrations what did they do? For me this was a repeat of what happened in the Holocaust when American Jews did almost nothing."

The Pollard affair never sparked a passionate public discussion in Israel. Through *Pollard*, Lerner hopes to change that.

Fact or fiction?

TEL AVIV — Playwright Motti Lerner treads a precarious path between fact and fiction in *Pollard*.

"I'd like to believe that by generating support this play can be of some service to Jonathan Pollard," says director Ilan Ronen.

But not everyone believes it will be. "I don't think the play should have been presented now," says Amnon Dror, head of the Israel Committee for the Release of of Pollard. In November, Pollard will have served 10 years of his life sentence and be eligible to request an early release from a parole board. "I think the theatre should have waited until after that to stage the play," says Dror.

Lerner insists the piece will not hurt Pollard. He took many poetic liberties in portraying Pollard, but was careful to emphasize two points: that Pollard was motivated by idealism alone, and that he was diligent about not giving away any information that could harm the United States.

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Manning: government divides

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Manning says he "couldn't care less" if CSIS was investigating Reform "because we have nothing to hide," but he is worried a far more serious breach of civil liberties may have taken place.

The inquiry into the matter was incomplete, he charged, because the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), the watchdog of CSIS, is composed of "unsympathetic" Conservative, Liberals and New Democrats.

Manning insisted Reform is not anti-immigration or anti-multiculturalism. "Our basic philosophy is total racial and ethnic neutrality in any goverment policy or constitutional matter. Race or ethnicity should not be a factor in immigration status."

Manning does propose that immigration be tied to Canada's economic conditions and "absorption capacity." Currently, he thinks the annual immigration level should be lowered to 150,000 because of high unemployment and "our social services are falling apart." (Refugee selection should remain independent of such considerations, he added).

"We are pro-immigration...99 per cent of our members in the West wouldn't be there if it hadn't been for immigration programs," he said.

As for multiculturalism, Manning is firm that the federal government should "get out of the business of handing out grants for the preservation and development of cultural distinction.

"That should be the responsibility of individuals, private associations and lower levels of government, including the provinces.'

Ottawa's role in the multiculturalism arena should be limited to combatting discrimination and helping immigrants resettle, and these functions could be handled by the justice and immigration departments, respectively, he stated.

Manning said keeping the federal government out of funding ethnic groups is a matter of principle, more than money. "The role of the federal government is to protect the right of cultural distinction, not to promote it...It should be a referee, not a player."

Federal funding has caused divisiveness between ethnic groups, who are jealous of what another community received, Manning suggested. The money has also at times been used to buy the votes of certain communities, he asserted. "Such crass political manipulation cheapens the whole thing."

If all citizens are to be truly equal, Manning believes the constitution should not make any reference to "two founding peoples."

"It's implicit that if you are English or French you have more entitlements...Being from one of the founding nations ought not to be relevant."

Preston Manning

Manning says his politics are guided by a strong Christian faith. On difficult ethical issues he has drawn up a procedure aimed at finding a compromise — if necessary — between the views of his MPs and their constituents.

Should physician-assisted suicide, for example, come to a vote in the House of Commons, Manning has instructed his MPs to first determine if a consensus exists among the citizens of the riding and to vote accordingly. If there is no consensus, Manning will free the caucus to vote according to personal conscience.

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Ministers' meeting encourages trade

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Israel's decision to seal the territories, preventing the entry of tens of thousands of Palestinian workers, has prompted protests from the Palestinians, who say the move only fuels those opposed to peace.

Relations with Egypt have also been strained in recent weeks, with Cairo threatening to withdraw from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty unless Israel signs the global pact.

Prior to the full summit Sunday afternoon, officials from Israel, Egypt and the United States met privately. Peres said Israel also resisted Egyptian demands to address the question of Israel's nuclear capability. Israel reaffirmed its pledge not to sign the treaty, Peres told reporters.

"Parties shall pursue a mutually verifiable Middle East zone free of weapons of mass destruction," according to the joint communique.

In his meeting with the Israeli, Egyptian, Jordanian and Palestinian leaders, Clinton called for cooperation to bring the economic benefits of peace to the people of the Middle East.

As an example of American support, he said he would ask Congress to allow into the United States duty-free imports from proposed economic free-trade zones in Jordan and Egypt as well as from Palestinian-controlled areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"In the end the economic and political cooperation among all of you will be the most important thing in reaping economic progress," Clinton said.

In a separate meeting with Christopher, the Israelis and Palestinians agreed to build six industrial parks on the borders between the territories and Israel, Peres told reporters.

Peres said such U.S.-supported economic developments were much appreciated.

Asked whether these industrial parks negated the notion of a separation between Israel and the Palestinians, Peres said, "You can separate people, but not economies."

"We are at a critical moment in the peace process," Clinton stated. He pledged to "redouble our efforts to get the peace process back in full gear."

He called on the parties to work out their security differences in order to move the process forward.

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Bayview Village's unique fashion stores will all take part in the Show: Camari, Calèche, Chadwicks and Your Choice for women's fashions, including evening wear; Sinardi and Barbuti for men's wear; and Maison Vali for children's dress-up.

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Other theme shows are featured throughout the year. From February 16 to 20, Boukema's will showcase Bedroom Decor. There is a Garden and Patio Show, March 1-5; a Home Show, March 7-11; an Antique Show, March 12; and a Fashion Festival, March 22 to April 1. From March 23 to 25, Bayview Village holds its Major Spring Fashion Show. The Canadian Designers' Showcase is on March 30; Today's Woman Fashion Show, on March 31.

Gift Certificates redeemable at any store in the Centre can be bought at the information booth for $10, $20 and $50.

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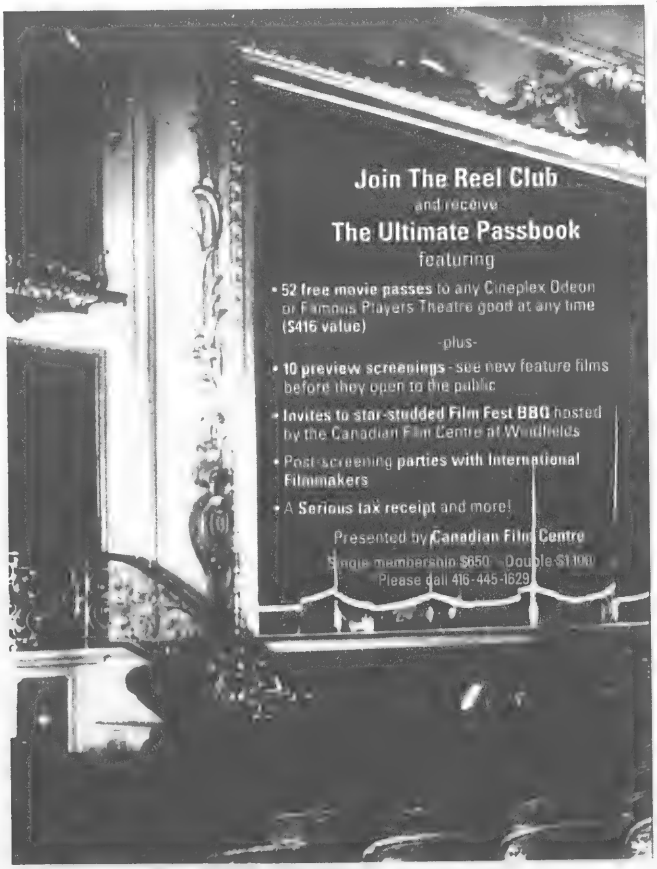
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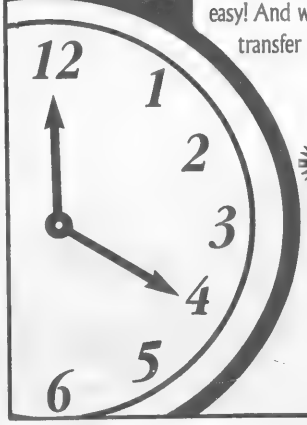

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J.S.R. is happy to report that two more couples will be tying the knot later on this year, and at least 33 other couples are dating steady. "Business is booming," beamed a proud J.S.R. director Rob Singer from his desk in Toronto. "We have come a long way in a short period of time, and the future looks great. Much of our membership comes from referrals from other members, a positive sign that members are happy with the Jewish Singles Registry of Toronto.

The simplicity of the concept seems to be the major drawing card of the J.S.R. by giving as much information on a particular person as possible in an organized precise and confidential manner. Registry members get to review hundreds of files of Jewish singles (including photographs) and take a proactive approach by choosing for themselves whom they would like to meet. **There's no matchmaking here!** The person selected is then called in to see who chose them and if the feeling is mutual, phone numbers are given out right on the spot.

If there is one thing that stands out in this entire process it is the fact that everyone at the Jewish Singles Registry is equal and has the same opportunities as the next person. Whether someone is dynamic and outgoing, or quiet and laid back, the selection process puts everybody on the same pedestal. Members can go on as many or as few dates as they wish (providing both parties said yes) and with numbers on the rise there are always new and exciting members to view. According to their statistics members average between 12 to 24 dates in a given year.

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Partners Michael Weger and Chef Michael Punzo have worked together for 10 years. Chef Punzo, who has worked at some of Toronto's finest restaurants, is determined to establish Basque on Bay as one of the top restaurants in the city.

Although Basque on Bay has been open only five months, its reputation is building a regular clientele. Lunch regulars from the business and academic community are starting to return with their spouses in the evening.

The atmosphere is relaxing, with earth tones, bright, airy rooms, large windows, and fresh flowers every day. Service is friendly and courteous, yet professional, with the staff formally dressed in white shirts and ties.

At Basque on Bay, the emphasis is on fresh market cuisine with a California flair, cooked in natural sauces. Each plate is prepared individually, as a work of art for the eye as well as the palate. This applies both to the main courses and to the home-made desserts, which are changed daily. Aroma and texture are also important; the staff strive to entrance all the senses with their creations.

Prices are very reasonable. Among the appetizers, baked eggplant with goat cheese and roasted red peppers in a tomato coulis is $7. Main dishes include: grilled swordfish with curried lentils, asparagus, eggplant and crisp fried leeks for $15; grilled tiger shrimp on sundried tomato risotto served with a jiama mango vidalia salsa for $18.75; and grilled black angus steak with peppered cabernet jus, potato crisps, horseradish aioli and a medley of vegetables for $15.25. From among the pastas, one can sample spaghettini with sauteed shrimp, arugula, and artichoke hearts in a herb cream sauce for $12.75.

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In the lounge, there is a tapas menu; these tasty appetizers are five or six dollars each, but priced two for one between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Lunch is served from Monday to Friday. There are daily specials, and a daily promotion in the bar.

Evenings, guests can hear Julio play the piano in the lounge, and sing everything from old movie standards to love ballads.

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Business & Finance

Columnist's book offers sound financial advice

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Despite the profusion of personal finance books, many authors have been slow to recognize that the traditional family, supported by dad, is nearly extinct.

A recently published guide written by *Globe and Mail* columnist Ellen Roseman is geared to contemporary families in all their diversity — double income families, couples living in common-law unions, single parent households and same-sex couples.

She wrote the book last year during the Year of the Family. "It was a wonderful year for re-examining the definition of family," she said.

Ellen Roseman's Money Guide for Modern Families (Doubleday Canada, $16.95), aimed at 35- to 50-year olds, covers a lot of ground, from marriage contracts and co-habitation agreements to teaching children how to manage money. The guide offers advice on separation, divorce, remarriage, insurance, writing a will, taking care of elderly parents and saving for a child's education.

As far as Roseman knows, it is the first personal finance book to address same-sex couples, who are usually childless and more affluent than people with children. While researching the book, she talked to financial planners who told her a good portion of their clients were same-sex couples.

Roseman, 47, is married with two young sons. But she and her husband of 20 years, Edward Trapunski, have an untraditional

Ellen Roseman

family. A freelance journalist, Trapunski works from home and runs the household during the day. As his income varies, the family relies on Roseman's earnings from her full-time job at the *Globe* to pay the mortgage.

With her investment knowledge, she takes care of the family's investments, traditionally a man's role. "I do run into a lot more women who are doing investing for their family," she said. "Women have learned more about investing and take primary responsibility for it."

She hopes women will read her guide to personal finance, which is clearly written and free of technical language. "Often they are turned off by technical jargon," she said.

One chapter of Roseman's guide is devoted to teaching children about money, which includes investing.

She suggests that parents, or grandparents, acquire stocks of companies such as Disney, Coca-Cola, Toys "R" Us, Irwin Toys or McDonald's for children. Investors in Walt Disney Co. get 10 to 30 per cent discounts on Disney resorts and hotels, while Irwin Toys' annual meeting includes the chance to test new toys. Roseman stresses, however, that some stocks "with kid appeal" pay no dividends, while others have experienced steep price declines in the past.

To avoid hefty commission charges on a small purchase, Roseman directs buyers to a discount brokerage or to the annual financial forum held in Toronto each February, where a dozen companies sell up to 10 of their shares for a $10.50 commission.

Mutual funds are another popular investment for children. Roseman invested money for her 13-year-old son, Charles, into four mutual funds last year and to her son's distress, three of them went down.

"He couldn't stand it," said Roseman. "He said to me, 'Get me out of there, I hate it.' " She moved the money into another fund and the price went down again. "When you mention mutual funds to him today, he's still not happy."

Roseman said it is difficult for many adults to accept risk and even more so for children. "You only build up tolerance to risk after investing for a while."

In the guide, she says children can learn about saving early by putting aside 10 per cent of their weekly allowances, and can learn about charitable giving by setting aside another 10 per cent for the charity of their choice. "Like saving, this is as good habit for parents to instill in kids at a young age."

Roseman, who graduated from McGill with an master's degree in philosophy, has worked for the *Financial Post* and the *Toronto Star*. She is currently the associate managing editor responsible for investment coverage at the *Globe*.

Her tip for people who get investment advice from newspapers is to take it with a grain of salt. "Never base investment plans on what you see in one day's newspaper," she said, since the business press has a short-term outlook and the situation could easily change tomorrow.

New plan rewards deficit-reducing ideas

By JOSEPH SERGE
CJN Business Editor

TORONTO — A new, non-profit plan to reward government workers for their ideas to reduce Canada's financial deficit and promote economic growth has been announced.

The Canadian Involvement Plan for Government Employees (CIPGE) is the brainchild of David Satok, president of the Loyal Group Inc. investment firm and an officer with Canadian Jewish Congress.

Satok said he wants to see all levels of government run with business efficiency. "If the governments apply the same reward systems as private enterprise, we would see much better results," he believes.

CIPGE will reward government employees for ideas which use sound business principles to save money, eliminate waste and benefit the people of Canada.

The awards are substantial. Major awards of $100,000 and $50,000 will be given to the best suggestions each year, along with 10 prizes of up to $5,000.

Funding will come solely from major corporations and fundraising.

"CIPGE is prepared to tap Canadian ingenuity and reward people who want to take the time to make a difference. It gives grassroots workers, moderates, thinkers and big-picture planners a real chance to make a difference and tackle the national debt," Satok said.

Entries are confidential, and submissions can be made through third parties.

The competition is open to civil servants at all levels of government, including retired employees and those working in government-funded organizations like universities and hospitals. Also eligible are contracted consultants who "can re-examine their reports which are now sitting on dusty shelves," Satok said.

Written submissions will be reviewed by representatives from business, labor and academia.

Satok, who is expecting the competition to receive "a huge amount" of submissions, said CIPGE will help ensure winning recommendations are implemented quickly.

"If a suggestion with potential for cost containment is being ignored without explanation, I see no reason why the public — the people ultimately footing the bill — shouldn't be informed," Satok said.

"If we can save two per cent per annum, governments could balance the budgets in 10 years and start whittling down the accumulated debt."

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Business & Finance

Opposition grows to EU trade deal

Jerusalem Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Opposition is growing to what ministers say are the poor terms of the proposed free trade agreement with the European Union (EU), which many say will not put a dent in Israel's ballooning $7.4-billion trade deficit with Europe.

Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur last week joined Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish in decrying the agreement. "I don't think I can recommend that the cabinet accept it," Tsur said in the *Jerusalem Post*.

Industry and Trade and Agriculture are the two key ministries affected most by the terms of the proposed agreement. Tsur complained about the lack of European flexibility in raising Israeli agriculture export quotas.

"This is an important issue for us, since 85 per cent of all our agricultural exports goes to Europe," he said.

"In the past, the Europeans said they did not want to help us because of Likud policies in the territories. I have met with five different European agriculture ministers, and now they say they don't want to help us because they have their own economic problems."

Critics of the accord speak with a special sense of urgency, since now is the first time in 20 years Israel is being afforded the opportunity to renegotiate the parameters of trade with Europe.

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Advertiser's Corner

Midland Walwyn Capital Inc.

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — If you want more bang for your investment buck it pays to have sound financial advice.

"When people come in they think they know what they want. But it's not always appropriate to their needs," said Corrine Spiegel, a financial planner at **Midland Walwyn Capital Inc**.

Spiegel, a securities dealer for more than 14 years, is a Midland Walwyn vice-president.

Her clients range in age from young working professionals to retired seniors. While her recommendations are specific to each client, they are based on general principals applicable to any age group, she said.

Diversification of an investment portfolio — spreading the assets in different kinds of investments such as bonds, stocks and cash — is important so investors can hedge their bets against changes in the market.

With today's interest rates Spiegel recommends her clients buy long-term government-guaranteed bonds. "The power of compound interest at today's rates is so compelling that it's hard to recommend anything else," she said.

The current high yielding government bonds are such an attractive investment Spiegel has difficulty recommending mutual funds, given the risk and the average rate of return, she said.

Why take a chance?

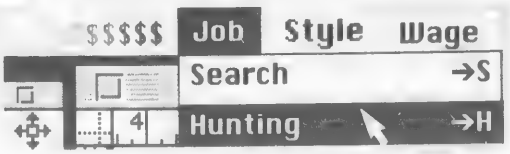
Of the 1046 mutual funds available for sale in Canada, only 106 of the funds averaged returns of 10 per cent or more over the last 10 years, she said. "Why would you take the chance of maybe making 10 per cent when you can make 9½ per cent guaranteed?"

Spiegel specializes in analyzing macro-economic trends, the peaks and valleys. She positions investment funds according to the trends.

"I like to buy when investments are out of favor [with most buyers] because that's when they're a better buy," Spiegel said.

Her work in futures — she follows commodities — helps her determine the rate of inflation, which is directly linked to interest rates.

Many people keep their money in banks because they aren't fully aware of their investment options, she said. "If you take the time to understand [your options] you end up not only with a better rate of return, but with a product better suited to your needs."



This week The CJN is featuring the first of a monthly column on job-searching techniques by job counsellor Lisa Galet. Readers are invited to forward any questions relating to this topic to Lisa Galet, c/o The Canadian Jewish News.

By LISA GALET
Special to The CJN

Looking for a job is an event most of us experience at least once in our lifetime. Lately, more of us have been going through this experience and our limited practice at this activity makes it difficult and demoralizing.

It is a skill we are expected to know and excel at and yet it is not taught in school, we can't really look to our parents and see how they coped, and our experience even five years ago is not that helpful. Moreover, in today's economy, the job hunter has to be sharper, and make a more professional presentation, in order to compete successfully against the many other applicants.

Job hunting has truly become a job in itself. This multi-faceted and underpaid stressful job is probably the most difficult work we will ever do and yet it could be the most important.

Frequently, because we choose to do this work alone, the task is even harder. We expect we can make the perfect resume to locate and secure the perfect employment opportunity. Our desire to be independent coupled with our sense of pride encourages us to go through this ordeal alone, afraid to talk to others for fear they will ostracize us or compete against us.

But by talking to people we gain their support and find out about possible job openings. In job searching, the concept is called networking.

When you talk, be it in person or on the phone, you do not need to let on that you are unemployed. Simply instruct others of your occupation and the fact that you are looking for work.

Saying something like "I am a legal secretary and I'm looking for work opportunities" is enough. When you hear the sound of your own voice repeating aloud "I am a legal secretary" you encourage yourself to present yourself as a legal secretary instead of as an anonymous unemployed person. This message can be a powerful source of motivation and positive reinforcement you need to hear.

Once we know about those possible job openings, we use our resume, to further interest an employer in our potential.

On average, employers spend less than ten seconds on their initial glance at a resume so it must be straightforward and succinct. Rarely more than two pages, attractive, concentrated mostly on the last fifteen years, and offering the major tasks accomplished at your previous jobs — the resume is the tool to use to get the employer to want to meet you.

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Cold doesn't deter Zimriah fans

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Hundreds of parents and grandparents recently braved the frigid weather to shep nachas from the children who performed in the 30th annual Zimriah, the Jewish school choir festival, held this year at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

"I wouldn't miss this for the world," Evelyn Albert told *The CJN*. "I would have come if there was 20 feet of snow."

The deep freeze was no deterrent for Albert, who came by bus from Hamilton to watch granddaughter Keren Shilling, 8½, sing with Associated Hebrew School's second choir.

The festival, sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education (BJE), has grown in popularity over the years, said coordinator Yael Seliger. This year's festival drew a record 540 students from 12 different schools.

The 1000-seat sanctuary was filled to capacity for both Zimriah shows. There were choirs from seven day schools and five supplementary schools.

The theme of this year's Zimriah was peace. Conductor Doron Ophir taught the choirs to sing several peace songs together, which they did beautifully despite only one rehearsal together.

"You don't only sing to perform," said Zimriah stage manger and choreographer Rivka Atzmony. "You sing for the feeling of the day ... It's the whole ensemble together."

Atzmony credits Ophir with the successes of recent Zimriyot. "He plans it so well. He's a master at what he does," she said. "He brought up the level of the music."

BJE executive director Rabbi Irwin Witty told *The CJN* Ophir has made an immeasurable contribution to Zimriah, and praised the work of coordinator Seliger.

Zimriah is very much a labor of love for participants and organizers alike. Students and choir masters give up their lunch hours and recesses to begin rehearsals early in the fall. Atzmony said she and Ophir will start planning Zimriah 1996 in the spring. Ophir will spend the summer getting the music ready for September.

Gloria Lupas, a mother who has attended many Zimriyot, came out this year to watch the performance of her daughter Michali, a Grade 3 student at Netivot. Lupas told *The CJN* she's a big supporter of Zimriah.

"I think it's spectacular, the whole Jewish community coming together like this," she said.

Toronto poet honored in Taiwan

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Accomplished Toronto poet Donia Clenman was honored recently at the 15th World Congress of Poets held in Taipei, Taiwan.

An honorary doctorate in literature was conferred on Clenman "for distinguished achievement in poetry" at a ceremony in the library of the World Academy of Arts and Culture, an umbrella organization under the patronage of UNESCO.

Clenman travelled to Taiwan with her husband Martin Clenman, a concert pianist, photographer and retired head of the mathematics department at Humberside Collegiate.

Clenman, 67, was one of 450 delegates to the Taipei event from 43 countries. Israeli poet laureate Puah Shalev-Toren was also present.

"I felt like a camera — so full of unprocessed film that it might take me months of reflection to fully develop them," Clenman said about her impressions of the trip.

Born Donia Klajman in Opatow, Poland, her family moved to Warsaw when she was six. She and her mother survived the Opatow ghetto and Skarzysko and Czestochowa concentration camps. Her father perished in Treblinka.

A frequent visitor to Israel, her works meld her past with her love of Israel and her people. In the near future, she will publish *Older and in Love*, a retrospective of extended visits to Israel between 1983 and 1992.

She will express her affection for Canada with poetry to be set to music by composer Srul Glick to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir at a performance at Roy Thomson Hall later this year.

Of her Taiwanese experience, Clenman said she learned to appreciate other forms of poetry. "Unlike Western poetry, which is wedded to the printed page, Chinese poetry is sung and performed with such flair and gusto so that even when ignorant of content, we would sit spellbound by the drama of the performance."

Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

The Rising Star of Theresa Tova: Television actress and cabaret diva Theresa Tova of Toronto has been packing them in at various clubs around town recently with her magnificent array of torch songs, jazz tunes and teary-eyed Yiddish ballads.

Well-known for her role on the cancelled Canadian television show *ENG*, Tova recently worked on the pilot of a new TV sitcom, "playing a wonderful, nicer version of Roseanne," she explains. "If the project is a go, I'll be singing in Edmonton next year."

Theresa Tova

Famous within the Jewish community for her heart-rending performances of tunes from Yiddish vaudeville and the ghettos of Eastern Europe, Tova says not just Jews applaud when she sings in Yiddish. "It warms my heart to see these little Jewish bubbies down there at midnight, still listening to me," she says. "But when I sing these songs for non-Jews, they also love them. They cry and they thank me profusely — they seem to appreciate these songs as much as Jewish people do."

In recent months, she has added significantly to her Yiddish repertoire with such new material as *Roshinkes mit Mandlen* (Raisins and Almonds), *Vi Shlecht und Vi Biter* (How Hard and How Bitter), *Unter Dayne Vayse Shtern* (Under Your White Starry Heaven) and *Ich Benk Aheym* (I Long For Home). She is preparing to sing many of these songs in translation.

Torontonians have several opportunities to hear Tova in concert in coming months. On Feb. 26 at 8 p.m., she performs The Best of Theresa Tova at My Tree House, a club at 485 Church St. Tova's best includes songs from Yiddish to Gershwin, from Sondheim to Patsy Cline; a $6 cover charge applies.

She is also set to appear during a cabaret evening at the Bathurst Jewish Centre March 4. Another opportunity to hear her occurs May 1, when she performs songs from Gershwin to Klezmer at the Adath Israel Synagogue, during a gala celebration of the end of World War II and the liberation of all the concentration camps. She has also accepted an invitation to appear at a Yiddish Cultural Festival in Washington, D.C., in 1996.

When Eye On Arts spoke with her, the ebullient songstress conveyed the impression that she has begun to receive the recognition for her Yiddish performances she so richly deserves. Tova is a powerful, uniquely gifted singer who should be warmly applauded for revitalizing these Yiddish songs and making them accessible to English-speaking audiences.

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More Jewish Music: The first event in a three-concert inaugural season of Jewish Music Toronto gets underway 8 p.m. Feb. 26 at the Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. W., when Beth Ann Cole, Judith Lander, Gene DiNovi, Rebecca Enkin and Mark Eisenmann appear in An Evening of Popular Song.

The program features the music of internationally noted composers Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim and Kurt Weill, as well as Canadian composers Saul Chapman, Barry Little and Shelly Sper. A panel discussion begins at 7 p.m. Tickets ($20) are available from the box office, 416-205-5555.

The second concert in the series, Great Artists in Recital, occurs March 27, and features violinist Jacques Israelievitch and pianist Alexander Tselyakov, performing a program by Mendelssohn, Ellstein, Gershwin, Press, Adaskin, Ben Haim Lavry, Robinovitch, Milhaud and Bloch.

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Jewish Theatre: The Jewish Theatre Committee of Toronto is seeking mementoes of Yiddish theatre for a display in connection with its forthcoming production of the prize-winning play, *Gordin in America*, to be presented in April.

The committee is also seeking playscripts of Jewish content for its tryout project, First Words, which provides an opportunity to test works in progress on an audience. Actors are also required. Contact First Words, JCC Bloor, 750 Spadina Ave., Toronto M5S 2J2. 416-924-6211.

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Cats At The O'Keefe: Like a tabby cat on the prowl, the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical *Cats* is returning to Toronto to play at the O'Keefe Centre for eight shows only, March 21 to 26. Producer Marlene Smith's original production of *Cats* in this city sparked a major growth in the theatre industry here. Tickets ($28 to $65) can be purchased at the box office or at any TicketMaster location. Or phone 416-872-2262 to charge.

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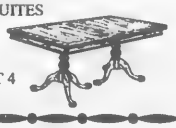
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Arts

Children's choir gives a soothing performance

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — There is nothing quite so soothing and inspirational as the gentle strains of children singing.

The renowned Toronto Children's Chorus soothed and inspired during its recent concert performance at Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

With an overflow audience, the event was the successful culmination of Sisterhood Shabat, produced in cooperation with Musica Beth Tikvah as part of its major concert series.

Conducted by choir founder and music director Jean Ashworth Bartle, the chorus of 100 selected kids from grades 5-11 has represented Canada at dozens of international competitions, amassing a wealth of awards and rave reviews. The company recently gave a critically acclaimed concert in New York's Carnegie Hall.

The Beth Tikvah concert was first suggested nearly two years ago by music director Srul Irving Glick, but school and concert obligations stood in the way. "The night has finally arrived," beamed Bartle during her introductory remarks.

The choir sang the rousing Israeli folk songs *Hashivenu, Haida*, and *Dodi Li*; Felix Mendelssohn's *Lift Thine Eyes* and *Laudate Pueri* ("Children of Israel, we praise thee, oh God"); and Glick's *Moments in Time*.

The crowd favorite clearly was the hauntingly beautiful *Keewaydin*, written by noted Canadian composer Harry Freedman and based on the rhythmic Ojibway language of northern Ontario. The children's voices conjured up images of Arctic winds whistling through forests, cascading waterfalls and the aboriginal reverence for nature.

Bartle is much in demand as lecturer and guest conductor of children's choirs. She is currently setting up choral programs for the Toronto Board of Education and teaches music at Blythwood Public School.

She told *The CJN* the Toronto Children's Chorus was started 15 years ago as a way "to motivate and understand children. What our young people want most is an opportunity to be heard and to perform. These kids thrive on the discipline and hard work required to achieve this level of musical skill."

The greatest reward, Bartle said, has been seeing the students develop as artists and as people. "Many of our graduates have gone on to become teachers and choral directors; others are now aspiring composers and songwriters. All of them are in some way 'addicted' to music."

Toronto ballet shows Jews and blacks can get along fine

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Malca Litovitz believes fervently that blacks and Jews can get along and she expresses this eloquently in her text for the ballet *People Like Us*.

Voice One:
Don't hurt us as you fight your cause
We've been done so wrong.
Don't hurt us as you fight for truth
We want to march along.
Voice Two:
We're not your nanny.
We're not slaves, chattels or machines.
We're proud and free.
Let us be your equals,
We'll dance from sea to sea.

Litovitz, a professor of English at Seneca College, who gets along well with her many black students, was bitterly disappointed when *People Like Us* was cancelled after a black politician complained that it perpetuated stereotypes.

Now Litovitz and the ballet's co-creators, Shula Saltzman, artistic director of Me'Irim Dance Company, and Patrick Parsons, black director of Ballet Creole, are hoping to revive it because they think it is important to clear the air after the strain of the *Show Boat* debate. All three say the politician's complaint is ill-founded, that their purpose is to denounce stereotypes of blacks and Jews alike.

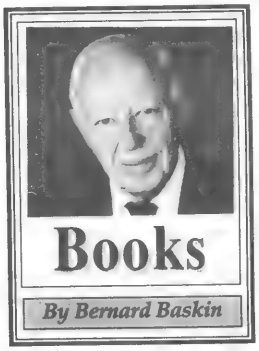
Malca Litovitz

Litovitz' interest in the subject goes back a long way. A black professor at the University of Toronto, Frederick Case, gave her an A on an undergraduate paper describing how both black and Jewish authors reflected the tensions and the triumphs in relations between their two races in the period from 1940 to 1970.

Before writing *People Like Us*, she had long talks with the black dancers of Ballet Creole and with Dr. Tony McFarlane, of Hamilton, a black with a Jewish grandmother, who is second vice-president of Reform Temple Anshe Shalom and an active multiculural worker.

Saltzman, who is a student of both literature and dance, is at a loss to explain the rupture in black-Jewish relations. "There has been a big change and I don't understand how and why the split has happened," she said. "There is more tension and less harmony than I remember as a child."

Saltzman's father, Rabbi Meyer Strassfeld, of Boston, marched with civil rights workers at Selma, Alabama, in the early 1960s.



Books

By Bernard Baskin

Fear Of Fifty, by Erica Jong (Harper-Collins, $29.95).

Two decades ago, Erica Jong's lubricious novel, *Fear of Flying*, won her fame and fortune. John Updike waxed enthusiastic. "The book," he wrote, "has class and sass, brightness and the bite . . . and her cheerful sexual frankness brings a new flavor to female prose."

Jong's narrative detailed the amorous education and adventures of a young woman determined to experience life to the fullest. It was funny, frank, brash and outrageous — unflinching in its observations of her role in the battle between the sexes.

Now, at 50, concerned with aging and fearful of the future, she sets down her thoughts on a wide range of subjects. "Modern women," she complains, "are part of a Whiplash Generation raised to be Doris Day . . . yearning to be Gloria Steinem (and raising) our mid-life daughters in the age of Nancy Reagan and Princess Di."

It is no surprise that women reaching 50 are in a state of perplexity and rage. None of the things they counted on have come to pass, she writes. "Instead, the ground under their feet keeps constantly shifting.

Surprisingly, at 50, this pampered and hedonistic woman is concerned with the spiritual emptiness of society and the relentless dicta of the marketplace. "My body is not the issue. It's whether or not I have the right to my immortal soul . . . It is not a matter of ad and fashion. It is not a matter of new-age or 12-step hype. It is the essence of whether we are allowed to be fully human or not. If you own your soul, you don't have to be afraid at 50."

In the chapter entitled How I Got to be Jewish, Jong regrets her lack of identification with Judaism and the Jewish people. "It seems astonishing to me that a woman born at the height of the Holocaust should not have been trained to a stronger sense of Judaism. And I also begin to regret not having raised [daughter] Molly more Jewishly, and not having had more Jewish children to replace those lost among the six million.

"Lately I have begun to yearn for solidarity with other Jewish feminists, to join the search for nonsexist Jewish rituals, to celebrate my Jewishness without shame, without internalized anti-Semitism, and to embrace my Jewishness as part of my search for truth in my writing."

Where the mitzvot are concerned she writes, with tongue in cheek, that women had better get busy in observing them if they want to enter " 'the obscure heaven of the Jews.' If men need 613 mitzvahs, I figure women need 1,839."

Despite myths to the contrary, Jong believes there is still plenty of anti-Semitism in America — especially of a social nature. "Otherwise, we'd be saying 'next year in Oyster Bay' or 'Grosse Pointe,' instead of 'Next Year in Jerusalem.'

Her 1987 historical novel, *Serenissima*, concerned a Jewish heroine in 16th-century Venice who meets and falls in love with a youthful William Shakespeare. "Venice in the 16th century was Manhattan in the early 20th century: teeming with Jews driven out of Europe and the Middle East, designed to enrich the Christian world and to change it forever . . . they became a force. And they prospered. And Venice prospered."

She is genuinely puzzled and angry at women who are resentful or jealous of their successful sisters. "I realized gradually that women had managed to do to me what men no longer had the power to do: make me feel utterly and absolutely in the wrong, make me hate my own creativity, distrust my own impression. Every time I put pen to paper I would see a chorus of jeering women telling me that everything I said was not worth saying."

Written with verve and dash, often touching and wise, this memoir of the introspective author at 50 — although not recommended to the traditionally religious or decorous reader — will stimulate discussion and, undoubtedly, some titillation.

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Books explore Canadian sights

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

For travellers who like to explore lesser-known destinations off the highway, *Back Roads and Getaway Places of Canada* (Reader's Digest, $49.95) makes an excellent backseat companion.

This full-sized, 400-page compendium details some 300 sites in 22 regional chapters compiled by some 190 writers across Canada.

Back Roads and Getaway Places of Canada presents attractive and uncluttered regional highway maps, exquisite full-color photographs on every page, and encyclopedic coverage of quaint communities, peaceful islands, scenic provincial parks and beaches. In keeping with its general unhurried tone, the book also includes information on nature walks, hiking trails, and 26 national parks.

Many chapters feature a "Roads to Explore" section, which highlights, for instance, the mills and marshes on the Lake Erie shore, or the only road on the southern coast of Labrador. Many entries feature a "Special Events" box with local festivals, fairs and other events listed.

Besides being a good companion on the road, *Back Roads and Getaway Places of Canada* is an ideal book for armchair travellers, who can easily spend hours poring over its pages, devising real or imaginary journeys.

A guidebook that is much better suited for jet or rail travel, however, is Lonely Planet's recently updated volume on Canada ($24.95). Much smaller and lighter than the Reader's Digest tome, *Lonely Planet's Canada* packs just as much or more quality information into its 936 pages.

Based in Australia, Lonely Planet published its first travel book in 1973. Today its more than 130 titles continue to focus on budget travel with an adventurous approach, providing the personal impressions of their individual writers when appropriate. Reflecting this successful tradition, the volume on Canada is an astonishingly comprehensive overview of this country, with a remarkable level of detail.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

Travel Guide to Jordan: When I visited Jordan several years ago, I searched in vain for a good guidebook, finding Fodor's and other lighthearted fare inadequate. In the bookshop in the Marriott Hotel in Amman, I found *The Antiquities of Jordan* by G. Lankester Harding a wonderful guidebook filled with historical details, empirical descriptions and plenty of maps and photographs. Written in 1959 and revised in the 1970s, the book is still the best I have seen on the subject, providing a thorough, well-written background for the discerning traveller.

Lonely Planet's travel guide to Jordan and Syria is an excellent complement to Lankester Harding's volume because it provides myriad details and tips regarding travel in the modern Hashemite kingdom. It provides a succinct geopolitical history, vivid descriptions, useful sketchmaps, drawings, photographs and much practical information.

"If Jordan and Syria were anywhere else in the world, they would be crawling with sightseers, but Syria and Jordan are in the heart of the volatile Middle East and are low on most peoples' list of places worth visiting," the introduction begins. "Given its unflattering media profile — that of a region of barren desert and fanatics bent on revolution — it is a surprise to many that not only is it safe to travel here, but that the local Arab inhabitants are among the most hospitable in the world."

Of course, if you're Jewish, it's wise to avoid Syria for the moment; likewise, several of the Arab Gulf States, for which Lonely Planet recently issued a new and intriguing travel guide. Better wait for a true and lasting peace between Israel and the Arab world.

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Travel

Western Jerusalem market a veritable feast for the eyes

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

JERUSALEM — In the years immediately after the 1967 Six Day War, Jerusalemites flocked to the open air markets of predominantly-Arab East Jerusalem and beyond.

Prices were lower and the atmosphere was infinitely more exotic.

But in the past few years, with rising terrorism, fewer and fewer Israelis have ventured forth to Arab markets, fearing for their safety.

Instead, they've returned to an old standby in Western Jerusalem, the Mahane Yehuda Market, which attracts thrifty shoppers and a whole lot of curious tourists.

The market, most of which is covered, bustles with people and is redolent with typical Middle Eastern aromas, from falafel in cooking oil and olives in brine to freshly-baked rolls and fragrant fruits and vegetables.

As I ambled through one afternoon, I was treated to a veritable feast for the eyes.

I saw gleaming mounds of green, gray, purple and brown olives, as well as bins brimming with appetizing tomatoes, thick bananas, luscious green and red peppers, purplish eggplants, delectable persimons, rosy apples, dull pears and ripe onions.

As I paused, shoppers walked or brushed past me, carrying heavy bags filled with the bountiful produce of the land.

I stopped to admire a wide array of nuts, sunflower seeds, beans, lentils, candies and flowers.

Market bustles with people

As I rounded a corner and headed into daylight, I stopped at a kosher bakery, lining up to buy salty cheese-and-sesame bourekas, the Balkan specialty to which my Bulgarian mother-in-law introduced me more than 20 years ago.

Although I asked the vendor for one boureka, I got three. "They go down quickly," he explained.

And he was right. They were warm and chewy and delicious, and gone within minutes.

Having whetted my appetite, I stopped at a falafel-and-shwarma stand, which also happened to be kosher.

I ordered a shwarma sandwich, a pita stuffed with thin slices of mouth-watering lamb and garnished with tehina, red hot sauce, shredded cabbage and finely diced cucumbers and tomatoes.

As fast food goes, it was perfect.

The following night, my wife and I were taken out by friends to one of the many fine Middle Eastern restaurants within the boundaries of the market which are certified by the rabbinate in Jerusalem.

We began with starters like hummus and eggplant salad, graduated to mixed grill main dishes and finished with coffee and baklava.

It was a meal to remember.

Shoppers at Mahane Yehuda market. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

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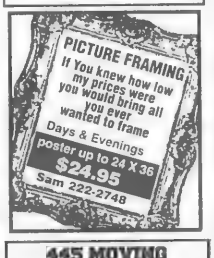
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Stanley Lewis on Saturday, February 4, at Mt. Sinai Hospital, Stanley Lewis, beloved husband of Rachel Lewis passed away. He will be deeply missed by his neices Georgina and Pip, family and friends in Canada, Israel and England. Grateful thanks for the kindness and caring of Dr. McIsaac and Mt. Sinai Hospital. Donations please to Mt. Sinai Hospital, Toronto.

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Israel to rely less on Palestinian labor

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel is well on its way to liberating itself from its dependency on Palestinian labor, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reportedly told the cabinet last Sunday.

Rabin said there are already 59,000 foreign workers in the country, and another 11,000 would arrive within the next few weeks.

Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat agreed during a meeting last week that Israel would transfer over $11 million to alleviate the problem of Palestinian unemployment, Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet told the *Jerusalem Post*.

He termed the money an "advance" that would be used for long-term joint projects, but other officials indicated the money was more of a grant that, in the short term, would help Gaza cope economically with Israel's decision to wean itself away from dependency on Palestinian labor.

If this is indeed the case, it would mark the first known time Israel is paying the Palestinian Authority to offset the effects of the closure.

Uri Dromi, a Rabin spokesperson, said the move toward reducing dependency on Palestinian workers is "an outgrowth of reality.

"The prime minister spoke about separation, and this

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat met last week at Erez to help ease a three-week-old closure of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. *[RNS photo]*

BB brief meets with hostility

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — B'nai Brith, Quebec region's League for Human Rights had to contend with hostile questions and audience heckling last week during its staunchly federalist presentation to the Montreal sovereignty commission.

But League officials said they felt they got their point across that the negative consequences of secession for the average Quebecer do not justify the risks or costs.

"Don't forget we were talking to a group who cannot be convinced," B'nai Brith director Robert Libman told *The CJN*.

The sessions, being broadcast on community-access television, are aimed at the estimated 25 per cent of undecided Quebecers.

Greg Bordan presented the brief from a table crowded with B'nai Brith officials. "No, we were not surprised by the reception," he said.

"It's a very emotional matter, and on the whole, the commission was very respectful."

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Expert says 'no shortcuts' to Jewish education

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A self-described optimist, Ze'ev Mankowitz has no trouble expounding on what's right with Jewish education today, both in the Diaspora and in Israel.

But asked what's wrong with it, Mankowitz, among the world's foremost experts on the subject, cradles his chin and pauses for a full three minutes.

"If we have one weakness," he says finally, "it's an attempt to provide the kind of Jewish education that is easily digestible, almost canned. If we accept that there are no shortcuts, then the rewards will be there. Jewish education only fails when it's flat and mechanical, instead of what it should be: rich and satisfying."

Ze'ev Mankowitz

Mankowitz has spent the better part of his professional life trying to make Jewish education more appealing and less cumbersome. The one-time professor at Jerusalem's Hebrew University is now director of the university's Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, a postgraduate degree-granting program and think tank.

With such a broad mandate, Mankowitz says he's an expert in forests, not trees. He prefers the big picture, and the picture of Jewish education today, he says, is vastly different from five years ago.

"At long last, the isolation teachers of Judaism felt is coming to an end," he told *The CJN* during a recent Toronto stopover to recruit candidates for the centre's programs. "The feeling that one is engaged in a lonely, low-paid, under-appreciated profession with not much prestige and no clear path for advancement is beginning to end.

"For the first time, many communities are beginning to provide proper [teacher] training facilities. That is a real sea change."

So, he feels, are the increasing extents to which communities around the world are making Jewish education a priority.

What's been at the root of this sudden upturn and interest? Mankowitz believes it's two pivotal events, both of which have taken some 50 years to seep into the Jewish psyche: the Holocaust and the creation of the State of Israel.

"These are deep, powerful factors, and they have given us confidence and courage and a new appreciation of ourselves. They have taken a long time to assess and percolate down to become part of our self-understanding."

Adding to the current renewal in Jewish pedagogy, Mankowitz feels, is " the beginning of a Jewish renaissance across the board, in art, culture and learning. It is within that context that we are starting to regroup."

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But there's always the other hand, "a crisis point" of skyrocketing intermarriage rates, especially in the United States.

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Cabbies Demand Safety

JERUSALEM — Several dozen taxi drivers demonstrated in Jerusalem last week after the funeral of a cabby thought to be murdered by terrorists.

Angry drivers demanded the government pay for more security measures, such as barriers between the front and back seats.

Rafi Cohen, 35, was fatally stabbed in north Jerusalem last week, apparently by two terrorists who, police said, disguised themselves as Jews.

Cohen was the fifth cab driver killed in the past year.

Ethiopian Morale Low

JERUSALEM — Motivation among Ethiopian-born males to serve in the Israel Defence Force (IDF) is low and decreasing, according to research being conducted by IDF psychologists.

The study is a follow-up to earlier research, which found Ethiopians profoundly disillusioned with their absorption in the country. It said new conscripts carry that dissatisfaction into the IDF.

Post is Barred

JERUSALEM — Egypt has barred distribution of the *Jerusalem Post* following publication of an article critical of several Egyptian officials.

The story criticized Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa and presidential political adviser Osama el-Baz for displaying "insensitivity" towards Israel.

A Lotto Luck

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian from Gaza last week claimed the $2-million prize he won in the state lottery.

He was the sole winner in last month's drawing, but was unable to collect his winnings because of the closure of the territories in the wake of the suicide bombing at Beit Lid Junction that killed 21 Israelis.

Last Wednesday, the winner, who concealed his identity by wearing a plastic bag over his head, went to lottery headquarters in Tel Aviv.

Israel Prize

HAIFA — Two University of Haifa professors, novelist A.B. Yehoshua and poet Natan Zach, have been named co-laureates of the prestigious Israel Prize for Literature, Poetry and Translation. The annual award, often compared to the Pulitzer Prize, will be formally presented on Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day.

Apartments For Sale

JERUSALEM — The Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza has embarked on a campaign to sell area apartments to Jews abroad.

Buyers would then rent them to Israelis who want to move into the areas but can't afford the apartments or are wary of risking their money.

Council spokesperson Yehiel Leiter said "a couple of dozen" of apartments have been sold in the United States and Europe, and that the council is continuing to market the units.

Leiter said Diaspora Jews are being asked to invest in, rather than donate to, the territories.

WORLD

Kidnapped Leader Returns

SAN SALVADOR — The leader of El Salvador's Jewish community returned safely home last week after being kidnapped here last month.

Jean-Claude Kahn, 51, a businessman of French descent, was abducted Jan. 31 from his car by six armed men in downtown San Salvador, a local police source said.

The kidnapping was believed to be motivated by financial reasons and was not a terrorist operation, the source said.

New Aussie Files

SYDNEY — Investigators have started to prepare a new list of suspected Nazi war criminals living in Australia, a federal police official said recently.

The suspects, on a list given to police by the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre, are believed to be former members of Nazi killing squads that operated in German-occupied Lithuania.

The issue was reignited with the publication in last week's *Australia/Israel Review* of an angry attack of the Australian government by Robert Greenwood, who led investigations between 1987 and 1991 of alleged war criminals living in Australia.

"The politicians of this country have let down the Jewish people," he said.

New Denial Law

BRUSSELS — The Belgian Parliament has enacted a law making it a criminal offense to distribute Holocaust-denial literature.

Prior to the new legislation, Belgium was, along with Denmark, one of the few Western European countries where the publication of revisionist books was not a punishable crime.

But under the new law, violators may be jailed for up to one year and fined about $200.

Anti-Semitism Up

BONN — Incidents of anti-Semitism rose in Germany last year, especially among youth, according to figures released this month by the General Security Service.

The study found that by mid-November 1994, the number of anti-Semitic incidents stood at 802, compared to 656 incidents during all of 1993.

Fewer Jewish cemeteries were desecrated last year, but more cases of ethnic incitement were recorded, particularly Holocaust denial.

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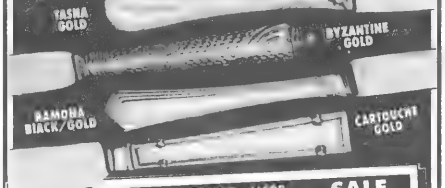

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Toronto remains Canada's Jewish centre

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — To no one's surprise, Toronto remains the "major centre" of Canadian Jewry, with the city and its environs home to almost half of all Canadian Jews, according to a major study released last week in Montreal.

The 200-page report by McGill University's Consortium for Ethnicity and Strategic Social Planning is based on the 1991 federal census results, and provides the most in-depth analyses on population trends, immigration, poverty, family structures and intermarriage available in the Jewish community.

It found that in 1991, there were 162,605 Jews living in Metro Toronto and surrounding regions, a 26 per cent increase over a decade earlier and a whopping 70 per cent jump since the 1971 census — a "profound and unparalleled demographic transformation."

Over 45 per cent of Canada's 356,315 Jews in 1991 lived in Toronto and environs, says the study, which was conducted with the Council of Jewish Federations Canada, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Statistics Canada.

The numbers make Toronto the eighth largest Jewish community in North America, the study notes, adding that Jews here constituted 4.2 per cent of the city's total population, making it Canada's most Jewish city.

But the figures differ slightly from the results of the 1991 census, which listed "Jewish" under two different headings: ethnic origin and religion. Respondents could answer yes to one or both.

The McGill team, headed by Prof. Jim Torczyner, blended the census results for a more accurate snapshot. In calculating who is Jewish, researchers came up with three categories: those identifying themselves as Jewish by religion as well as ethnic origin, by religion only and by ethnic roots alone.

The study found that in Toronto, the total Jewish population broke down this way: 133,745 said they were Jewish by religion and by ethnic background; 17,370 said they were Jewish by religion but with other ethnic origins; and 11,485 claimed no religion but felt Jewish by ethnic origin.

Excluded from the total were the 10,915 people who said they were Jewish by ethnic origin but practised another religion.

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Toronto	128,650	162,605	+26.4%
Hamilton	4,650	5,145	+10.6%
London	2,330	2,670	+14.6%
Windsor	2,125	1,785	-16.0%
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POPULATION	1981	1991	% CHANGE
JEWISH	312,060	356,315	+14.20%
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Poverty for one in seven

Researchers found that degrees of religious identification were "extremely high" in Toronto, with nearly 93 per cent of the city's Jews identifying with Judaism as a faith. Only Montreal had a higher degree of identification with Judaism as a religion, at 96 per cent of that city's total. The lowest was Vancouver at 74 per cent.

However, the study warns that there is "evidence of weakened patterns of identification" among children and young adults in Toronto. Of Jews aged 65 and over, 97 per cent identified with the Jewish religion, but the ratio slips to 91 per cent among those aged 15 to 19.

Intermarriage in Toronto remained low, with only nine per cent of all Jews living in intermarried families, compared to the national average of 14.8 per cent in 1991. But the study adds that intermarriage in Toronto is increasing, particularly among Canadian-born Jews aged 25 to 34: 14.6 per cent in this age group lived in intermarried families.

Almost 13 per cent of all Jewish children in Toronto lived in families where at least one parent was not Jewish, the report found.

Immigrants "have transformed Toronto Jewish life," the study says. More than 27,000 Jewish immigrants have settled in Toronto in the past 20 years, and almost one-third of the entire population was born outside Canada. Most recent immigrants came from the former Soviet Union, followed by Israel and South Africa.

Other Toronto tidbits:

- From 1986 to 1991, over 7,300 Jews moved to Toronto from elsewhere in Canada. Of those, 62 per cent came from Quebec.
- One out of seven Toronto Jews, or over 21,000 people, lives near or below the poverty line. Women are more likely to be poor than men, and more than one-third of the Jewish poor were elderly.
- Just over 15 per cent of Toronto Jewry was aged 65 and over. Almost one-third of the elderly were "unattached."
- There were 12,685 Holocaust survivors in Toronto in 1991, and one-third of all elderly Jews were survivors.
- Over 43,000 Jews lived in York Region, just north of Toronto, making it the third largest concentration of Jews in Canada. Seven out of eight Toronto Jews lived in a narrow corridor extending northward through Toronto, North York and southern York Region.
- Almost 78 per cent of Toronto Jews lived in two-parent families, with 6.6 per cent in single-parent families. Of those, 82 per cent were headed by women. Almost half of all Toronto Jews were married in 1991.
- Half of all Jews in Toronto were enrolled in university or had completed a bachelor's degree — about twice the rate of the general community. Sixteen per cent had a graduate degree in 1991, compared to the overall Canadian rate of four per cent.
- Women in Toronto were underrepresented in the professions. Jewish men were almost twice as likely as Jewish women to be managers; three times as likely to be architects, accountants and lawyers; and four times as likely to be doctors and dentists. Jewish women were twice as likely as Jewish men to be teachers.

The McGill study is available for $20 by calling 514-398-6747.

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Racial attitudes discussed at Holy Blossom program

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A comment by a black former Ontario cabinet minister that Jews are not as understanding of the position of blacks in society as they were when she attended Harbord Collegiate was challenged by a Jewish professor at the University of Toronto recently.

The exchange between Zanane Akande, former minister of community and social services in the NDP government, and Professor Michael Marrus, a historian, took place at the end of a long panel discussion celebrating black history month at Holy Blossom Temple sponsored by the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat.

Speaking from the floor, Akande said her Jewish classmates walked out at Harbord Collegiate when a teacher made derogatory remarks about blacks, and the teacher later apologized. "Now I live in this neighborhood (near the temple) and my children go to schools here and there is a difference in the attitude of Jews."

The former cabinet minister said Jews seem unwilling to accept blacks as equals and suggested the former friendly feeling between the races was based on blacks being an underdog.

In responding, panelist Marrus suggested there was "a huge measure of subjectivity," in Akande's asessment. In his main presentation, Marrus said both blacks and Jews are victims of the tragedies in their history and subject "to the triumphalism of pain."

When the professor said that possibly Akande was reacting to her own "discomfort" in relations with Jews, she returned to the microphone to say: "They were uncomfortable reacting to my being an equal.

Zanane Akande

Michael Marrus

"You want to set the standards, that is a privilege of your race," she told Marrus.

"You may be wrong about this," Marrus responded. He ended the largely good-natured exchange by saying, "let's talk."

Earlier, a Grade 6 Jewish student at a North York public school asked the panel for advice. He said he had told the principal and his teacher about racist remarks being made by a fellow student, who had previously been expelled for five days for the same reason. The principal and teacher took no action, he said.

"You've done all you can," replied black lawyer Roger Rowe, while panelist Carol Tator, a race relations consultant, said: "You are an inspiration to everyone here."

Good relations betwen blacks and Jews in the 1940s and 1950s have deteriorated because "Jews have made it," said panelist Metro councillor Bev Salmon. The daughter of a Jamaican immigrant and an Irish Catholic mother, Salmon said she represents an area (North York-Centre South) that is 30 per cent Jewish. During her campaigning, she said she was offended by people who commented "Your skin color is not really very black."

Her father, who came here to join the Canadian Army in World War I, faced discrimination as did her husband who went back to school and is today a surgeon.

"Very few blacks are not harassed by the police and I don't think that happens to Jews," Salmon said. When she speaks up on behalf of blacks, she said she gets lots of hate mail.

"Jews and blacks exist in two solitudes and each has developed an attitude of moral superiority to the other," said Tator, chair, national social action committee, Canadian Council of Reform Judaism.

"Relations between blacks and Jews are more openly distrustful than ever before," she said. "The central problem is not polarization between us but the systemic racism endemic to Canadian culture and its effects against blacks."

"I assure you there was no anti-Jewish feeling in the coalition to stop *Show Boat*," said Rowe, its co-founder. When anti-Semitism became a factor in the debate, he suggested Jews used that to opt out of any discussion on whether racism in *Show Boat* was relevant.

"While Jews have reaped the benefits of white privilege in North America, which blacks will never have, many in the Jewish community still do not feel safe," he said.

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Nobel Peace Prize committee member explains resignation

By SEAN MICHAEL KERNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Had Kaare Kristiansen not resigned last year from the Nobel Peace Prize selection committee because of the co-awarding of the prize to PLO chief Yasser Arafat, "I wouldn't have been able to look at myself in the mirror. I wouldn't sleep; I'd have nightmares all the time."

Before a supportive audience of over 200 and three standing ovations at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue last week, Kristiansen explained why, in a highly-publicized and unprecedented move, he quit the peace prize selection committee.

If he had not resigned, he said, it would have been an endorsement for Arafat.

"I had to ask myself," he said, "what are the qualifications for a man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, the most prestigious prize in the world?

"In my view, Arafat had no qualifications when you looked at his past. That is the most important thing: To what degree has the candidate contributed to peace in the past? You couldn't say that in any way about a man who for 30 years saw it as his main task to spread terror and violence in the world, who has so many innocent lives on his conscience.

"My decision was to say no, no, no" to Arafat's candidacy for the prize.

Kristiansen, a former speaker of Norway's parliament who served

Kaare Kristiansen

on the Nobel selection committee from 1986 to 1994, said he attempted to dissuade his colleagues from awarding the prize to the PLO leader.

The peace process itself was not the reason for Kristiansen's resignation.

"My attitude was not a demonstration against the peace process, which I firmly believe in," he said.

"My resignation from the committee was directed against Arafat and his candidature for the prize ... There may be instances where a government is forced to negotiate even with a scoundrel, but on the other side, it doesn't mean that we should give that man a reward. That was my problem.

"Could I give a reward to a man who had such a past and would be unpredictable for the future? I found it was impossible for me."

The reason for Kristiansen's stand against his peers had a lot to do with what he sees as the moral responsibility Christian Europeans have for Jews.

Conscience would have plagued him

"How could it happen?" asked Kristiansen, referring to the Holocaust. "How could we as Christians in Norway and other countries allow such atrocities to occur to our Jewish brothers and sisters?

"It is the responsibility of the countries that voted for the new Israeli state in 1947 to allow the State of Israel to develop further. And in Europe we must make it clear that we will not let atrocities to the Jewish people happen again. To do that, we have to be sure to do something; we cannot wait to see what others do ... The most dangerous thing is not to care."

Kristiansen's talk was co-sponsored by Beth Emeth, Beth David Synagogue and the International Coalition for Missing Israeli Soldiers.

MS fundraiser night

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The New Leadership Division of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, Winnipeg chapter, is hosting a comedy night on April 1, in support of multiple sclerosis research at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The featured performer will be comic John Rogers who has appeared on A&E's *An Evening at the Improv* and CBC's *Just for Laughs*, and has given performances as far away as Australia.

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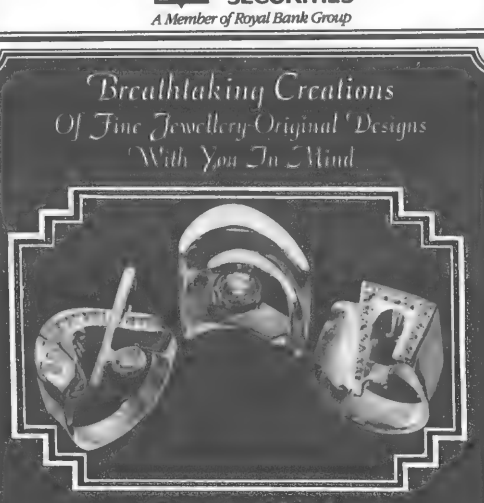
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Vancouver's Bellas to vie for national Congress post

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Renee Switzer Bellas, the retiring chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, is throwing her hat in the ring for election as chair of Congress' national executive, the top position after the president.

Involved with Congress since 1984, Bellas has participated in the Soviet Jewry committee, which she chaired from 1986 to 1989. She was elected chair of the Jewish parliamentary affairs committee, Pacific region, in 1989 and was named chair of the region in 1992.

During her term with the Soviet Jewry committee she was instrumental in arranging a number of family reunifications in British Columbia, and when serving on the Parliamentary committee, she maintained regular contact with MPs in the areas of particular concern to the Jewish community.

Erwin Nest, executive director of the region, says that as chair of the Pacific region for the past three years "Renee has greatly increased the profile and recognition of Canadian Jewish Congress both within the Jewish community and the general community."

'Vision and relevance'

Bellas believes the importance of Congress in the history of Canadian Jewry is well documented "and I am proud to be one of its active volunteers."

She said the "vision and relevance" of Congress' mandate "make it even more important to the status and welfare of the Jewish community — today and for the future."

She sees the national executive as a vehicle "for discussion and decision making that reflects the views of Jewish Canadians from all walks of life." She hopes to "provide a balance to Congress leadership by bringing my perspective as a businesswoman who is an active member of the fastest growing Jewish constituency in Canada — the West."

The Pacific region serves about 25,000 Jews in British Columbia and the Northwest and Yukon Territories.

Bellas has been a member of the national executive and officers' board since 1990. She has also served on the board and executive of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver and is currently vice-president for liaising with community agencies. She won a Federation Young Leadership Award in 1988.

In 1987 Bellas spearheaded a program in the Vancouver public school system to provide a food program for hungry children.

Born in Calgary, she got her BA at the University of British Columbia in classical studies and museology and helped plan and design Vancouver's new museum.

She is vice-president of William Switzer & Associates Ltd., a family firm with factories in Vancouver, Italy and Spain. The company makes fine furniture for the Canadian market and exports to the United States, Europe and Japan.

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דאָס בוך שטעלט מיט זיך פאר זיין ערדגילטיקע דעקלאראציע וועגן זיין אייגענער ידישקייט, וועגן זיין צוגעבונדנקייט צו ידישקייט, צום ידישן פאלק און צו מדינת ישראל, ווי ער פארשטייט אט-די צוגעבונדנקייט. מען קען אין דעם בוך ליינען זיין אויסטיפט למאי ער האט ניט געמאכט עליה -- אויב אזא תירוץ איז בכלל נויטיק. איך בין זיכער אז ער איז ניט זיכער מיט דעם עסק און ער וועט נאך וויטער שרייבן וועגן ידן און ידישקייט, ווייל דאס איז זיין סאמע פרוכטבארע טעמע, אָן נאר אין דער טעמע קען ער באווייזן זיין טאַלאַנט אָן שפּעזירישקייט.

אין אַנהויב איז דאס בוך אַן א צותעק אָן אַן א צענטראל-פונקט. עס דרייט זיך אהין און אהער פון איין יאַרצענדליק צו א צוויין. פלוצלינג, אָן א שום באוואָרענישׂ, שטעלט דער מחבר אויף א מעשה וועגן דעם מהר"ל פון פראג, אַנגעשריבן פון ריטשלערס זיידע, ידל ראזענבערג.

עס איז שווער צו דערגיין, צי ער איז א "טויב", צי א "פאַלק", וואס שייך יידן און אראבער. ביזן לעצטן זאץ, אויף דער סאמע לעצטער זייט פון בוך, אנטפלעקט ער דעם סוד, אז ער איז א "טויב". וועָן ער הערט זיך צו צו די טענות פון די אראבער, טראכט ער וועגן דעם, וואס מען האָט אַפגעטאן צו די יידן אונטער די נאצישׂ; וועָן ער הערט זיך צו צו די יידן פון רעכטן לאגער איז ער אירפגעטרייסלט פון דעם, וואס זיי האלטן, אז אראבער זיינען אוממענטשן.

ריטשלער האלט זיך פאר א גלות-יד, אויף להעכיס די ציוניסטן, וואס האַלטן, אז דעם גלות איז באשערט אונטערצוגיין, די אידאַיע, וואס ליגט אין דעם איז דאס, וואס זיין באנצע שרייבערשע קאריערע איז באזידט אויף זיין אַפלאָכן אין חוזק מאכן פון די "באקוועמע" יידן פון די גלות-לעמדער, פון שיטן פּעך אָן שוועבל אויף די קליינביגעראלעכע יידן פון מאנטרעאל, ניט ישׂראל אָן טאראנטא, פון אַפּחוקן פון זייערע מידות, געוואויהייטן אָן היפאקריטסטוואָ. אָן אט האלט ער זיך אויף זייער צד אָן רעכטס זיך פאר זייערס א מענטש.

ער וויזט אויס גרויס דרך ארץ פאר זיין זיידן פון דער מאמע'ס צד, הרב יחזקל ראזענבערג (אגב א געווזעזענער טאראנטער תושב), כאטש ער איז געווען אינגאנצן 4 יאר אלט, בשעת דער זיידע איז נפטר געווארן אין יאר 1935. אפשר וואלט געווען אנדערש ווען רב יחזקל וואלט לעבנגער געלעבט. אבער עס איז א גאנץ אנדערע מעשה מיטן צוויי־טן זיידן -- פון טאטנס צד -- וואס האט אים אויסגעפאַטשט בפרהסיא, בשעת מאַטעלע איז געווען ניט מער־ווי א צען אדער עלף־יאריק קינד, און אים מכבד געווען מיט אויפלכע נעמען ווי שגץ, אויסוואורף, כוליגאן, אפיקורס, משומד, פושע ישראל, דער אלטער האט אים אפילו ג'אסרס, אים פארבאטן אצורריין זיין קבר. ער האט בפירוש אזוי אַנגעשריבן אין זיין צוואה, אויף דער ערשטער שורה. ריטשלער איז מודה, אז ער האט זיך אַנגעפאלאן אין הבונים אויף להכעיס דעם זיידן, וויל הבונים האט זיך נעמכטב פאר א ניט־רעליגיעזער "פריער" באזעגנג.

אזויפיר ער דערמאנט פערזעלעכע ענינים, מעג מען אים שטעלן א שאלה. ער האלט, אז די פעסימיסטן וואס זאגן נביאות, אז ידישקייט גייט אונטער אין אמעריקע האבן א טעות. ער האלט, אז געמישטע חתונות מיינט ניט, אז דאָס ידנטום גייט אונטער. וואס פעלט אבער אין רעם ווערק, איז א קלאָרער אויסטייטש פון זיין אייגענעם באַריף. בלויז איינמאל אינעם בוך גיט ער אַן אַנצוהערעניש, אז ער פילט כאטש א ביסיקע חרטה. דאס איז געווען נאָכדעם, ווי ער האט אמוזירט א גרופע גריסע אין וועסטמאונט מיט מעשיות וועגן די משונה'דיקע מנהגים, וואס יידן פראווען ביי זיך, למשל "שלאגן כפרות". ער שרייבט, אז נאכדעם האט ער זיך געפילט "טריף". אז ער זאל זיך אזוי אויסדריקן, איז באמת א גרויסער אויפטו.

אין כאראקטער, איין פערסאנאזש, וואס דערשיינט אין אלע בין־איצטיקע ווערק פון ריטשלערן, געפינט זיך אויך אין דעם בוך: דער דרייער, דער בלאָטער, דער שייסטער, דער פשוטער גנב -- ניט געקוקט דערויף, וואס אין דעם בוך האבדלט זיך וועגן אידאַליסטן אין וועגן דעם אַלע-פאר-איינעם אידאַאַל אין יבנטלעכן ציל. אין דער אמתן דארף מען זיך ניט וויזשן וועגן דעם, וויל אין דעם וואלט מען ניט געקענט דערקענען דאס בוך, אלס א באשאפנע פון מרדכי ריטשלער.

From coast to coast

Meeting with Manning disappoints Jewish leaders

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Montreal Jewish community leaders met privately with Reform Party leader Preston Manning earlier this month and left disappointed that he did not show a greater sensitivity to the issue of Nazi war criminal prosecution, or to the situation of anglophones in Quebec.

At his party's request, Manning met Feb. 9 with about 25 leaders of Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith, FEDERATION CJA and the Canada-Israel Committee at the offices of chartered accountants Fuller Landau.

The one-hour meeting was Manning's first with the Quebec Jewish community. It came four days before the Reform party fielded its first candidates in three federal byelections in Quebec.

B'nai Brith national vice-president Stephen Scheinberg felt Manning missed an opportunity to score points with his Jewish audience.

"It would have been easy for him to say he believes Canada should move vigorously on Nazi war criminals, given that he knows Jews are unhappy with the federal government's decision to prosecute only four more of them and deport the rest," Scheinberg said.

"He just didn't have anything to offer us."

Manning raised hackles when he appeared to suggest prosecuting perpetrators of more recent atrocities is more important than going after "80- and 90-year-olds."

Thomas Hecht, chair of the Canada-Israel Committee Quebec region (CIC-Q) and a Congress

Preston Manning

presidential candidate, was so incensed by the remark that he called Manning later for a clarification.

"He showed a great degree of insensitivity," Hecht said. "The Holocaust cannot be compared to ordinary, garden-variety war crimes. The Holocaust was unique in the history of mankind."

Manning later told *The CJN* he is in favor of prosecutions in Canada and called the Liberal government's decision to deport suspected war criminals "a cop-out."

Manning's position on Quebec sovereignty also seemed to fall flat before his audience. B'nai Brith regional executive director Robert Libman, who organized the meeting, said Manning's "continuous attacks" on the constitutional status quo will only help Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau.

"He seemed to lack an understanding of what Quebec is all about," Hecht said. "I can't see how he will achieve anything here if he continues to talk about equality among the provinces."

Most of the community leaders who spoke to *The CJN* were favorably impressed by Manning as a person. "His non-demagogic posture and sincerity is very attractive for the '90s; we just disagree with almost everything he said," Scheinberg said.

"He came across as a reasonable person, very low-key and quite well-informed," said Congress Quebec region chair Manuel Shacter.

Shacter felt Manning was open to suggestions from Quebecers on how to approach the constitutional issue, and that he would ensure his party did not appear to be hostile to Quebec's aspirations. Nevertheless, he sensed a "wide gulf" between Manning and the leaders present.

Those interviewed were also pleased with Manning's quickness to root out extremist elements that may be attracted to his party. "On the issue of rednecks, Manning was unequivocal that there is no room for racism in the party," Hecht said.

BJC seeks director

TORONTO — The Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) is advertising for a new chief executive to take over from Gordon Wolfe who has temporarily assumed the position.

The centre is inviting applications from across Canada, through ads placed in several newspapers.

"Ideally, we're seeking a creative individual with strong people skills and management experience at a community agency," said Wolfe. "The BJC is, after all, a community centre with a voluntary board of directors, not a private club."

The deadline for applications, either by mail or fax, is March 3. The centre will contact only applicants selected for an interview.

The budget for the centre, which employs over 100 people, is about $5 million. The BJC operates not only athletic facilities, but also camps, a day-care and preschool program, activities for individuals with special needs, the Koffler Centre of the Arts and the Leah Posluns Theatre. The theatre will reopen when renovations are completed and a rental policy is in place.

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Offensive and dangerous

Some of the Canadian media last week again picked up the story of Israeli citizens, former immigrants from the C.I.S., forced to leave Canada because the Federal Court had denied their attempt to land here from Israel as refugees. The focus of the coverage was to elicit sympathy for these families who now faced the prospect of having to return to Israel.

The story was not new. But, as in the summer, when it first broke, the way it was presented to the Canadian public was troublesome since so many essential details were omitted.

In addition to the total lack of credible corroboration of the allegations of persecution, none of the reports bothered to inform Canadians that each and every one of the claimants, like all other citizens of Israel, had been free, at all times, to leave Israel to try to build a better life for themselves in whichever country on earth would accept them. That they chose to arrive in Canada and then claim to be refugees, rather than apply for normal visas of entry into Canada, or into any other country for that matter, says more about them than about Israel.

But Patrick Martin's report on the issue in the *Globe and Mail* this past weekend, was more than troublesome. It was shoddy, offensive and dangerous. By relying primarily upon sources who are widely regarded in Israel as non-representative, he writes sweeping, subjective statements as if they were fact. And the statements which he posits as fact indict an entire society, demean Israel's democracy and impugn its democratic institutions.

Martin writes that "Israel is not exactly a Western-style democracy. It has no constitution that protects human rights and freedoms." He then quotes one of his sources as saying, "[T]here is no mention of the principle of equality."

Prior to 1981, Canada had no written constitution. Does that mean Canada was not a Western-style democracy before then? Great Britain has no written constitution. Is it not a Western-style democracy?

The absence of a written constitution in Israel has long been ruled by the Supreme Court as being no impediment to the protection of individual human rights. For example, Justice Aharon Barak has written: "In a long line of cases, we decided that one of our basic values is equality. We gave expression to this value by saying equality is a fundamental value ... The need to maintain equality is essential to society and to the social convention upon which it is constructed."

Israel's commitment to democracy and to the values and the principles on which it rests is unassailable. No less an authority than the U.S State Department, not generally considered Israel's friend, has described Israel as "a parliamentary democracy which guarantees by law and respects in practice the civil, political and religious rights of its citizens."

Ironically, Israel's commitment to democracy was confirmed in 1992 by a very unlikely source. Noting Israel's lifelong experience in inculcating immigrants from around the globe into the culture and the ethos of democratic government, UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, asked Israel to send experts to fledgling Third World democracies to teach them the fundamentals of the democratic process.

Of greater concern than Martin's asperities about Israel's legal and political system, however, are his insidious, almost off-handed statements of alleged mistreatment of individuals on religious grounds: "... forms of harassment and even persecution of Christians in Israel cannot be ruled out," and "Jews who convert to Christianity are treated worse than Christians".

Unrefuted, such remarks can foster religious embitterment and create dangerous divides along ecumenical lines. In our view Martin's article was unconscionable journalism. Canadians are entitled to better from the newspaper that promises so much.

An absolute necessity

In an era such as ours, of studies, commissions, panels and conferences on the future of the Jewish people, "continuity" has now become more a buzzword than a rallying cry. But one thing is certain, and confirmed to be so, time and again: education is the only vehicle that can ultimately carry the people.

In this issue, we provide comments upon Jewish education from four unique perspectives: the expert in Jerusalem, the lay leader in the community, the professor at the university and the teacher in the classroom. From their respective vantages, our commentators provide the reader with four different lines of sight, each converging with laser precision into the same diamond-hard centre of commitment and resolve: the absolute necessity of Jewish education.

Dry Bones

JORDAN'S KING IS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!
THE HANDSOME ISLAMIC MONARCH IN HIS MILITARY UNIFORM MAKES PEACE WITH THE JEWISH STATE! WOW!
IT WOULD ALL BE SO PERFECT ...IF ONLY HE DIDN'T REMIND ME SO MUCH OF...
...THE SHAH OF IRAN.
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Separation idea full of hazards

The Rabin/Peres plan of "separating for peace" will lead to war.

This plan is a euphemism for creating a PLO/Hamas state within the current borders of Israel. This state will be unstable, and in all likelihood will continue to be even more violent.

As radical and fundamentalist groups among the Palestinians become more powerful and aggressive, there will be a struggle for control among them and they will attack Jewish settlements as well as Israeli targets within the green line. The plan therefore poses a direct, clear and present danger to the State of Israel.

Even in the best scenario, the creation of a PLO/Hamas state entails the transfer of most, if not all of the Jews who now live within or near the borders of that proposed state. In the worst scenario, there will be a civil war between Jews and Jews, Arabs and Arabs, and Jews and Arabs. This will undoubtedly draw the surrounding Arab states into the conflict, and could lead to a major war in the Middle East.

Assurances that the creation of a PLO/Hamas state will lead to peace have no basis in fact or experience. Except for Mubarak and Hussein, no Arab leader (including Arafat) has renounced his goal to "liberate all of Palestine." Arafat (the "moderate") continues to preach "jihad" (holy war) and extol terrorism.

Retreat in the face of terrorism is a sign of weakness and confusion. That only encourages more violence.

There is an alternative to this self-destructive policy of separation. We can let the Arabs do it for us. Or, we can say "No." If an Arab in Israel does not want to live here, he is free to leave; if they want to stay and live with us in peace, welcome.

If settlements prevent the establishment of a PLO/Hamas state, they are as vital to Israel's survival as the IDF. Abandoning them is not only illogical and cowardly, it could provoke precisely the war we seek to avoid.

Dr. Moshe Dann
Jerusalem

Don't underestimate Transnistria tragedy

Browsing through the last six *CJN* issues, I note the following error in the Et Cetera column of Jan. 5 (Montreal edition), under "Transnistria Survivors." The number of Jews deported to Transnistria is listed as 150,000. Yet the historical sources I have consulted indicate that the correct figure is more than double this number.

Historian Martin Gilbert, in his *Atlas of the Holocaust* tells us that 148,000 Romanian Jews were deported from Bessarabia alone, and a further 144,197 from Bukovina. In addition, between 65,00 and 75,000 Romanian Jews were deported from the regions of Moldova, Muntenia (Old Regat) and that part of Transnistria that remained under Romanian control. These figures are also confirmed in Raul Hilberg's *The Destruction of Eastern Europe Jewry.*

Regrettably, we know so little about the killing grounds of Transnistria. But I believe that it is crucial that we not underestimate the terrible decimation that occurred there.

Baruch Cohen
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Rabin fails to confront Islamic violence

Egypt's foreign minister, Amr Mousa, has astutely admonished Israel for fueling Islamic militant violence by not abiding to the terms of the peace agreement. After all, if political advantage can be gotten by such statements, to which Israel's leaders seem to agree, why not make the case?

When the latest bloodbath occurred weeks ago, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's first statement was that "Israel has to break the cycle of violence." Clearly, Rabin was stating that Israel is part of this cycle and has the capacity to unilaterally alter it. On other occasions, Israel's leaders themselves have said that violence will end only with the fulfilment of the peace arrangements, the very view expressed by Mousa.

But didn't Rabin sign an accord and make commitments before the world that, if carried out, will give the Palestinians everything they want, including East Jerusalem itself, disclaimers notwithstanding? And how do we explain the festive joy in Gaza after the slaughter of two weeks ago, and the polls in Gaza and the West Bank where more than 50 per cent of Arabs express support for ongoing terrorism?

As a matter of fact, the violence against Israel by Islamic militants is not about Israel failing to meet peace terms. It is about Israel, and an agreement that gives credence to its existence. When more than 50 per cent of Rabin's peace partners support ongoing violence, they may be expressing, as columnist William Safire has pointed out, a view quite separate from the issue of the pace of peace arrangements.

With the World Trade bombing trial looming and American opinion against the militants, Rabin had a golden opportunity to confront the Islamic violence that has plagued Israel and may yet take hold of the Palestine Rabin will help establish. Instead, Rabin chose, uncharacteristically, to turn Israel's other cheek and say we're sorry that we've contributed to this event. We can expect the violence to continue.

Abrahan Cohen
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Missing Cohen family

I am trying to locate members of the Cohen family that lived on Montreal's Clarke Street in 1947. They were Freda, Pauline, Nessie (husband is Seymour) and the late Sylvia Cohen.

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Likes Sheldon Kirshner's articles

We find *The CJN* the most informative of the publications that come to our house.

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Isidore Cooperman
Belleville

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Perspectives

On Jewish Education

Parents are teachers' partners

"I am growing weaker from day to day. Dear God, please let me stay alive, spare me from these hellish fires, and I shall devote my life to you by teaching and educating our children, your children. For you know better than I, that without children, and without Jewish education, there is no future for our people, and what future is there for Your Holy Kingdom?"

Irving Eisner

That was the prayer and the promise I uttered more than 50 years ago in Birkenau. Ever since, I have spent my life trying to fulfil that promise. The last 40 years have been in Toronto. I have been a teacher of young children all those years.

Our city is known as an Ir v'eim b'Yisrael, a centre of Jewish culture, blessed with praiseworthy institutions of Jewish life and education. We are privileged to have amongst us great scholars in the religious and secular fields of education, knowledgeable administrators, conscientious teachers, devoted parents, community leaders and lay people to whom Jewish education is a first priority.

Our people are known as the am hasefer, the people of the book. The book which has guided us through the millennia, is the Book of Life, the Torah. The people and the Book must stay united. The Book of Life needs the people and the people needs the Book.

In this small reciprocal phrase is the formula which can bond the Book to its people, and then, the people to its future.

King David, the great poet and psalmist, wrote: "Out of the mouth of children, you dear God have found strength." (Psalm 8).

In these words King David has given us the direction in which to steer the main part of our education effort. The only guarantee for the survival and for the continuation of our people is for our children to have a proper Jewish education. This is the challenge and the task of Jewish education in the next years. But it seems to me, having watched generations of children pass through the classroom, that the task is becoming harder from year to year.

Unfortunately, we the teachers have lost our associates, our assistants and our partners in education: We have lost many of our warm Jewish homes. Education used to begin at home around the kitchen table, the dining room and in the living room. Parents were also teachers, and their homes provided supportive Jewish environments for the lessons in the classroom. The home represented warmth, love, unity and friendship.

But times have changed. The home has become a house, a plain structure, a stop off. For reasons too numerous to mention, parents are unable or unwilling to be partners in their children's education. Indeed, in many cases, it appears that children are now ruling the parents. Parents seem more focused on rights than responsibilities, on entitlements rather than contributions, on acquisition rather than sacrifice, on convenience rather than on commitment.

As a result, the entire weight of Jewish education and guidance must be borne solely by the school. And without the supporting foundation of the home, it is unlikely that any school, even the very best, can bear the entire burden.

In the years to come, this then will be the main challenge faced by teachers and educators: to help restore the former partnership between school and home and to help shore up the foundation that used to be in the home for our beloved children and their parents.

To give us the necessary strength I quote the words of Malachi (chapter 3):

"Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet . . .
And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children,
And the heart of the children to their fathers."

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Bringing more children into fold

For the past few years, Jewish continuity has been placed high on the Jewish communal agenda and has been the topic of much concern, analysis and debate. Federations of Jewish communities and their agencies, Jewish schools and educational institutions, synagogues and, most important, the Jewish family, must, both individually and collectively, redirect their creative efforts and resources to develop in every Jew the knowledge and commitment to Judaism that will ensure an everlasting bond to the Jewish people, its beliefs and values.

Robert Zittrer

Several recent studies indicate a strong correlation between Jewish education and adult Jewish behavior. The comments and ideas expressed below are based on the premise that Jewish education is a powerful vehicle for developing Jewish identity.

First, the statement "Jewish Education is the right of every Jewish child" must be translated into action. From a financial viewpoint, it is essential to make the cost of Jewish education affordable, even attractive, to the middle class, who feel squeezed from every direction, and are reluctant to either compromise their standard of living or request financial help.

From an educational viewpoint, the challenge is to enable all Jewish children , regardless of intellectual capacity, to attend a Jewish school. More specifically, a major challenge is to make available in more day schools adaptive curricular options that are responsive to children who can manage effectively in a public school but who cannot cope with the pressures of a day school's trilingual or quadrilingual course load.

Another major challenge is to bring more children into the fold of Jewish education. In Montreal, new recruitment efforts should be made to attract to day and supplementary schools a significant number of the 45 per cent of the school age population who currently receive no Jewish education.

The role of the family in Jewish education is critical. Participation of parents in meaningful family education programs enhances the educational experience of the children and delivers a clear message of unity of purpose between the home and the school.

Israel experience programs have been the focus of much attention and funding in recent years. These programs must become more affordable. Furthermore, the content offered in Israel and the follow-up programs upon return can make these experiences even more powerful.

What can we do during the years of schooling to ensure that young Jews will be proud Jews; that they will continue their encounter with Jewish texts throughout their lives; that they will conduct their lives according to Jewish beliefs and practices; that they will attend synagogues; that they will care passionately about their fellow Jews and be involved in the organized Jewish community, helping others who are less fortunate and at the same time building a strong Jewish community; that they will care about the State of Israel and feel part of its destiny; and that they ultimately will build a new family unit that will replicate these values.

Finally, nothing can be done unless appropriate personnel — teachers, principals, lay and professional leadership — are available for both the traditional and the newly-emerging transformative fields of Jewish education.

One possible approach could be a special recruitment campaign at an early age, even at the high school level, to convince students to choose Jewish education as a career. Sizeable scholarships and incentives should be made available to attract such young people.

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Jewish studies needed in university curriculum

In these days of lean and mean everyone of us is being challenged to examine what we do and how we do it. Are we providing the services most required? And are they being delivered to those who most need them? But with regard to the question at hand, there is an easy answer: "Everyone needs Jewish studies in the university curriculum." The reasons are several.

Michael Brown

First of all, the university needs Jewish Studies. No person in the modern world can be considered educated without knowing something about Judaism, one of the building blocks of our society. The great books of Western culture which everyone must study to be "educated," include Jewish books, most especially the Bible, but others, as well.

Some contemporary scholars have a more pluralistic, less text-centred vision of the university curriculum, and promote newer fields such as ethnic, gender, class and race studies. But their curriculum, too, must include Jewish studies. Jews are one of the world's oldest and most interesting living ethnic-national groups. And they occupy a prominent place in any reasoned discussion of race, class and gender.

Not long ago, most university people would have disagreed with this assessment. For centuries, in fact, Jewish Studies, if it was to be found at all in the university, existed as the handmaiden of Christian Studies. Jews and Judaism were almost invariably presented as a dead civilization that paved the way for Christianity. And almost nowhere, were Jews allowed to teach about their own culture (or about anything else, since anti-Semitism ensured that faculty appointments would be denied to all but a very few Jews). Jewish students — and scholars — rightly felt demeaned. All students' horizons were being artificially narrowed.

Since World War II, the university in North America has opened up a great deal. Jews and other once ignored groups — and Judaism and other non-Christian religions — have increasingly gained their rightful place in the curriculum beside WASPs and Christianity. That they belong there is now recognized by most university people, certainly in North America. The new presence is a sign of the university's having come closer to its own ideal of universality. To Jews and non-Jews alike it is an assertion of Jewish equality.

Jews need Jewish Studies for other reasons. For some, a Jewish Studies major is the stepping stone to a career. In my 27 years at York, I have taught a not inconsiderable number of students who went on to become professionals in the Jewish world: scholars, rabbis (Orthodox, Conservative and Reform), teachers (especially in the Toronto Jewish schools), communal workers. For some of them, university studies served to broaden and deepen already firm commitments. Others "discovered" Judaism at university. None, it is safe to say, would be as effective in their jobs — dealing with students, congregants, and clients, almost all of whom are university educated — if they had been denied the opportunity to take Jewish Studies courses in their undergraduate years.

Most of those who take Jewish Studies courses, even majors, do not become Jewish professionals. For them, Jewish Studies serves other functions. North American Jewry is one of the most highly educated communities in the world. The overwhelming majority of Jews completes at least one university degree; many take advanced degrees. As a group, they tend to be sophisticated and knowledgeable about the world.

Most, however, have had only a rudimentary Jewish education. As Jews, they have not acquired the intellectual tools and the knowledge to match their accomplishments in their other endeavors. Imagine a computer programmer whose computer and mathematics training stopped in Grade 10! A physician whose study of the sciences stopped in Grade 8! Or a lawyer with only the reasoning skills acquired in Grade 6!

Being able to engage Judaism and the Jewish experience at university, as one engages other cultures and philosophies, is to discover that they are at least as compelling and complex, at least as worthy of mature consideration as any other. And that is a valuable lesson for the advanced student of Judaism, no less than for the beginner.

So who needs Jewish Studies in the university? We all do: the university; our open, pluralistic Canadian society; Jewish community professionals and leaders; and the rank and file members of the Jewish community. Jewish Studies programs are an important resource and a means of enrichment for all.

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Opinions

A fateful letter

Readers of these columns are aware that for the last few months, I have interspersed my regular thoughts on current affairs with personal memories of the past. Moving from one locale to another inevitably means coming across memorabilia of whose existence you have been only dimly aware, and when they confront you they have their special force.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

That is the way with an original letter I discovered amongst my effects. It had been written in early 1935 by Dr. Julian Morgenstern, president of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, America's oldest rabbinical seminary. Addressed to the president of the Berlin Seminary, Rabbi Leo Baeck, its first and last pages are missing. It was apparently a three-page missive, but I do have page 2 — and that is the part which concerns me.

Rabbi Baeck had been a visiting professor at Hebrew Union College in years past, and the two men knew each other well. Here is an excerpt from Morgenstern's letter:

The second project which I have to lay before you today, and which I am sure will prove equally interesting to you, is to inform you and through you, the other members of the Faculty of the Hochschule fur die Wissenschaft des Judentums that the Faculty and Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College have expressed their willingness to admit to the ranks of its students a number of capable and promising young German students who are now preparing for the Rabbinate in Germany, but who may desire, for one reason or other, to continue their studies at the Hebrew Union College. This action of the authorities of the Hebrew Union College is governed by the following conditions:

The number of these students for the academic year 1935-1936 must not exceed five. They must first be properly accredited by responsible authorities, preferably yourself and your associates in the Faculty of the Hochschule. Their applications for admission to the College must be accompanied by a full statement of both their academic and their specifically Jewish preparation to date, likewise by a certificate of good health from a responsible physician and a responsible dentist. Their applications should be presented, if at all possible, not later than May 15. And they in turn, should present themselves in person for examination upon Oct. 9, 1935.

Such students, regularly admitted, will enjoy the privilege of residence in the Hebrew Union College dormitory free of all costs, and likewise will have the privilege of participating in our established system of student self-support, so that they would be enabled, through the cooperation of the college, to earn whatever funds they may need to supplement their room and board in the dormitory. They must be or have been bona fide German citizens.

If these conditions can be satisfied, we shall be happy indeed to admit, as I said, up to five such students next fall. They will be admitted in whatever class of the Hebrew Union College we find them most adequately prepared for, and will be permitted to continue their studies at the Hebrew Union College under the conditions described above, for so long as they desire to remain here, and of course pending satisfactory conduct, until they shall have completed their preparation for the Rabbinate.

What would come after that, of course cannot be determined now. But they must understand that they would be subject to the immigration laws of the United States of America. We shall be happy indeed to hear from you and your colleagues with regard to this matter at your earliest opportunity, so that we may in turn make our plans accordingly.

Rabbi Baeck followed up the Morgenstern letter by calling five young men into his study. I was one of them, and he thus made it possible for me to escape the Nazis and find a new life in the free world. I have always been immensely grateful to the rabbi and to Hebrew Union College.

The papyrus, please

The Academy Awards are soon upon us, not unlike the Ten Plagues, but with one key difference: There were a limited number of plagues, whereas the number of award shows seem to be infinite. Well, over 20 years ago, a gifted writer and movie producer friend, Victor Solnicki, suggested the following idea.

By Allan Gould

Host: Welcome, everyone, to the annual Halo Awards. As you all know, Halo stands for the Heavenly Academy of Laudable Orations. (He holds up the statuette, which looks like a bagel on the end of a stick, attached to a tiny stand). The Halo, as you know, is given for the Best Accomplishment in various fields of performance, production and writing, in the Holy Bible. To present our first Halo — a woman whose name has become synonymous with passion and excitement — and who won the Halo for Hairstyling in last year's presentations — please welcome . . . Delilah!

Delilah: Thank you, uh, Aaron. Without any hesit . . . uh, any pause, I'd like to award the first Halo for Best Costume. The nominees are. . .

(Delilah looks up, and reads, as if from the back wall, like the writing in Daniel's lion's den).

Joseph's Coat of Many Colors, from Joey and Our Gang, produced, written and directed by Ha-Shem.

The Breastplate of Aaron, the High Priest, from I am G-d's Co-Pilot, produced, written and directed by Ha-Shem.

The Seven Veils of Salome, from the Yiddish film, Salami, produced by King Herod, written by Matthew.

Uh, er, may I have the papyrus, please? (Delilah is handed a little scroll, which she fearfully unravels. Suddenly, Delilah breaks into an excited, silly grin — very breathless) And the winner is — Joseph! For his many-colored coat!

Joseph: Gosh! I never *dreamed* that I'd win this! Well, I'd sure like to thank my dad, Jacob, for giving me this wonderful, colorful coat! And I really do love it, although it sure caused me a lot of heartache and problems with my brothers. I know what it's like to be in the pits, so it sure is great to get all this recognition from my peers. And I'd like to thank my agent. Pharoah, who had faith in me when no one else did. And back home — to my two sons, Menashe and Ephraim — bless you both!

(Joseph turns to leave the podium, clutching his Halo, when he bumps into the very sexy Delilah. He looks at her disapprovingly, turns away and spits, and stomps offstage, angrily. The stage microphones pick him up mumbling, "First Mrs. Potiphar, now this!")

Delilah: (Returning to the podium, obviously shaken by Joseph's physical beauty, although clearly hurt by his rejection.) To present the next Halo, for Special Effects, I'd like you all to welcome one of my favorite people — a man whose life seemed so tame and forgettable until he became truly "revolting" ... that's right, the fellow who showed us all how one can truly get swallowed up in a role, if you play it right — ladies and gentlemen, may I present: Korach!

(To be continued next month — G-d willing.)

'Apathy alternates with gloom'

Government facelift could boost peace

Disheartened by difficulties, harassed by opponents, the signatories to the Oslo accord are again facing a critical impasse. The optimism of 18 months ago was of short duration. The breakthrough was poorly handled, so that even the difficulties encountered in the partial implementation of the agreement revived old prejudices and deepened mutual distrust. And as Islamic terrorism escalated and hatred got stronger, the hopes for peace shrunk rapidly.

By [illegible]

The leaders have not openly given up, but their steps to rescue their promises from total collapse were hesitant and insecure. Chairman Yasser Arafat did not convince the Israeli public that he can be relied upon to control his extremists. It does not matter if this is because he is inept or did not try too hard, or because his constituency in Gaza, collectively punished in response to Islamic terror, blames him for their miserable conditions.

In the Israeli camp too, where apathy alternates with gloom, optimism is a rarity. Nor were people encouraged by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's remark to a Russian emissary, that his public support had fallen drastically. Though one can sense the diminishing confidence in the peace process, no local pollster has ever come out with such a depressing finding.

If indeed Rabin said and believes what was attributed to him, the question arises whether the prime minister is not in fact more discouraged than the public when he deals with Arafat and, for that matter, with President Hafez al-Assad of Syria. It is unclear whether Rabin was just dramatizing his own internal problems, or whether he was sending a message to Moscow, which is now looking for a proper role in the Middle East and is about to send its foreign minister to the area.

Rabin's enthusiasm for the Oslo blueprint was muted from the very start, but he fully endorsed it. He maintained his firm views on what risks Israel's security can or cannot take in the evolving process. This attitude earned him the criticism of his leftist opponents for excessive intransigence vis-a-vis the Arabs and the attacks of the rightist camp that accused him of compromising Israel's future.

He has proved to be more vulnerable to the accusations of the latter. During the 18 months of negotiations, the peace process was repeatedly interrupted — mainly in the wake of Arab terrorist attacks — and was more than once reanimated by the imaginative tactics of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, whose vision of a "New Middle East" still determines his actions.

Peres firmly believes in the necessity to maintain the dialogue, even under the worst circumstances and at almost any cost and this makes him the primary target of rightist attack. But so far he has carried the prime minister with him from one summit to the other. The encounters are becoming much more frequent. Their lasting effect is uncertain, but by keeping the momentum alive, however artificially, they have probably saved the process from total collapse.

The Clinton administration has many international problems on its agenda and the Mideast imbroglio is not the most dramatic of the long list and is also less controversial in the new political set-up in Washington. As there is no real substitute for America's role in the region, U.S. activism will presumably be more visible as a result of the present impasse.

The recent deterioration of the public mood in Israel does not alter the unrecognized but basic fact that Israel was never in a better position to shape its future. The Arab environment is now clearly divided between those who seek accommodation by compromise and those who are conspiring against it. The two trends are as active in the Arab camp as they are in Israel, only the methods are different.

To desert the struggle for peace because of sporadic terrorism, however painful, gives terrorists full satisfaction. If the struggle will not be won by the realists, if the forces of peace will be intimidated by the extremists in their respective camps, the chances for change will at best be frozen, but more likely plunge the region into a sequence of local or even wider hostilities and all the dividends already won by the initial steps will be lost in the uncertainty of instability.

Israel holds the better cards; in fact, probably all the cards, but only if it can play them judiciously. True, the present government has an uncomfortable parliamentary basis, but this cannot be helped without major risks to the peace effort. There are also petty power struggles in the government which are very disturbing. Rabin and Peres, the old rivals now jointly engaged in their peace efforts, must soon present to the public a refurbished government by giving it a persuasive facelift. Otherwise the opportunities which they themselves have created will be lost by their own inaction.

Features

The Lost Tribes of Israel

Sheldon Kirshner was recently in Jerusalem to examine the mythology of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Thirty-five years ago, Rabbi Eliyahu Avihayil attended a lecture that profoundly changed his life. After hearing a mesmerizing presentation about the so-called Ten Lost Tribes of Israel, the Orthodox rabbi changed his priorities — focusing on tracking down what he claims are the dispersed remnants of the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel.

"Everyone has a goal in life," he said. "This one is mine."

Since then, Rabbi Avihayil has delved into that myth-shrouded topic with child-like fervor. And he has dispatched emissaries to distant lands to seek out long-estranged Jews, imbue them with Judaism and encourage some of them to settle in Israel. Furthermore, he has written two books on the subject — *The Tribes of Israel* and *The Lost Tribes of Assyria*.

Rabbi Avihayil, a teacher of Bible and Judaism at a boys' college, heads a Jerusalem-based movement called Amishav (My People Returns). He founded Amishav in 1975 with the encouragement of Yitzhak Ben Zvi, the late president of Israel; Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, the late spiritual leader of the Merkaz Harav yeshiva; and the Jewish Agency.

Amishav conducts research on the Ten Lost Tribes, initiates contact with their putative descendants and assists those who wish to rejoin the Jewish people.

In addition, Amishav works with Marranos, who were "lost" during the period of forced conversions to Christianity in Spain and Portugal in the 15th century.

Although some find Rabbi Avihayil's theory about the Ten Lost Tribes rather farfetched and implausible, he is convinced that he is on the right track.

More than 2,700 years ago, the Assyrians conquered the northern Kingdom of Israel, taking into captivity the tribes of Reuben, Menashe, Simeon, Issachar, Zevulun, Dan, Ephraim, Naphtali, Asher and Gad.

As might be expected, the story of the Ten Lost Tribes has stirred the imagination of Jews and non-Jews alike for centuries.

In Talmudic literature, the Ten Lost Tribes are to be found beyond the Sambatyon River, an impassable body of water far from Israel which ceases to flow on the Sabbath.

And in biblical lore, their saga is pronounced. A passage from Isaiah refers to the "remnant which is left of His people from Assyria..." In Ezekiel, it is written: "I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all sides and bring them to their own land; and I will make them one nation..."

Toward the end of the 19th century, writes Israeli historian Eli Eyal, legends and rumors about the Ten Lost Tribes began to seep into modern Yiddish and Hebrew literature, appearing in the works of writers like Sholem Aleichem, S.Y. Agnon and Mendele Mokher Seforim.

The Ten Lost Tribes exerted a fascination on Christians as well. Various Christian denominations sought out the supposed progeny of the Ten Lost Tribes, believing that their conversion to Christianity would hasten the arrival of the millennium.

By Rabbi Avihayil's reckoning, there are about 40 million people around the globe today with Jewish blood coursing through their veins. Among them are Muslims and Christians in Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, China, Mynamar (Burma), Spain, Brazil and Mexico. Presumably, a high proportion are descended from the Ten Lost Tribes.

Asked how one recognizes descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes and of Marranos, he replied: "They observe some rites of Judaism, or maintain certain Jewish names."

As he sees it, the largest agglomeration of "lost" Jews are the Pathans of Afghanistan and Pakistan, numbering 15 to 20 million.

The Pathans, who are Sunni Muslims, supposedly bear a physical resemblance to Jews, wear earlocks and a kind of tallis, circumcise their sons on the eighth day, refrain from mixing meat and milk products, marry under a chupah and light candles on the Sabbath. Moreover, menstruating Pathan women use mikvahs, and a Pathan sub-tribe, the Jaji, wear amulets with a Shema Yisrael inscription.

Rabbi Eliyahu Avihayil with a convert to Judaism from India. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Words with Hebrew antecedants have crept into the Pathans' language — karka (ground), kalae (community), baracha (ceremony), for example.

"And," Rabbi Avihayil added, "they have surnames of Israel — Reuben/Raban, Ephraim/Afrid, Asher/Asheri."

To date, not a single Pathan has immigrated to Israel or converted to Judaism. But Amishav has sent representatives to the Pathans, while Rabbi Avihayil corresponds with a Pakistani Pathan who has written two books about the Pathans' alleged connection with the Ten Lost Tribes.

"Our objective is to convert some dozens (of Pathans) to Judaism, bring them to Israel and send them back to start a Jewish community."

Rabbi Avihayil emphatically denies that he has a hidden agenda — to ingather millions of Pathans in Israel. "That's nonsense."

The Pathans nowithstanding, Amishav has also established contact with the seven million Kashmiris of India, the 100,000 Cananites of India, the 250,000 Chiangs of western China and the eight million Karins, the two million Shans and the one million Shinleungs (or Menashe) of India and Mynamar.

Members of the Kashmiris, Cananites, Chiangs, Karins and Shans have neither converted nor settled in Israel. However, 150 Menashes from the Kerala and Mizoram districts of India have come to Israel as tourists with the option of converting and making aliyah. Several Menashe have embraced Judaism, including one young man with a kippah who visited Rabbi Avihayil during my visit.

Rabbi Avihayil claims there are 5,000 Menashe in India who have rejected Christianity and practise Judaism. "I began hearing about this group 25 years ago. Some have sent their children to Jewish schools in Bombay."

In due course, Rabbi Avihayil hopes to bring 50 more Menashe to Israel. They will be formally converted, schooled in Judaism and left with the choice of remaining in Israel or returning to India to strengthen their community.

"We believe that in the future all the Menashe will become Jews. We'll help them."

He scoffs at suggestions that thousands, maybe millions, of Indians claiming Jewish descent will converge on Israel under the Law of Return.

Last year, to much publicity, Israel's ambassador to India issued precisely such a warning. As a result, the long-running "Who is a Jew" debate in Israel was reignited, while Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin proposed changes in the Law of Return (which extends immigration rights to any person with a single Jewish grandparent).

Rabbi Avihayil, whose organization is dependent on private donations for sustenance, has also reached out to Marranos, Jews forcibly converted to Christianity during and after the Inquisititon.

In Portugal, there are upwards of 1,000 candidates for conversion to Judaism, out of an estimated 500,000 Portuguese believed to be descended from Marranos. A handful have immigrated to Israel, joining 150 former Marranos from Peru and 100 from Mexico who immigrated earlier.

In the northeastern Brazilian province of Rio Grande do Norte, Rabbi Avihayil knows of at least 100 Marranos who wish to convert. The first wave of these Marranos is already in Israel.

Rabbi Avihayil contends that Brazil is of crucial importance to Amishav because, as he believes, one out of ten Brazilians are of Marrano origin. If he is right, Amishav will have its work cut out for it for decades to come.

Mideast Analysis
By Sheldon Kirshner

Settlements a flashpoint

By the terms of Israel's September 1993 Declaration of Principles with the PLO, negotiations on the final status of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are scheduled to start in 1996.

In reality, the battle has already begun, without a single negotiating session having taken place.

The most recent flashpoint in this struggle occurred in the West Bank settlement of Efrat, adjacent to the Palestinian village of Al-Khader, when settlers tried to expand its boundaries and met with Arab resistance.

As elsewhere in the territories, the dispute turned on land ownership — the crux of Israel's long conflict with the Palestinians. It was a microcosm of the increasingly bitter debate over the ultimate disposition of the territories.

It is not a simple matter, touching as it does on Israel's quest for security, the settlers' desire to maintain Israeli control over the contested lands, and the PLO's demand for self-determination.

Last month, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared that settlements "add nothing, absolutely nothing, to Israel's security." This remark was consistent with his 1992 decision to freeze all *government-funded* residential construction in the territories and with his position that territorial compromise should be an essential component of any peace agreement with the Arabs.

But when it comes to settlements, there are other factors to consider. Until recently, Rabin did not stand in the way of *private* construction in the territories. And he distinguished between settlements vital to Israel's security and those that are not.

Due to the conflicting strands in Rabin's policy, more than 3,000 new homes have been built in the West Bank and Gaza since the Labor government assumed office in July 1992.

The policy has satisfied no one. The settlers have been thrown into a state of uncertainty. The Palestinians are wrathful that Israel is gobbling up land and violating the spirit of the Oslo agreement. Israelis who support Rabin's efforts at rapprochement with the Arabs complain that settlements undermine the very peace process the government is promoting.

Although Rabin has infuriated just about everyone by refusing to spell out his vision of territorial compromise, it seems clear that he is driven by certain priorities.

It would appear that Rabin wants to create a ring of Jewish housing around greater Jerusalem so that its status as Israel's indivisible capital cannot be practically challenged. In addition, he wishes to retain the Etzion bloc west of Bethlehem and parts of western Samaria.

To a degree, Rabin's putative plan conforms with a monograph written by Israeli scholar Joseph Alpher, who believes that Israel should annex about 11 percent of the West Bank, with 70 percent of its Jewish population. On paper, the scheme seems plausible. But in all likelihood, the Palestinians will not buy it.

Jewish Life

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

The Law of Babysitting

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The consequences of a "guilty finding" under Ontario's *Child and Family Services Act* are a fine of not more than $1,000.00 and the possibility that the court could ultimately take the children away or impose supervision on the parents by a local Children's Aid Society. It is part of something called a "child protection proceeding". If the children were taken away, they could become either wards of a local family and child service or the Government of Ontario and placed into foster homes or group homes.

In discussions with informed sources in both Metropolitan Toronto and in York Region, it appears that every case would be judged upon the circumstances. For example, if a responsible 12 year old were left alone with two smaller children while the parents went out for a few hours, then if the authorities were called because of an accident in the home, they would probably not "charge" anyone with any offense. They would likely reach the parents, have them come home, and help the parents to better understand the limitations of the older child in charge.

However, if the child "in charge" was left to take care of the children and had maliciously caused problems that led to an accident or worse, then the authorities may have some serious questions about the parenting skills of his parents. They might ask why they would have left such an individual alone with the younger children.

In the event that charges were laid under the *Child and Family Services Act* only, and the fine were imposed, then no criminal conviction would result since the charges were not laid under Canada's *Criminal Code*. However, as mentioned, a local children's aid society could ask the court either to impose a supervisory order or worse, under which children could be placed in a foster or group home, particularly where the children had been neglected on other occasions or appeared to be in danger by reason of the malicious conduct of a child "in charge".

It is my information that leaving a responsible child at home who is 12 or 13 years of age does not usually lead to charges in the event that the authorities are called to the home, unless there are clear indications of neglect beyond a mere accident and an isolated situation. (For instance, if the authorities walked in and found rotting food and old beer cans strewn throughout the house, with the children in dirty diapers who are wailing and unfed, then their attitude towards charging the parents under these sections might change dramatically.)

Legislation similar to Ontario's exists across Canada in each province.

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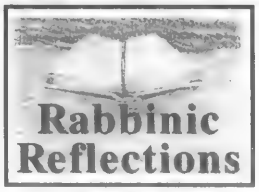

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI AARON FLANZRAICH

A few weeks ago I was having my traditional after shul breakfast with a congregant, and we went through all of the regular discourses of daily life — his business and my schedule. We became involved in discussing the synagogue and the programs that have started, and the countless ideas that run through my mind which never see the light of day.

His becoming somewhat of a regular shul-goer began with the saying of Kaddish for his father, and it worked its way into not only his life, but the fabric of his entire family. Yet for all of his devotion, a doubt loomed within. He paused for a moment and said, "Most of my friends think that I'm out of my mind ... they consider me some religious freak."

I looked at him and quickly asked, "And what do you think of yourself?"

He looked straight at me and told me he's not sure that he believes in G-d. Like all of us, he wants to see a sign or message that G-d is out there lurking in the headlines and roaming the streets with us. We wouldn't be opposed to having Him appear in the middle of Bathurst Street during rush hour. This, we believe, would put our minds to rest. With this knowledge we could then happily go on to live a life that is religious and devoted to G-d.

The rabbis of centuries ago taught us, Hafoch bah vihafoch bah dicoolah bah — Search within It, for all that you need is there (Avot 5:22). This, of course, refers to our Torah. It is this book that contains all of the knowledge that mankind needs. It bears complex scientific formulas and deep historical truisms. It also contains the philosophy everybody needs in order to live.

Last week's Torah portion, Ki Tisa, has Moses confronting the G-d he so desperately needs to see. The beloved tablets that were lovingly brought down from the heights of heaven now lie shattered on the earth's soil. The dream that was has turned into a nightmare.

This revered people have lapsed into everything they weren't supposed to be. As a lost soul in need of direction Moses asks, "Show me Your glory, ... show me who You are, show me You, I need to see."

And G-d replies, "No man can see me and live." This was the answer Moses had to live with.

A beautiful midrash (Yalkut Shimoni), or rabbinic parable, explains this to us. A Roman general approached Rabbi Yehoshua ben Chananya and asked him if there is G-d in this world. The rabbi told him that there was. The general went on to say that if he can't see Him, how can he believe in Him? "Why doesn't G-d appear once or twice a year to convince everyone He's still around?"

The rabbi said the following: "Stand in front of the sun, and tell me what you see."

The Roman laughed, "Who can look at the sun? Who can see it in its entirety?" True, even today no one can stare at the brilliance of the sun's intensity and truly see it all.

The rabbi turned to this general and gently answered, "Do your ears hear what your mouth says? The sun that is one of millions in the universe we cannot see. What of the one G-d in this universe that has created all? How do you expect to gaze upon Him?"

While we shouldn't expect a visit from G-d, we can see Him. Look at the stars, the moon and the sun. Look at the majesty of the world and the universe. Look at the marvel of the human body. Look at the marvel of the survival of the Jewish people, the mystical and profound law that we have been given — and you'll find it difficult to ask, "Where is G-d?"

For He truly is here, there and everywhere.

Rabbi Flanzraich is the spiritual leader of Pride of Israel Synagogue in Toronto.

Dutch couple honored

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

EDMONTON — Members of the Edmonton Jewish community will join Israel vice-consul general Haim Waxman in honoring a Dutch couple, Lewis and Frances Vandermeulen, as Righteous Gentiles.

The ceremony will take place *Feb. 26* in Barrhead, Alberta, a small town north of Edmonton where the Vandermeulens live. They are in their late 80s, and not well enough to travel to Edmonton.

Coming here from Australia for the occasion are Greta Matteman-Van Roojen and her husband Neville Allen. Matteman-Van Roojen was one of the Jewish children sheltered by the Vandermeulens in Den Haag near Amsterdam.

Born on May 1, 1942 in Amsterdam, Matteman-Van Roojen was given into the care of a Dutch non-Jewish family by her parents, Abraham and Rebecca Matteman, who went into hiding from the Nazis. She was passed from one family to another and wound up with the Vandermeulens in the autumn of 1943, living with the family until 1947, when she was sent to Australia to live with her only living relative.

She said the Vandermeulen family claimed her as their own child, despite the fact that the neighbors knew she was not related.

The vice-consul general has asked the Edmonton Jewish Federation and Jewish National Fund to encourage members of the Edmonton community to join in the trip to Barrhead.

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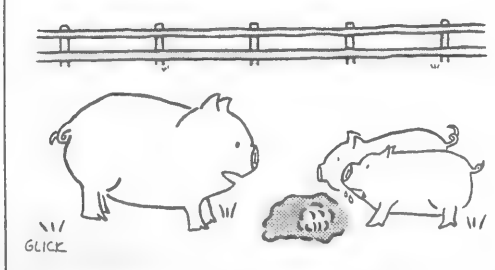

"Children! Don't eat so much chazarai!"

Centre campaign commences

TORONTO — Aish HaTorah, the international Jewish educational outreach organization, has launched its 100-Day Capital Campaign for the new Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre in Thornhill.

All fundraising efforts for the centre will be completed before the campaign ends May 8. The centre is scheduled to open in late September.

As Aish HaTorah's first permanent location in North America, the facility is meant to serve as a centre of Jewish life, learning and leadership. It will promote and ensure Jewish continuity within the Toronto Jewish community and will fulfil the needs of Jews from a variety of backgrounds.

Aish HaTorah

Leslie Dan, chair of pharmaceutical company Novopharm Ltd., has dedicated the $3-million centre because of his strong belief in Aish HaTorah's goal of rekindling Judaism among all Jews, regardless of their affiliation.

The campaign aims to raise $4.8 million to cover both construction costs and the establishment of a $1.8-million endowment fund for maintenance and program expansion. Roughly $2 million has been raised to date.

Jewish Life

Where pain and numbness meet

By AVRUM ROSENSWEIG

Twenty-one Jewish lives ended in Netanya, Israel a short time ago. The survivors, their family and friends have crossed over to the "other side."

I read in a local publication about the massacre of children in a Rwandan village and how their charred bodies were unrecognizable to their families. I saw the pictures of the people of Chechnya and the amputated bodies of its citizens. And I know their neighbors who remained alive have gone to the other side.

And I remember when my father died and I took my own journey to the other side — that place where the life force seemed to be suspended, and it was as though I was staring back at the world I once knew.

Guest Voices

The other side — where pain and numbness, clarity and darkness and a plethora of other feelings and thoughts mesh together to create a state of awareness fixed more in the heavens than on the earth. That place you will know, if you have been there.

And as I drifted on the other side I remember watching people on the "safe side." I watched them and wondered how it was that they could walk their dog, attend the theatre, or haggle over the price of an automobile. "They are laughing so heartily," I thought, "feeling so alive."

Where did they find it within themseves to color coordinate their pants and shirts? And why couldn't I? I wanted to as well.

Eventually I made it back to the safe side. I was finally able to tuck myself away carefully and safely in a pocket full of the mundane. I again became occupied with the most simplistic and silly of tasks. As I did so, those on the other side began to become alien to my existence.

I couldn't remember what it was like to forget if stripes went with dots.

Later, I met an Ethiopian Jew, a survivor of savagery and death squads and I watched as he went about his new life on the safe side, working in a parking lot booth on Jarvis Street and studying creative writing at night.

He made it back from the other side after seeing the starvation of his cousins and friends in a refugee camp in Sudan. He was able to find the safe side even after that night when he buried them under the light of the moon, quietly, so as not to be caught and beaten for burying a Jew.

Soon after, I watched a survivor of Auschwitz sing and dance at her annual Landsmanschaften meeting and tell funny jokes about her grandchild. She laughed; oh how she laughed. She was safe.

Afterwards she told me about her pregnant sister who had been promised safety in the camp hospital, and of course received the death sentence instead, for her simple desire to create a life. The sister who survived, had known the other side.

I watched them and I remembered my own experience, and I puzzled at how it was that we ever make it back from the other side. And then when we do, how do we immerse ourselves in the commonplace and distance ourselves from the misery and suffering of those on the other side?

Perhaps the answer, or one answer, is that one of the enormous challenges and struggles of life is indeed to claw your way back to the safe side once you have known the other side.

Perhaps our consciousness really never lets go of the anguish we felt on the other side; yet our memory relaxes just enough to fool us, to make us think that we've made it back.

And then when we have, we sort of pretend we were never there. And we do that because what exists there is not easy for humans to consume. It is harsh on the soul's digestive system.

The shock and the agony we experience on the other side is nothing we expected and perhaps nothing which should be of this earth.

And when we do claw our way back, some of us relax our memories more, and some of us less. Perhaps those who aren't as tired remember a little bit better and are able to bring back with them enough of the other side to use it for the betterment of other people's lives.

And others say, enough. Now it is time for me and no one else.

I close my computer, and crawl under my duvet and my dog curls up at my feet. My stomach is warm following my herbal tea and I look forward to tomorrow because right now I am on the safe side.

Avrum Rosensweig is a campaign associate with the United Jewish Appeal.

Liberation ceremonies

TORONTO — Organizers have finalized program plans for a two-day commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps.

The April 30 and May 1 program is co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Author Dr. Yaffa Eliach will give the keynote address at a May 1 gala dinner at Adath Israel Congregation, with Yiddish singer Theresa Tova, violinist Anne Lederman and bassist Artie Roth.

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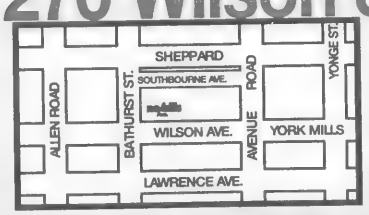

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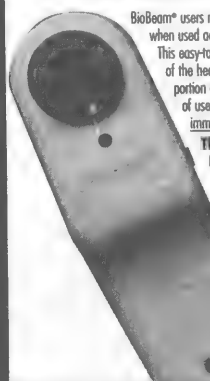

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Prof. Efraim Inbar (second from left) addressed a meeting of Congress recently. Seen here with him are (from left) Keith Landy, David Rotenberg and Gerda Frieberg.

Terrorism discussed

TORONTO — The terrorist activities of Islamic radicals are damaging the Mideast peace process by eroding the image of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin among Israelis as "Mr. Security," and by highlighting Chairman Yasser Arafat's lack of resolve to combat those forces, according to a renowned analyst of Middle Eastern affairs.

Prof. Efraim Inbar, director of the BESA Centre for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University, also said that Arafat would undermine his legitimacy in the territories if he deals harshly with Hamas, a local radical Islamic group.

As for the Israeli prime minister, he said, Rabin's image of security has been vital for the Labor Party in gaining support for the peace process. But Israelis are concerned that if the present government cannot control terrorism, then the advantages of continuing the process are difficult to ascertain.

Inbar's recent talk here was sponsored by the Israel affairs committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, in cooperation with Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University and the BESA Centre, which is dedicated to the memory of Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat.

"The peace process is perceived as an anathema to the Islamic radicals because it is U.S.-sponsored, and they hate the Americans almost as much as the Israelis," he said. "The fundamentalists perceive the West in general, and the United States specifically, as competition for world hegemony. Israel is seen as an extension of Western ideology in the Mideast, thus giving extra motivation for their hatred of Israel as well."

The political science professor said the radical organizations have "ideological problems" with Israel because it is located in what is viewed as the area of daar Islam (the world of Islam).

Jihad (holy war) and the concept of shahid (martyrdom) provide justification for their terrorism against Israel and others, said Inbar. "These radical groups are able to explain temporary setbacks because they believe history is on their side and ultimately they will win out."

Inbar said Islamic radicals pose a threat to the peace process and attempt to provoke Israel to take harsh measures in reaction to terrorist acts within Israel, thus further stymying the process.

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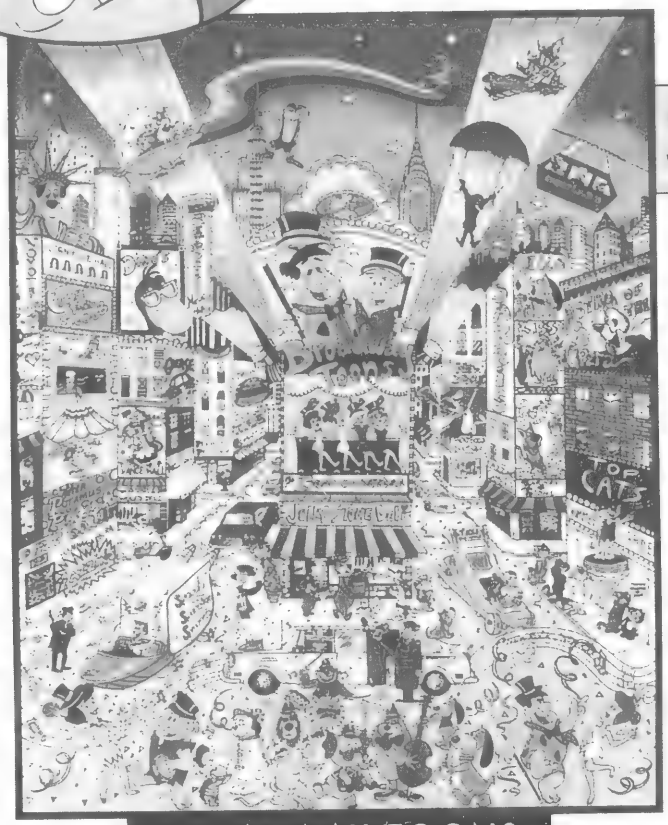

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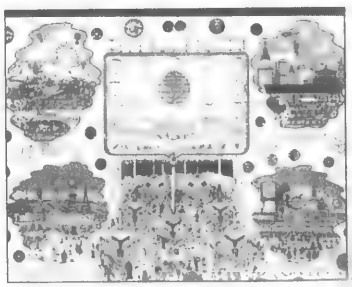
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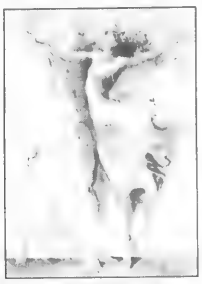
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Esther Braverman (left) and Sonia Gorstein celebrate their 90th birthday.

Twins celebrate 90 years of togetherness

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Twin sisters Esther Broverman and Sonia Gorstein celebrated a special birthday on Jan. 15.

The sisters, both residents of the Sharon Home, turned 90. At the birthday lunch, 29 of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren came to help them celebrate.

Among the out-of-towners were Broverman's sons from her first marriage, Allan and Martin Kolinsky, who came from Calgary and Birmingham, England, respectively.

The twins, Esther and Sonia Peremislov (Promislow in Canada), were born in 1905 in the Russian town of Pavolitch. After the early death of their father, they came with their mother to Winnipeg in 1921 to join other family members.

While Gorstein has lived in Winnipeg all her adult life, Broverman and her first husband operated stores in rural Saskatchewan until the 1930s, when they settled in Regina.

"After my father died in 1961, we moved to Winnipeg," Allan Kolinsky recalled. "My grandmother was still here and we had numerous cousins. We lived near Auntie Sonia who was a great cook. When I came home late some evenings, her lights would still be on at 1 a.m. I would go and visit and she would feed me."

Gorstein is wheelchair bound and has lived in the Sharon Home, Winnipeg's Jewish personal care centre, since 1986. Broverman had been living independently with her husband of 22 years, Hymie Broverman, in a south Winnipeg apartment until a few months ago.

While she is still physically healthy, she does not hear well and is beginning to show signs of Alzheimer's disease.

For the Sharon Home, whose staff catered the party, the twin sisters' birthday luncheon was one of the few times that a party with non-residents has ever been held.

The Sharon Home's new director, former Torontonian Daniel Ruth, said he hopes there will be more such happy events celebrated with family members and friends in the future.

Casino night kicks off camp alumni reunion

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — A B'nai Brith Camp Alumni reunion planned for the summer in Kenora, Ont., was kicked off here Jan. 28 with a casino night and auction that attracted 240 people.

"We wanted a program that would appeal to all age groups over 18," said alumni association chair Murray Gilfix.

The association, formed last spring, has planned a reunion weekend for August 18 to 20 in Kenora.

Camp BB, as it is popularly known, was incorporated in 1919 just north of Winnipeg Beach. In 1953, camp directors leased Town Island from the town of Kenora in northwestern Ontario, 200 km away.

"This camp has played an important role in the lives of Winnipeggers and ex-Winnipeggers," said alumni weekend chair Bob Axelrod. "We have alumni whose children and grandchildren attended the camp as both campers and staff."

Axelrod said planners have received inquiries from alumni from as far away as San Francisco, New York and every major city in Canada.

Contact people are in place in most major Canadian cities for further details and registration information. For Toronto and Montreal, the contact people are Jodi Klapman (905-731-2262) and Shari Slonim (416-447-6094).

Arrangments have been made for a special weekend rate at the Best Western Lakeside Inn in Kenora for those alumni who prefer hotel accommodations to staying at the camp.

From coast to coast

School funding, Quebec discussed at CJC meeting

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada to hear an appeal offers "some comfort and hope" to the advocates of funding for Jewish religious schools in Ontario, the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region executive was told recently.

"We consider it to be good news," said Edward M. Morgan, the region's honorary legal counsel. "In this case there is a particular significance in allowing the appeal."

Morgan said he is also hopeful because there are now seven new members out of nine on the bench which turned down the original request.

"The government hasn't budged one inch since the case was last heard," Morgan added.

He guessed that the appeal would not be heard until late 1995.

The fact that the appeal has been granted "should give pause to the other side," said Murray A. Segal, chair of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education. He said the association will lobby all candidates and political leaders in the coming provincial election.

Dealing with the referendum situation in Quebec, the executive heard a report from Congress national director Jack Silverstone. "The Jewish community of Quebec is not frightened, it has not panicked, we've been living with this for 20 years, and we're confident of the outcome."

It is an obligation of Congress to continue its fight to have war criminals prosecuted, the national director said. "We cannot accept that the criminal code amendments are null and void because of the Finta decision. Congress does not agree with the federal justice department's view that the amendments are not enforcible.

The government's decision to deport four alleged war criminals "is a positive action and shows some movement in its position," he said.

"The government has failed us by saying to us that their resources are too scarce to prosecute," said Louis Lenkinski, vice-chair of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. "The ministers involved did not even have the decency to be present when their officials made the announcement."

Vancouver federation reviews fundraising

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The most daunting challenge facing the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver is the "reinventing and renewing" of its fundraising structure, said the newly appointed president.

Malcolm Weinstein succeeded Peter Oreck on Feb. 6 for a two-year term.

"Federation must set an example for our children of how adults can work collaboratively together, while honoring their diverse backgrounds and interests, to make the best use of the community as a human and financial resource," Weinstein said in his inaugural speech.

The 1994 Combined Jewish Appeal campaign raised $4,155,082, with another $500,000 in pledges perhaps still to come. The 1993 campaign raised just under $4 million.

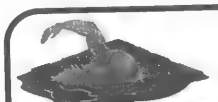
Close to 300 volunteers were involved in the campaign, which for the first time emphasized a marketing strategy. A community calendar was distributed to all 1993 donors and to new members of the Lower Mainland community, and large outdoor billboards were put up at 11 key Jewish locations.

Federation officials have reported that the endowment fund grew to just under $2.5 million in August. They aim to boost the fund to $25 million by the year 2000 in order to continue supporting Israel program scholarships, Jewish schools and community organizations like the one started last year in White Rock-Surrey.

Federation's allocation last year to the United Israel Appeal was $1,267,329. Local constituent agencies received $1,152,230.

Canadian Jewish Congress got $266,634, with $5,750 for its Pacific region. The largest allocation, $302,940, went to the Talmud Torah. The Jewish Community Centre received $271,400.

Executive director Drew Staffenberg told *The CJN* the federation's major challenge is serving the great influx of newcomers to Vancouver. "They're coming from everywhere," he said.



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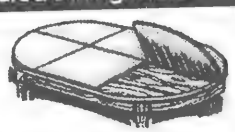

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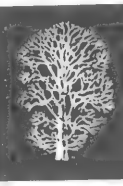

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From coast to coast

USY student keeps a hectic schedule

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's Wednesday night, 11 p.m., and Elise Levinoff's day isn't over yet.

The Thornhill teen, a Grade 12 student who was elected in December to the international executive of United Synagogue Youth (USY), is on the phone with a *CJN* reporter discussing her new position.

Levinoff, the only Canadian on this year's executive, has put in a full day at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), not to mention doing homework, and has already spoken earlier in the evening to USY counterparts in California and New Jersey.

In her "spare" time, the former competitive swimmer serves as co-layout editor on the CHAT yearbook committee and teaches Sunday school at Adath Israel Congregation, where she was USY chapter president last year.

In addition to her new international position, Levinoff is regional communications vice-president for ECRUSY (Eastern Canadian Region USY), the only fully Canadian USY region, which encompasses Toronto, Hamilton, London, St. Catharines and Ottawa. (Communities elsewhere in Canada are included in nearby American regions.) She is a former USY chapter president and a former editor of the USY newsletter for chapter presidents.

As international communications vice-president, Levinoff oversees the production of the Conservative youth organization's newsletter *Achshav!*, an issues-oriented quarterly with a distribution of 13,000, co-edited by two members in New Jersey. "USY is a very spread out organization," explains Levinoff, whose mandate of "keeping the ties going on within USY" covers the entire organization in North America and Israel.

Elise Levinoff

She is in touch with regional communications vice-presidents in the 17 North American regions and is in computer contact with about 70 USYers through the Internet.

Levinoff's involvement with the organization began shortly after her bat mitzvah when she accompanied her older brother Aaron to a Shabbaton.

"I was very intimidated because I was Aaron's little sister, but I was made to feel very welcome and that's why I stayed," says Levinoff.

The depth of her involvement stems from "the challenge of knowing I'm changing a lot of people's lives by making them understand the importance of Conservative Judaism and Jewish living." The teenage years are important ones in terms of Jewish continuity, she stresses.

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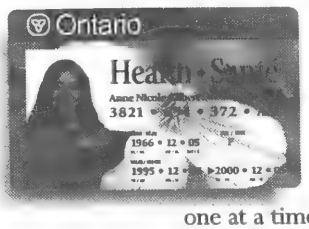

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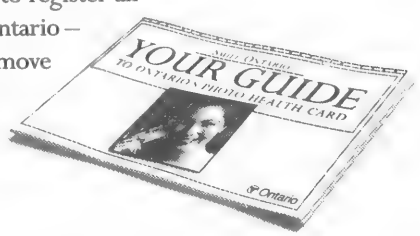

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Free Loan Cassa volunteer honored for dedication

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — David Goldberg, a volunteer for the Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa (G'milath Chasodim Association) was honored recently at the agency's annual dinner at the Lipa Green Building.

Anne Golden of the United Way paid tribute to Goldberg for his "dedication to volunteerism in the Jewish community."

Golden said the Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa's mission has always been to help people help themselves, an act that Maimonides taught is the highest form of tzedakah. She congratulated the Free Loan Cassa for 72 years of outstanding work.

Golden also praised Bert Cohen, who served as a United Way Allocation panelist.

She paid tribute to the late Gabriel Alter who was a devoted volunteer of the Cassa and an active United Way volunteer. Debby Alter received a citation in memory of her husband, thanking the organization for "helping make Gabe's retirement a happy time for him."

Goldberg's daughter, Karen, spoke of her father's accomplishments as a volunteer and praised him for his dedication to the Jewish community. She said her father has been an inspiration to his family and friends, and she announced the establishment of the David Goldberg Endowment Fund.

Nathan Disenhouse, president of the Cassa, presented Goldberg with a plaque.

Disenhouse said the Free Loan Cassa provides the Jewish community with temporary financial assistance by offering personal educational and business interest-free loans.

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Disenhouse reported that during the first half of 1994, the Free Loan Cassa loaned out more than $600,000 to more than 200 clients.

The agency has over 700 active client files paying outstanding receivables totalling some $1,236,004.

Ella Fleischmann, wife of the late Josef Fleischmann, presented the organization with a donation in memory of her husband, who was an active member of the Free Loan Cassa. The Griff, Harendorf, Lebane Scholarship Award was presented to Aliza Lemud.

Albert Lichter, who received a small loan from G'milath Chasodim 50 years ago, said he saw a notice in *The Canadian Jewish News* announcing the meeting and decided to attend. In an impromptu speech, he thanked the Free Loan for helping him in the past and he offered to help the organization in the future.

Nathan Disenhouse (left), president of the Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa is seen presenting an award to David Goldberg for his dedicated volunteer work as his daughter, Karen Goldenberg, looks on.

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Saturday, Feb. 25

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Toronto United Jewish People's Order and Toronto Jewish Folk Choir present an Evening of Jewish Song and Dance, featuring the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and The Village Folk Ensemble, 7:45 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Call 789-5502. No admission charge, donations appreciated.

Sunday, Feb. 26

CHINA'S GREAT WALL

Entertainment and Cultural Connection and Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood present **Dr. Joel Miller** who will speak on From Toronto's Yorkdale to China's Great Wall: Adventures of a Jewish Transit Consultant in China, 8 p.m., Sisterhood Hall, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Members free, guests $2.

TEMPLE SINAI BREAKFAST

Maxine Blendis, artist and calligraphist will give a slide show displaying Jewish, Muslim and Christian art and artifacts at Temple Sinai's adult education program. Breakfast, $2, follows 9:30 a.m. services. No charge for 10 a.m. lecture.

JEWISH LEARNING EXCHANGE

Rabbi Mordechai Becher will speak on Torah and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: Ritual, Spirituality and Personal Growth in Judaism, at the opening program of the new Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 8:30 p.m., 446 Spadina Rd. No charge. For information call 483-0883.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Women's Studies Programme, Ohr Somayach Thornhill hosts the Annual Woman's Day Conference, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Conference, entitled The Renaissance of the Jewish Woman, deals with issues of the Jewish home, children, community and self. Cost $30, advance reservations necessary. Call 905-886-5730.

GENERAL WINGATE BRANCH

Royal Canadian Legion, General Wingate branch holds a general members breakfast meeting, 9:30 a.m., 968 Eglinton Ave. W.

JEWISH STUDIES ANNIVERSARY

University of Toronto Faculty of Arts & Science Jewish Studies Program will hold a 25th anniversary symposium, Jewish Studies on the Threshold of the 21st century, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Medical Sciences Auditorium, 1 King's College Circle. For ticket information call 978-5301.

CAUSE OF LUPUS

The Greater Toronto Area branch, Ontario Lupus Association presents The Cause of Lupus: Where are we Now?, 1:30-4:40 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd., 3rd floor. Call **Violet**, 967-1414, ext. 335.

Monday, Feb. 27

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St., will talk about Free Choice Versus Divine Knowledge, 10-11 a.m. In the evening, 8-9:30 p.m, **Chana Weisberg** will discuss Sages in the Divine Human Encounter. Register by phone, 905-889-6066.

CLASSES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

The first in a three-part series by **Prof. Elliot Malamet** meets 8 p.m., JEP/Ohr Somayach, Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Learning, 2939 Bathurst St. Tonight's topic is Judaism and Conversion. Call 785-5899 to register.

ISRAEL AT PEACE

Martin Himel, Tel Aviv Bureau Chief, Baton Broadcasting System will speak, 7:45 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Sponsored by CHAT Alumni Association and Canadian Friends of Hebrew University, New Leadership Division. Adults $10, students $6.

MYSTICISM AND CHASSIDISM

Theme of the joint Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am continuing education series with **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum** is Leaders of Jewish Mysticism and Chassidism. Topic, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue, is Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi Habad, Development of Lubavitch.

PARENTS OF ASTHMATICS

General meeting of Parents of Asthmatic Children of Southern Ontario meets 8 p.m. Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre, 350 Rumsey Rd., Rm. 1-106. Discussion follows video and product presentation. For information call **Elaine Rose**, 905-881-8416.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

VILLAGE SHUL AUCTION

Bid and win on such items as jewelry, theatre limousine night, beauty packages, hotel weekends and TV guest spots at the Village Shul's fourth annual auction, 6:30 p.m., Primrose Club, 273 St. Clair Ave. W. Tickets, $10 include entrance and draw for door prizes. Call 782-1400 or 783-0806 for information.

MONTE CARLO DINNER/DRAW

Jerusalem College of Technology is the recipient of this year's Dinner Draw organized by **David Anisman** at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 6:30 p.m. Grand prize, $5,000. Limited number of tickets available. Call 787-7565.

PASSOVER HAGGADAH

Rabbi Moshe Stern, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, begins a series of in-depth analyses of the Passover Haggadah for men and women, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Haggadot provided. No charge. For information call 787-1631.

NEW BBW CHAPTER

The newest chapter of B'nai Brith Women, for women in their early 20s who want to meet interesting women, keep in touch with the Jewish community and share new experiences, is having its next meeting. For information call **Eileen Jadd**, 630-9313.

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Toronto ORT and the McGill Club continue the Women of Achievement Lecture Series with **Marilyn Lightstone**, 7:30 p.m., McGill Club, 21 McGill St. Reception follows speaker. For ticket information call ORT office, 787-0297.

MAIMONIDES

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks, Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. will speak on Maimonides: Idol Worship, 8 p.m. For information call the synagogue office, 229-2600.

NORTHERN LIGHTS BBW

Next program meeting of BBW Northern Lights chapter serving northern York Region features presentation by St. Clair Paint and Wallpaper, 8 p.m. in Newmarket. Regular meetings scheduled for fourth Tuesday of every month.

Wednesday, March 1

JEWS OF NORTHERN ONTARIO

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section presents **Dr. Stephen Speisman**, who will speak on The Jews of Northern Ontario — the Yonge St. Line, 8:30 p.m., at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Tickets $5. Everyone welcome. Call 633-5100.

BETH TORAH CONGREGATION

At a recent Beth Torah Sisterhood breakfast, Steven Turk (right), vice-president, Beth Torah, spoke about the new Power of Attorney-Substitute Decisions Act. At left is Anna Beloff, Sisterhood publicity chair.

WEIZMANN PRESIDENT

Jay Alan Smith was elected president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science at its recent annual meeting held at the Inn on the Park Hotel. Smith, a vice-president at Wood Gundy Inc. replaces Allan Gordon, who is now the chapter's chairman of the board.

OR CHAIM KOLLEL PROGRAM

Rabbi Baruch Taub, Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue will be guest speaker at Or Chaim's Kollel Program, 8-9:45 p.m., 159 Almore Ave.

MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS

Continuing education committee, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and Institute for International Affairs, BBW Canada presents **Itzhak Shelef**, Israeli ambassador, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Admission free.

NAZI MOVEMENT IN CANADA

Bernie Farber will speak on the recent events focusing on the emerging Skinhead and Nazi movement in Canada, 8 p.m., Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cr. Video presentation, discussion and questions are part of program.

ROSH CHODESH CELEBRATION

Bring in Adar Sheni b'simchah at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave. Maariv for and by women, 7:45 p.m. followed by shiur with **Chana Waisberg.**

Thursday, March 2

KEEPING JERUSALEM JEWISH

Prof. Emil Fackenheim, will speak on How to Keep Jerusalem Jewish, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave. Sponsored by Shaarei Shomayim adult education, Toronto Zionist Council and Herut Likud. For information call the synagogue office, 789-3213.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

MOMS TAKE A BREAK

Join the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. for its Moms and Tots program, Tuesdays mornings, 10-11:30 a.m. Children ages 2-3½ take part in activities including arts and crafts and Jewish storytelling while moms engage in learning sessions exploring diverse topics in Judaism. Babysitting available for children under 2. Cost, $6 per family. Call 636-7530.

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. is taking registration for its beginner, intermediate and advanced conversational Hebrew summer courses for adults, teenagers and pre-teens. Morning courses run Mondays, May 29-August 28; evening courses run Tuesdays, May 30-August 29. Classes conducted under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Beginners course taught by **Joseph Klinger**, founder in Toronto of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew. Introductory private lesson for beginners and make-up lessons for missed classes. Call 787-0197.

HEBREW LITERACY DAY

In honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning together with ARZA Canada is sponsoring a National Hebrew Literacy Day, April 23. Participants will learn to read Hebrew in just eight hours. Choose from five locations in Toronto. Cost for the day including textbook, light lunch and materials is $47. For information call **Robin Neray**, 905-764-1-DAY.

CHILDREN'S DANCE FESTIVAL

Children's Israel dance festival, co-sponsored by Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) and Board of Jewish Education celebrates 25 years, March 5, York University, Tait McKenzie Gym, with 21 groups participating. Guest performers are the Chai Dancers. Tickets, $5, children 12 and under $1 available at BJC, 4588 Bathurst St. Tickets at door $1 more. Call **Teme**, 636-1880.

INCEST SURVIVORS

Jewish Family and Child Service will be conducting a group beginning March 28 for women incest survivors. For information call **Karen Wynnychuk**, 638-7800, ext. 806 or **Gail Solish**, 905-882-2331, ext. 25.

CRAFT AND GARAGE SALE

Forestdale Heights Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada is seeking crafts people to rent tables at its Craft and Garage Sale, Sunday, April 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 15 Hove. St. Call **Shelly Luftspring**, 375-8906. Donations of slightly and lovingly used items as well as brand new items accepted. Call BBW 633-6224 to book pick-ups.

SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

Rabbi Yosef Gansberg will speak on Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson at the Brotherhood breakfast, Feb. 26. Monday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. The adult education group will discuss the book *Sotah*. Family service Friday, Feb. 24; regular service, Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. For information call Solel, 905-820-5915.

COMING OUT JEWISH

The Coalition of Jewish Gay Lesbian Bisexual Students holds a peer support group meeting facilitated by a social worker from Jewish Family & Child Service, Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m., York University, Room 2000, Vari Hall. All teens to 20s welcome. Call Jewish Student Federation, 736-5179 or 925-9872, ext. 2114 for information.

ONEG SHABBAT

Floating Jewish Singles is holding an Oneg Shabbat, Friday, March 3, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Refreshments follow. Call 225-8745 for information.

SEPARATION AND DIVORCE SERIES

Jewish Family & Child Service presents a five-part series, Wednesday March 1-April 5. Topics include impact of separation and divorce on children, alternatives to litigation and dealing with life cycle events. For information regarding fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 799.

JEP/OHR SOMAYACH

Three-part seminar series, Where Judaism Differs features **Rabbi Michael Skobac** and **Julius Ciss**, Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 22, 8-10 p.m. $18 for series. Pre-register.

Rabbi Yaakov Kerzner speaks to women on the writings of **Rabbi Eliyahu Dessler**, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., JEP/Ohr Somayach. All classes at JEP/Ohr Somayach Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Learning, 2939 Bathurst St., 785-5899.

PARENTING GROUPS

Jewish Family and Child Service offers the following groups: Parenting the Difficult Child begins March 28; One Marriage: Two Religions begins March 22; Single Parent Challenge begins March 10. For more information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

DOWNTOWN REFORM MINYAN

Join a friendly group of individuals and families for weekly participatory Shabbat services and special holiday programs. Atmosphere is informal, egalitarian and stimulating. Upcoming services at Bloor JCC are Friday, Feb. 24, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m., service conducted by **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, children's program provided; Friday, March 10, 7:15 p.m. On Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. a special adult Purim reading and discussion. Call the pre-recorded line at 905-844-4185.

KABALLAH LEARNING CENTRE

Morning prayer connection, Mondays-Fridays 6:45 a.m., Sunday 8 a.m. Shabbat service, 8:30 a.m. and lecture on weekly portion, 9:30 a.m. Kaballah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., 631-9395.

CRAFT AND GIFT SALE

Na'amat Toronto seeks vendors for a craft and gift sale, Monday, May 22, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Call the office, 636-5425 or **Malka Mirsky**, 633-6538 evenings.

VOLUNTEER AT SUNNYBROOK

Sunnybrook Health Science Centre seeks committed and helpful people to volunteer evenings and weekends. Vacancies in a variety of areas including gift shop, intensive care waiting rooms and long term care recreation therapy department. Volunteers should commit three hours a week for six months. Call Volunteer Resources Department 480-4129.

FROM TEARS TO TRIUMPH

Yeshiva Hesodei Hatorah presents From Tears to Triumph, April 2, 5:30 p.m., Royal Constellation Hotel. The dinner program and commomorative journal will pay tribute to 12 representatives of Nazi-occupied Europe. Call the Yeshiva office, 787-1101 for information.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club next Sunday dance with live band, Feb. 26, 7:30-10:30 p.m. in community centre. Members $4, non-members $5. Saturday dances in clubhouse, 7-10 p.m. Members free, non-members $1. Group discussion, Thursday, March 23, 10 a.m. in clubhouse features **Charles Harnick** who will speak on Wills and Power of Attorney. No charge. $5 local day trips on March 2 and April 6. Movie, Wednesday, March 1, 2 p.m.*Hello Dolly*. For information on activities and trips call 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is planning a trip to Washington in May. Kosher meals included. Future trips include Artpark July 19 and August 8; Stratford, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2 for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Feb. 27, **Mr. Sofrin**, trade and economics editor, *Hamekomon*, a Toronto Hebrew newspaper, will speak on the Canadian Economy and the World. Everyone welcome. Call 661-4689 for information.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities presents **Prof. Gordon Bean**, who will discuss the music of Kurt Weill, 2 p.m., 645 Castlefield Ave. Admission free. Reserve by calling 785-1511.

North York Public Health Department's series on healthy hearts continues with Learning to Reduce Stress for Heart Sake, Feb. 27, noon-12:45 p.m., North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., Room 1, second floor. Register, 395-7600.

Bathurst Jewish Centre, in cooperation with the Institute of Chartered Accountants offers free tax form preparation assistance for seniors, by appointment only, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Guidelines, $15,000 single income; $22,500 for families with dependents. Call **Teme**, 636-1880.

Funtime Travel is going to Stage West for a musical comedy, Wednesday, March 8. On Thursday, April 20, tickets are available for the Lawrence Welk Show, Roy Thomson Hall. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

La Briyut Wellness Centre presents an Osteoporosis Support Group, Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1:30 p.m., cultural room. Call **Sandra** or **Sharon**.

Lifelong Learning Institute features Music Around the Mediterranean with **Judith Cohen**, Mondays, Feb. 27-April 10, 1-3 p.m. Offered in cooperation with North York Board of Education. Call **Bookie Kwart**.

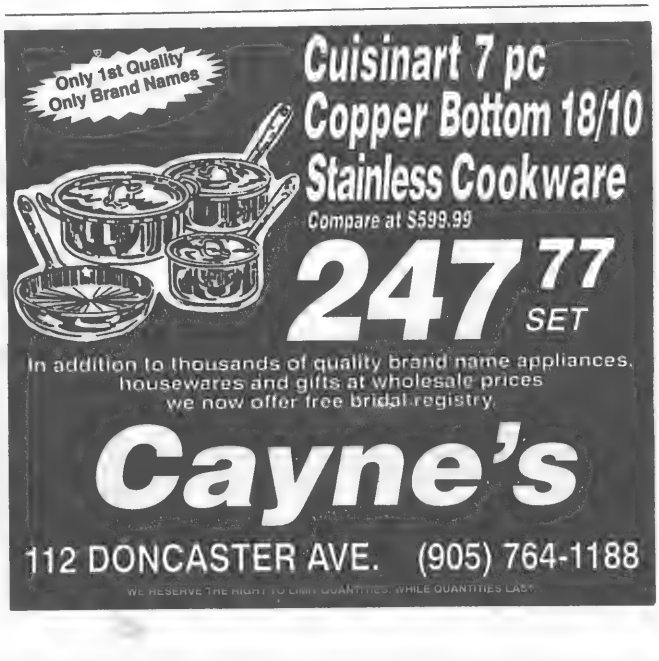
Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. On March 15 there will be a Purim Party with **Andre Furs** and **Rochelle Kasproyino**. Call **Anna**.

Remembrance tour to Poland in May includes six nights in Warsaw and Krakow, two nights in Paris. Call **Helen Issenberg**.

Bernard Betel Centre, Downsview Services to Seniors and Cadillac Tours present the Windsor Casino Express, April 24 and 25. Departure from Bernard Betel 7:30 a.m. Price $130 double occupancy or $175 single occupancy includes coach transportation, one night hotel, dinner, taxes and tips and more. Money must be paid by April 3. For information call **Barbara Zigler**.

PNAI PROGRAM

At its recent monthly meeting, the Parents of North American Israelis heard member Charles Anthony review Ariel Sharon's new book. From left, Victor Sefton; Anthony; Minabelle Haneford, membership chair. PNAI membership is open to those who have children or grandchildren living in Israel. [Mollie Rothman photo]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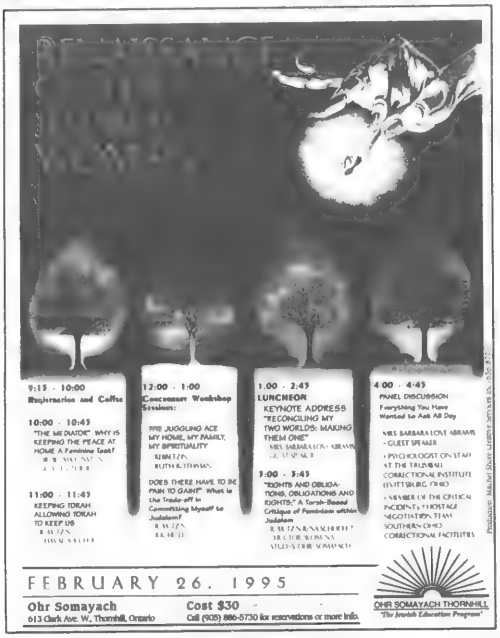
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Quick Response Program may reduce hospital admissions

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A new program to look after the sick at home, instead of admitting them to hospital, began earlier this month at North York General Hospital.

The Quick Response Program, which began at the North York hospital Feb. 6 and will expand in the next few weeks to Mount Sinai Hospital and Doctors Hospital in downtown Toronto, is expected to reduce hospital admissions through quickly arranged home care.

Patients at 14 Metro emergency rooms can have home nursing and medical equipment arranged within an hour, or three at the most, say planners.

The Ontario Ministry of Health is funding the program for a year with a $675,000 grant.

If the results of a 31-day trial at North York General in 1993 are any indication, 20 per cent of emergency patients will be referred for quick home care, freeing up an equal percentage of hospital beds per month.

Another 40 per cent will receive regular home care services.

"This is a significant development for us," said Debra Bloomfield of North York General. "People who can be looked after at home eat better and sleep better and are less anxious. It is also of great benefit in those cases when the other person at home is not able to look after him or herself, let alone look after a sick person."

The program covers nursing, homemaking, medical equipment, physio- and occupational therapy, social and lab work, medical supplies and nutritional counselling.

Although the program is offered to patients of all ages, it is of most benefit to senior citizens. In the North York trial, for example, 79 per cent of the referrals were patients over 65, including 32 per cent between 80 and 99 and seven per cent older than 100.

"We've found there are many seniors who look to hospitals for a lot of care that could be provided at home," said Dr. Isser Dubinsky, medical director of the emergency program at North York General.

"Often elderly people end up hospitalized after a minor injury or illness because they don't have someone at home to help them get their medications, do their house cleaning, or get groceries."

The Quick Response Program started in three Scarborough hospitals in January and within six months will be at all 14 participating hospitals.

To make it work, hospital home care staff hours have been extended from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., including weekends. Patients admitted to emergency after 8 p.m. will have to stay overnight in hospital.

Single parents bridge gap

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two young widows, each a mother of three, have come up with an idea which they hope will fill a gap for themselves and other single parents.

Marla Kleinberg, 39, and Eva Izso, 40, are gearing up for the first lecture in a monthly series to be held at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation. The program will kick off March 30 at 8 p.m. with a talk on Money Matters: Budgeting and Investments by accountant Hartley Cohen.

After the death of her husband Michael three and a half years ago, Kleinberg came to realize that she desperately needed to spend some time with adults who share her situation.

She and Izso met after Izso was widowed in 1993, and have become good friends.

When the two women attended a large Jewish singles dance last summer, they realized that the number of Jewish singles — and Jewish single parents — was far greater than they had imagined.

Neither one felt completely comfortable with the idea of meeting people at a dance, however. As Izso describes it, a mutual friend called before the dance to tell them, "I bought you tickets, and you're going."

They decided to approach Debbie Dash, director of programming and outreach at Beth David, where Kleinberg is a member, to act as a resource person and help set up a program that would be useful and unintimidating.

Dash, a social worker by profession, notes that the program is not a therapeutic one. It is open to the community, and there is no charge for the first program.

Future programs include Marcia Herberman and Harriet Brown of Travel 24 on Single Travel and therapist Susan Leventhal on The Pressure and Pulls of Single Parenting: Creative Approaches.

For further information, contact Dash at 416-633-5500.

Anne Golden appointment

TORONTO — United Way of Greater Toronto president Anne Golden is being given a leave of absence to chair a new task force on the Greater Toronto Area, said Premier Bob Rae.

Rae thanked United Way for its "gracious loan of Anne Golden" for a period up to 18 months.

The mandate of the task force is to put together a workable vision for the governance of the Greater Toronto Area.

Golden has a long history of provincial and municipal government experience.

She worked with the provincial Liberals as special advisor to the Leader of the Opposition, Stuart Smith and then became director of Policy Research for the Ontario Liberal Party.

She joined United Way in 1982 to hold the positions of director of allocations and government relations and campaign director, before becoming president eight years ago.

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From coast to coast

New book examines medieval Cairo synagogue

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Prominent Montreal architect Phyllis Lambert has been building a dream of the late Egyptian president Anwar al-Sadat to facilitate Jewish-Arab dialogue in the Mideast.

For the last 15 years, Lambert has been restoring the 11th-century Ben Ezra Synagogue in Cairo as the future home of an interfaith centre proposed by Sadat for Jews and Arabs to find common ground in the region's rich history.

In 1980, Lambert came across the ruins of the Roman Fortress of Babylon in old Cairo, within which was the crumbling Ben Ezra Synagogue. Lambert is director of an international project to restore the synagogue.

"We believe the past can inform the present and guide us to the future," she said.

Lambert, founder and director of the Canadian Centre for Architecture, is best known for her activism in preserving Montreal's architectural heritage. But last week saw the launch of *Fortifications and the Synagogue: The Fortress of Babylon and the Ben Ezra Synagogue, Cairo*, edited by Lambert and published in London.

The book is unprecedented in its comprehensive examination of Christianity, Islam and Judaism in medieval Egypt, and is probably the most serious study of a Jewish institution in the Islamic world.

It presents the first measured survey and photographic study of the fortress and the synagogue, as well as a thorough study of the archives found there, known as the Geniza manuscripts.

The Ben Ezra Synagogue once contained an extensive collection of ancient prayer books, manuscripts, correspondence, business records and other priceless documents dating back to the 10th century CE. Much of the well-preserved material is now housed at Cambridge University in England.

The only other publication to show a ground plan of the Roman fortress appeared in 1884.

The large-format book contains a series of color photos by Richard Pare of the synagogue and its surroundings, as well as many plans, engravings and other illustrations.

The foreward is written by Willian Brinner, an expert in the religion and culture of the Arab people, as well as Jewish history in the Arab world.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates or to place an ad, please call Sharon at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

•Games Jewish Singles Play Reminder! Sat Feb 25, 7:30 p.m. Beth Torah. 47 Glenbrook **•Bridge**, scrabble etc. $5. **45 couples have already met!** Mollie 733-3634

Adath Israel Synagogue singles group, 35 plus (Bathurst & Wilson) presents a sunday brunch February 26th, 1995, 11:30 a.m. with human resource professional Sandy Vale.

Topic "Future Jobs in the Future Workplace." This discussion will deal with the new definition of "a job", the workplace and how to prepare for a job.

Cost $8:00. Prepaid reservations only at the synagogue office. Deadline is Thursday, February 23rd. Visa accepted. For reservations call the synagogue office, and for further information contact Rabbi Sheldon Korn (416) 635-5340

Floating Jewish Singles, Omeg Shabbat, Friday, March 3, 1995, 8:00 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Avenue, Refreshments to follow. For Information, 416-225-8475, Ida.

Mayfair West Racquet and Fitness Club is having our next Singles Party Saturday, February 25. The action begins at 7 p.m. with a Tennis Round Robin or an aerobics class followed by a circuit training demo on our new fitness equipment. Dance following at 10. Cost for tennis/fitness & dance is $20, for dance only $10. Reservations are a must for tennis and fitness, call Marcia at 416-638-1010

Singles Dance and Karaoke, Friday, **March 3rd, 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.** at North Toronto's prestigious and most exclusive club, at 25 Fairway Hieghts, between Leslie & Bayview on Steeles. **Single Professionals Network 416-760-7169.**

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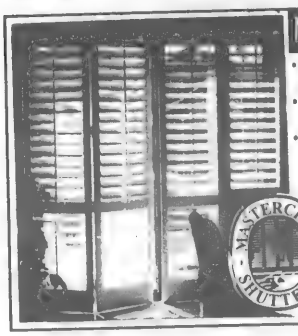

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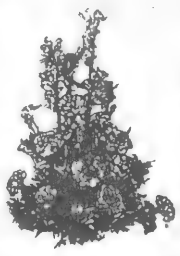

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Wagman Centre awards

TORONTO — Ten years ago Martha Chapman joined the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care to get some exercise. Today, at age 70, her exercise routine would exhaust people half her age.

From early May until late October, Chapman rides her bike to and from the Wagman Centre and just about everywhere else she needs to go. In the winter, she walks indoors in addition to a year-round weight lifting and aerobics routine.

Making fitness a way of life earned Chapman the Active Living Award at the recent Wagman Centre Annual Fitness Awards.

The Wagman Centre offers land and water exercise programs for those 55 and older. Each year close to 50 Wagman members are honored for their fitness accomplishments.

Positive attitude

Archie Wislesky, who suffered a stroke several years ago, won the Herb Charles Award for his positive attitude and determination in improving his motor skills in the water.

The Wagman Centre programs are just some of the more than 150 health promotion initiatives at Baycrest Centre.

"Baycrest has long recognized that health is more than physical well-being," said Linda Kremer, fitness and health promotion supervisor at the Wagman Centre. "We know that a person's health is affected by many factors including work environment, home situation and connections to the community, or lack of them."

Baycrest has formed partnerships with organizations such as the Metropoliotan Toronto District Health Council's Long-Term Care Health Promotion/Wellness Group and the North York Public Health's Promotion Research Unit.

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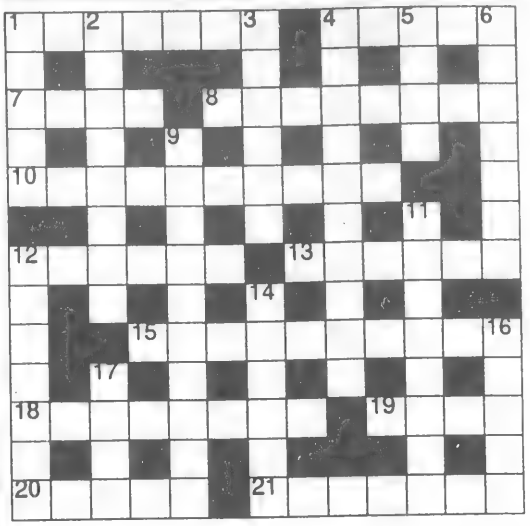

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4 Used to fill a matzah sandwich
7 Principal parent of Yiddish is Middle - German
8 Coalition
10 Done during Yom Kippur
12 Recurrent thematic elements in literary work
13 Solomon built a city at Eilat for this
15 Inadvertent
18 Withdraws
19 Nickname of Sharon
20 Wading bird with long legs
21 Uncovered

DOWN

1 Morals
2 To number pages of
3 Burble
4 Famous scholar
5 The Persian king handed this to Haman as authority for Hamman's plans
6 Stinking
9 Possible according to Jewish belief
11 Rain provided water for these in Jerusalem of old
12 It is the coat of arms of Israel
14 The split matzah
16 Political party
17 Russian emperor

Answers for February 16

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From coast to coast

Singer's performances promote ties to Israel

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Toronto singer Ritasue Charlestein sings Hebrew songs and accompanies herself on the guitar.

She was recently invited by Israel's prime minister, president and chief of staff to perform at a tribute concert at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv, in memory of Simcha Holtzberg, who was known as the father of wounded soldiers.

On her many trips to Israel, Charlestein travelled extensively with Holtzberg, entertaining Israeli soldiers on bases, in hospitals and in rehabilitation centres. "Simcha was my teacher, my friend and inspirational light in my life," she told *The CJN*.

Charlestein, who is engaged to Toronto lawyer Stan Fisher, moved to Toronto last year with her son Ari, a student at the Associated Hebrew Day School.

She said Holtzberg, who died last year at the age of 70, "gave love, compassion, wisdom, understanding, humor and counsel to thousands of wounded soldiers."

She believes the concert will raise the consciousness of the public, encouraging visits to wounded Israeli soldiers, and provide money through the Simcha Fund for gifts and programs for the soldiers.

Born in New York City and a graduate of New York University with a masters degree in French, Charlestein sang with the Zamir Chorale in New York and Jerusalem and was a soloist in Philadelphia where she lived after her marriage.

The mother of four children, she has travelled extensively and sang for the refuseniks in the former Soviet Union in 1981. She performed for State of Israel Bonds in the United States and France and has been featured at United Jewish Appeal campaigns throughout the United States. She has appeared at numerous events for the State of Israel and taught music at Jewish summer camps, including one in Greece.

Charlestein said her goal is to "get people to feel the way I do about Israel, by weaving stories with music that speaks of responsibility of Jews one to the other. I guess you could say I have an obsession for Jewish peoplehood."

In Toronto, Charlestein plans to establish music classes for preschool children. "I believe it is important for children to become acquainted with Israeli and other Hebrew music at a very young age — this has a profound and lasting effect on the children."

Ritasue Charlestein

In paying tribute to Holtzberg, Charlestein said, "From Simcha, I learned to look when what I saw before me was too grotesque to look at. And from the soldiers, I learned that my voice had healing powers. Simcha and the soldiers have taught me a great deal about life and I am delighted that I will be able to participate in the yahrzeit concert for one of Israel's great heros."

Carnival teaches tzedakah

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A one-day French carnival at United Synagogue Day Schools (USDS) is teaching students they can learn, have fun and do a mitzvah — all at the same time.

For the USDS Carnaval d'Hiver (Winter Carnival), youngsters at the Beth Tzedec and Beth Tikvah branches have been collecting gently used toys to donate to Jewish Family & Child Services (JF&CS).

The Beth Tikvah carnival was held Feb. 21. The Beth Tzedec carnival is March 2.

"I think it's wonderful [students] realize there are members of the community less fortunate than they are, and that they ... help those in need," said JF&CS executive assistant Florence Weinberger.

"Tzedakah is such an integral part of Jewish life that it should be transferred into our school life and celebrations," said French teacher and organizer Jonie Samery.

In addition to involving the children in tzedakah, the carnival will give them a taste of Quebec culture, said Samery. The event has been modelled on the annual 10-day Quebec winter carnival in February. Organizers hope the USDS carnival will become an annual event.

"Kids learn better if they experience the language," said Myra Webb, a French teacher at Beth Tzedec and a carnival coordinator.

Students have been learning related French vocabulary and some have been preparing presentations such as French rap songs about winter sports.

Singers Bill Russell and Ann Lederman of Mariposa in the Schools performed at the Bayview campus this week and will stage a show at the Bathurst campus next week.

"We're excited that our teachers have taken [this] initiative," said education director Solly Kaplinski.

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New Life Landscaping branches out into playgrounds

New Life Landscaping has been in operation since 1984. It is a family business run by three partners, brothers David, Neal and Jordan Sadja; Jordan has a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture. They offer a full landscaping service, which includes landscape design & construction, year-round maintenance services, tree & shrub services, irrigation services, and annual flower and bulb design.

New Life Landscaping has done work for some of Toronto's most prestigious developers: Menkes Industrial Parks, Belmont Construction, Marathon Realty Group, Wycliffe Property Management and Revenue Properties, to name a few.

New Life Landscaping branched out into the playground business in the spring of 1994 with their acquisition of LMS Wood Creations. LMS operations manager Randy Wells, brought his extensive playground design and construction skills with him to the new company, Rainbow Play Systems. Rainbow hopes to have a playground showroom set up by mid-march in North York.

Rainbow Play Systems will sell and build residential and commercial play structures from natural cedar or California Redwood. This wood is long-lived, resists rot and water, and is safer than some other woods, especially for children, because it does not splinter. "We will concentrate exclusively on wood and plastic products," says Randy; "there's more future in them because they wear and look better."

David calls the new venture "one-stop shopping for the backyard." Besides entire playground sets, customers will be able to order individual accessories, swings or structures; backyard furniture and accessories such as picnic tables will be available as well. They will do custom playgrounds, move a playground from one home to another, and do playground landscaping.

The primary product line will be Rainbow Play Systems from the U.S. Rainbow will also carry a higher-end California redwood product, and a more affordable East Coast cedar line.

The average cost of a playground, says David Sadja, is between $1,500 and $2,500. As such, it is a family investment. It can add to the value of a home to be sold when the kids are grown up, or be worth moving if they are still of an age to enjoy it. Also, jokes David, a father of three, "it's the best way to know where your kids are."

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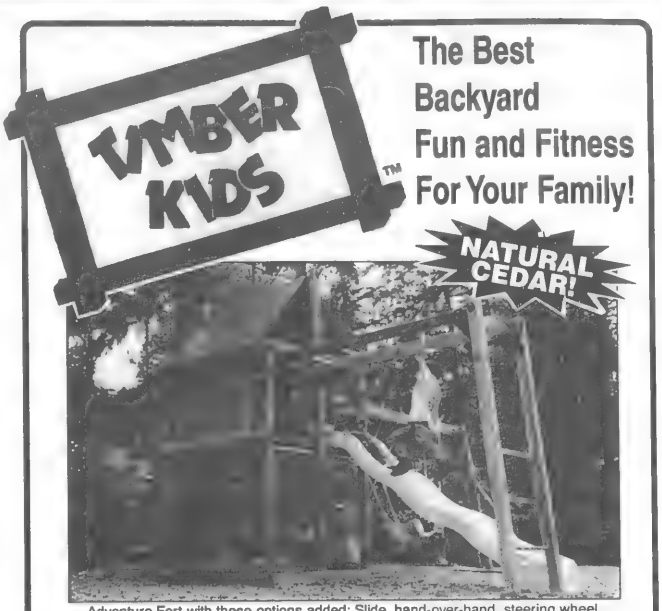

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Owner/operator Martin Caplan has been at the same location since 1953. He too is constantly in awe of the continuing radical changes the appliance industry is experiencing.

For example, the exciting new refrigerators from Sub-Zero are a dramatic change — a revolution from the way we perceive and use standard refrigerators. They are built-in and hidden behind doors and drawers so they can fit anywhere in your kitchen. They make food storage convenient and quick. Vegetables can be stored in refrigerated drawers by the sink, milk and juice in a cabinet near the kitchen table and ice cream or frozen dinners in a separate freezer drawer easily accessible to the kids. Units can be mixed and matched according to needs.

"A great advantage of these separate storage units is that each features a micro-processor control panel to program specific temperatures. Meat can be stored at one temperature while vegetables can be stored separately at a different temperature so foods stay at their peak freshness."

Martin & Fran Caplan and their staff of appliance experts in the superstore at 1111 Weston Road.

Refrigerators are not alone in the exciting evolution of appliances. Stoves, which were once merely a means of preparing one's daily food are now designed to complement a cook's kitchen and provide commercial-type cooking performance in a cook-top designed exclusively for residential use. Features can include Ceran glass surface with halogen burners, stove-top barbeques and griddles, rotisseries or woks and convection ovens. Ceran cooktops, available from many appliance manufacturers are made from transluscent, pore-free, glass-ceramic material that make them extremely durable, able to withstand high heat and sudden and severe swings in temperature, yet transmit heat efficiently. The flat surface of a Ceran cooktop makes cleaning a snap.

The high cooking speed in a convection oven eliminates hot and cold spots so food is uniformly cooked even when doing entire meals or multiple rack baking. "The new gas stoves have burners running from a low simmer to a high heat that boils almost instantly. There are so many stoves from which to choose. There have never been choices like this before," says Caplan.

After the food has been cooked and the meal enjoyed, it is time to do the dishes, and this new evolution in appliances has not stopped short of the dishwasher. As with the refrigerators, the integrated dishwasher is fitted with the same cabinet front as the rest of the kitchen. Among other features, these dishwashers are almost silent, have a stainless steel interior, adjustable basket height and lower basket inserts. With energy consumption an important issue, consumers will be happy to note that the latest models in dishwashers use less water and less detergent than ever before. "Even noise is an environmental factor so an almost silent dishwasher is an environmentally friendly dishwasher," says Caplan.

He says however, that despite all these choices, shopping at Caplan's is an easy, enjoyable and comfortable experience. After offering customers a cup of coffee and a donut, the experienced and friendly staff is always available for consultation and advice. Whether looking for the basic stand-up refrigerator or the new state-of-the-art line, "we are there to help. We know people can get confused with the choices available to them and we do all we can to teach them everything they need to know. My staff, some of whom have been here for 30 years, are here to guide customers from the moment they walk into the showroom until the appliance is installed in their home."

He says that Caplan Appliances is a name that everyone knows because it is "number one with regards to service and reliability. The store is owner-operated and my wife Fran and I are always on hand to ensure that everything is running smoothly. We give a personal touch that is not available at large retail establishments. We are unique because we are specialists and to make things even better, we are price-setters and industry leaders and are always competitive.

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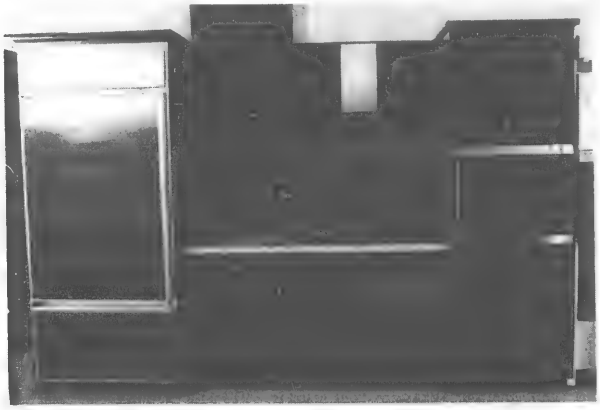

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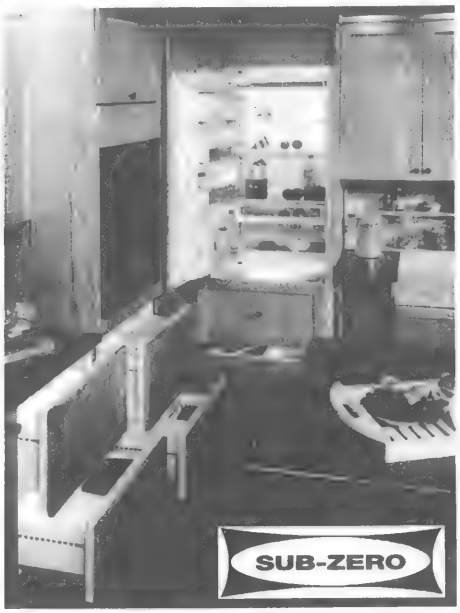

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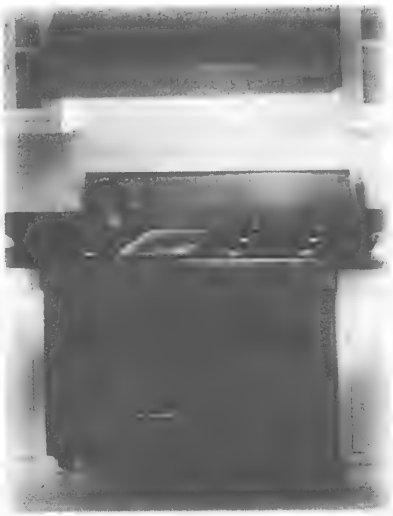

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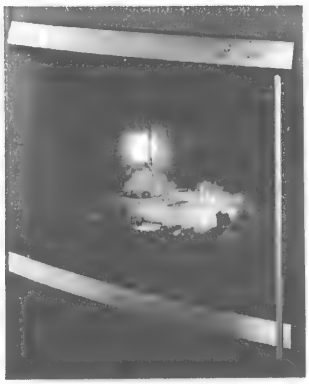

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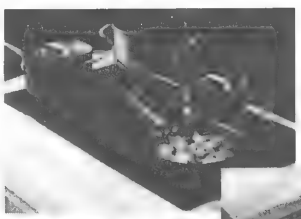

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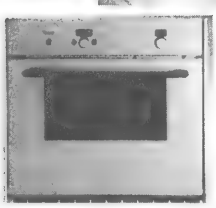

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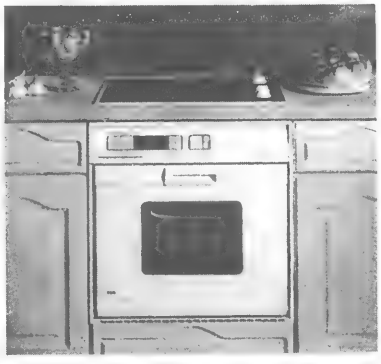

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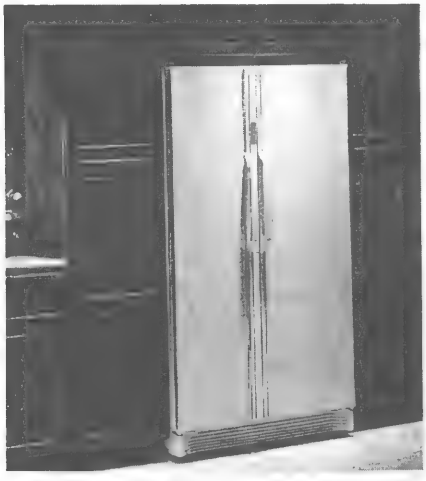

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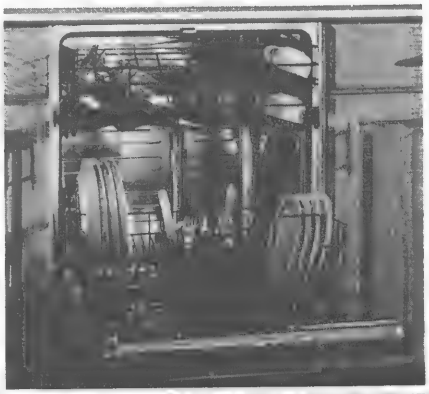

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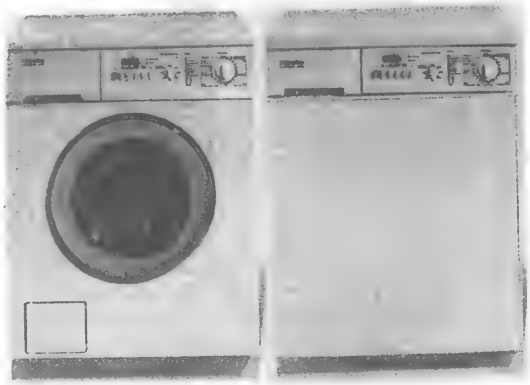

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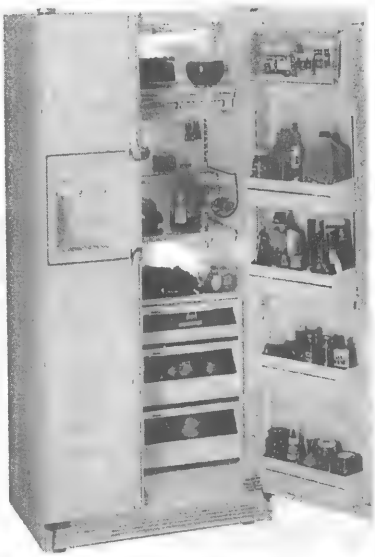

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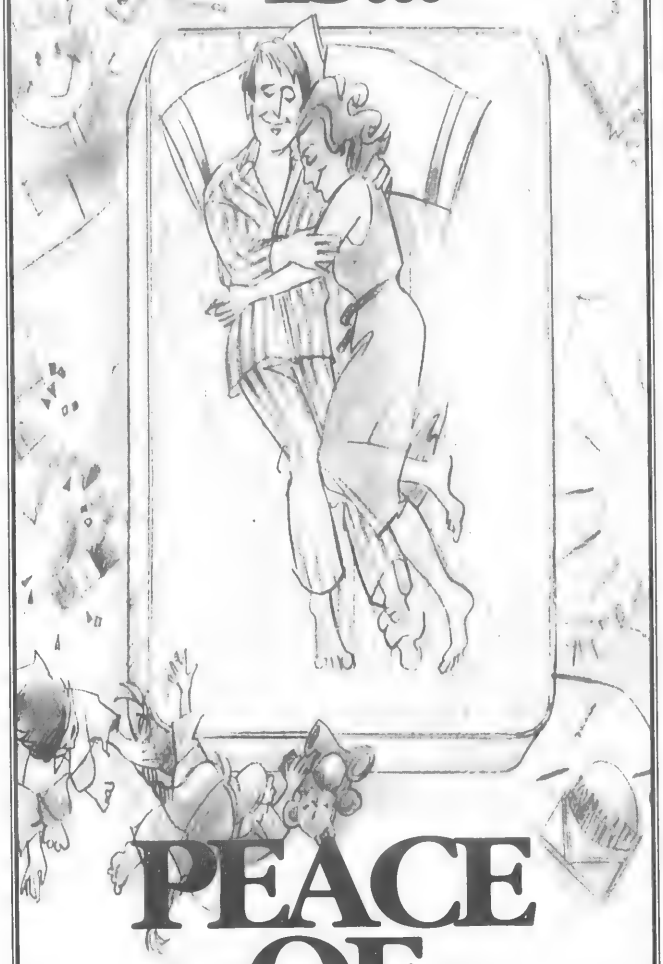

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Regency Interiors carries on a tradition

Regency Interiors 2000 Inc. is owned by Sal DiMeglio, who was with the former Regency Interiors for 18 years. There, he gained his knowledge of the business working for his father-in-law, former owner Max Kingston. Max is still a presence, helping Sal establish the new company.

Manager Lydia Carter is also with the new Regency, as is Pasquale the installer, who was with the old Regency for 22 years. This is a team of people who have worked well together for many years.

For over 23 years, the old Regency had been known for customizing and retailing modern furniture; the tradition continues. "About 50 per cent of our business is retail," says Max, "and 50 per cent customizing." Most of their new customers, he adds, are referrals, with orders coming in from across Canada and the US.

Regency Interiors' 4,500 square foot store shows every kind of furniture from antique to contemporary, in marble and Italian leather, as well as children's furniture, but emphasizes the contemporary. There are several lines of modern lacquered furniture from the US, Italy and China. Also, the new Regency still makes furniture with remote-control units, which customers can watch in operation.

Two well known Regency specialties are lacquered linen and stone furniture, which they sell and custom-make. Both types of furniture are laminated and wood based. They are available in single items such as coffee tables or wardrobes, as well as in sets for bedroom or dining room.

These unique finishes are available in matte, glossy or semi-gloss and can be custom-colored to match any scheme or decor. An ideal way to rejuvenate a well-loved older piece of furniture, is to finish it in a lacquered linen or stone application.

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Regency offers a complete interior decoration service from a single room to a condo or house. They also offer a minor, non-structural renovation service. Customers are welcome to bring in their own designs, or let Regency design something that suits them. Prices are medium to high-end.

Regency does a lot of work with major interior decorators and designers. "They come to us," says Max, "because we can custom-make what they need for their clients." Besides home decorating services, Regency designs offices, and has done a lot of work for lawyers, accountants and other professionals at their place of business.

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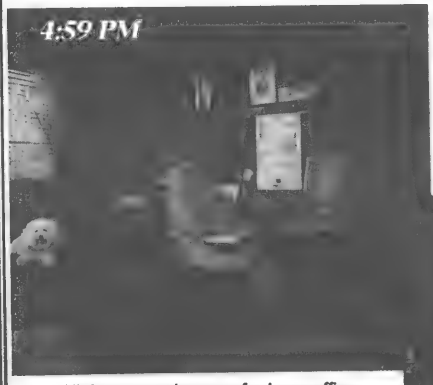

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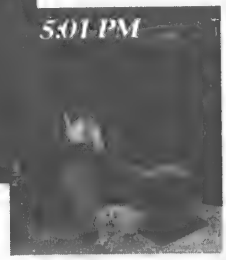

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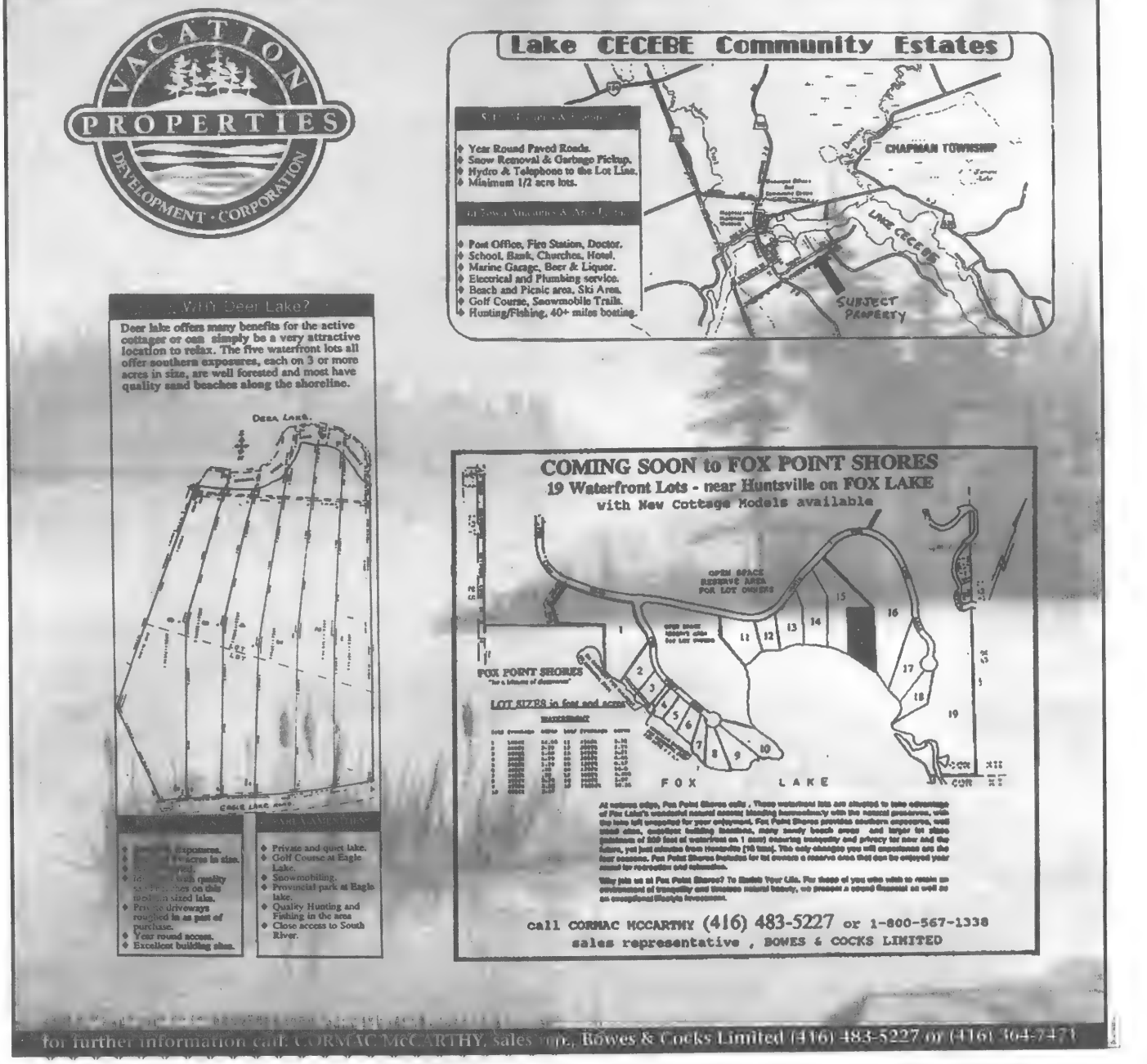
You know Henry Ender as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Seafood Warehouse International Co. Henry's interest in the Cottage and Recreational Property market started in 1987 upon his viewing how the changing demographics within Southern Ontario could impact on this segment of the real estate market. He began to witness how the "desire" which today we would call a "need" to own an affordable waterfront or recreational property began to take firm root. Being involved with cottage and recreational properties allows Henry Ender to relax and get out of the warehouse and office periodically from the growing seafood business. He made his first dive into this burgeoning market with "the first purchase". This was done using one of the major principles that Henry governs himself by today – finding properties that he truly liked, one that he would be happy spending time at on the weekends, holidays and/or in retirement. The first property was purchased on Deer Lake, which Henry Ender says involved all the planning, approvals and bureaucratic hassles and odd nightmare that he had not expected (which form a story in themselves). Today it can be boasted that Deer Lake has become a gorgeous property that now is for sale with five remaining large southern exposure waterfront lots.

Henry Ender's interest in cottage and recreational properties quickly became more than just relaxation, it grew quite rapidly to other properties on Ruth Lake, Maeck Lake, Eagle Lake, Lake Cecebe, Jack's Lake, Lake Debois, Lillie Kup Kamp, Fox Lake. With this rapid growth also came the realization that the time commitment necessary to ultimately "bring these properties to market" was more than he alone was prepared to spend. With a group of associates Vacation Properties Development Corporation was formed, of which Henry is the Chief Financial Officer. Vacation Properties Development Corporation develops cottage and recreational properties to serve the burgeoning market that demands properties along the corridor between the Muskoka lakes north past Huntsville along Highway 11 to South River and area. To Henry's knowledge and pride, Vacation Properties Development Corporation has become the largest cottage and recreational waterfront and building lot developer in this region, which allows them to offer properties at affordable prices and if needed provide their own financing to purchasers at below market rates. To market their properties once they are ready for sale Henry Ender has turned to Cormac McCarthy, sales representative of Bowes and Cocks Limited, Realtor (416) 483-5227. Cormac McCarthy specializes in waterfront properties and he is a member of both the Muskoka Real Estate Board and the Toronto Real Estate Board.

Henry asserts that Fox Lake is perhaps one of the best ways to illustrate the quality that they provide. It is their latest waterfront lot development and took 4 plus years of planning and approvals. Located 18 kms west of the town of Huntsville (Deerhurst, Hidden Valley, Golf Courses), the nineteen waterfront lots are located on the opposite end of the lake from the famous Camp Winnebago (which many readers will be familiar with). These 19 waterfront lots offer desirable southern exposures, well treed sites, many sand beach areas, varying elevations, excellent building sites and privacy, with all on large lots (the smallest lots are 200 feet of waterfront on 1 acre for $65,000) and includes a large open reserve area for the use of the lot owners. THe Fox Lake waterfront lots will be one of the few quality waterfront lot developments in this area this decade. When Henry Ender purchased the site, it was a property that Henry truly liked, one that he would be happy spending time at on the weekends, holidays and/or in retirement, which just may be the case as Henry Ender is planning to build his family a cottage on one of the lots at Fox Lake.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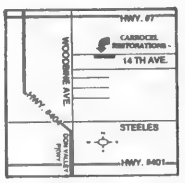

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Manny and Joseph Cabral opened Carrocel Restorations in the early '80's. Carrocel specializes in restoring and building antique and formal furniture, in styles which have stood the test of time: Hepplewhite, Chippendale, Duncan Phyfe, Louis XV and Queen Anne.

"Building and restoring heirlooms is an investment," says Joseph. Because it is also an exacting craft, the partners make a point of being present at every stage of the work. Because everything they make or restore is hand-crafted, they work closely with designers, interior decorators, cabinetmakers and carvers.

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In 1994, Al points out, of more than 20,000 homes on the market in an average month, only about 4,000 actually sell. This works out, on average, to just under 20% of the houses on the market. Partners is in business to up this average.

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This incentive motivates Partners to give every customer their best service. Al and company Vice-President Beverley Wise both have experience in training sales people; they give their sales force an enormous amount of support performance in return.

Al is up front about answering the major objection the 90-day guarantee will provoke. "During the 90-day period," a prospective client will say, "it really is in your interest to give me the best service you can. In fact, you've set it up so you have extra incentive to move my property – an incentive which another realtor will not have. Once the 90 days run out, though, if you haven't sold the house and have to work for nothing, what will motivate you to keep on giving it your best shot?"

Al's answer is simple. "I still want to be your realtor for life," he tells the prospective client; "and I want you to be satisfied, so that you give me referrals. I'm prepared to take a risk for the sake of becoming your realtor for life, just as you want to have a trusted doctor and lawyer for life – even if the payback for me is less tangible in the short term."

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For many people, buying or selling a home is the biggest financial transaction they will enter into; for most people, moreover, their home is their biggest financial asset. While people may not usually speak of their realtor as offering the services of a professional, this is what they want, deep down.

"In order to find a buyer," Al insists, "you need more than a sign and an ad and an MLS listing." Today, with so many properties on sale, an agent must work very hard at marketing. While MLS is good, the realtor must do much more to find the best possible buyer, and to leave the seller with the awareness that the company has done its best.

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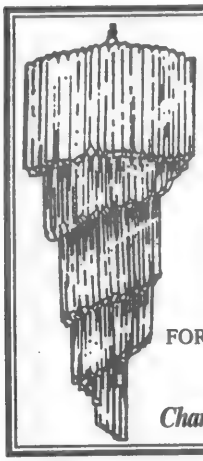

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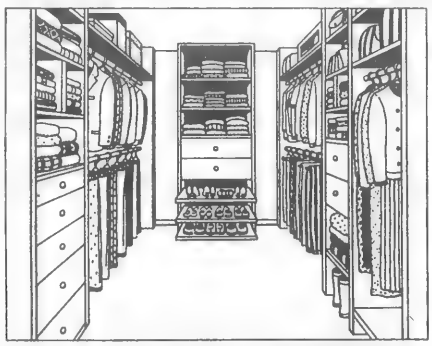

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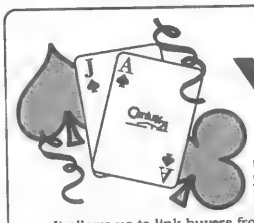

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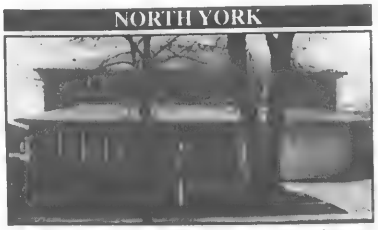

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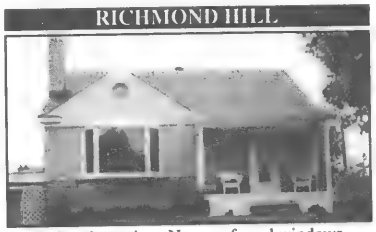

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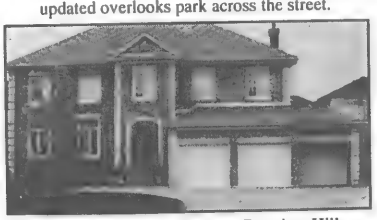

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Burg gets nod as Jewish Agency head

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Israeli Labor Party's central committee last week approved the nomination of Avraham Burg as its candidate for chair of the Jewish Agency, amid angry calls to revise the selection process.

Burg, a 40-year-old Labor MK, was the sole candidate, after the Jewish Agency's powerful advise and consent committee endorsed him over acting chair Yehiel Leket, who withdrew his candidacy, leaving the central committee with one choice.

That brought calls from irate party members, who accused the agency's board of governors, composed of 10 leading Diaspora Jews, of abusing its right to veto candidates, and essentially forcing its choice on the party.

Leket supporters had threatened to disrupt last Thursday's meeting with a proposal to postpone the vote, but a compromise was reached. When the vote came, a majority of hands went up for Burg.

At the same time, many speakers called for a re-evaluation of the selection process. Leket called the process "anachronistic," while Labor Party Secretary General Nissim Zvilli said the committee would hold a separate discussion on the matter.

Before the vote, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who had backed Leket, criticized the agreement but urged members to honor it.

Burg took a diplomatic stand, saying the attack on the board of governors was unfair and adding that the issue of how candidates are chosen would be a subject for another day.

Burg is due to take up duties as acting chair this week. If approved as chair, he will replace Simcha Dinitz, who stepped down last year.

Dinitz is currently on trial for alleged misuse of agency credit cards.

Burg's official appointment would come from the World Zionist Organization (WZO), which elects the candidate nominated by the Labor Party committee.

The Jewish Agency is the primary recipient of funds raised for Israel by the United Jewish Appeal in North America.

The WZO undertakes Jewish educational efforts in the Diaspora and provides the mechanism for Diaspora Zionist organizations to participate in agency decisions.

According to agency rules, the advise and consent committee, which represents the agency's Diaspora fundraising component, must approve candidates before they can be elected.

The committee made its decision after a meeting with Rabin and after nine members, including board chair Mendel Kaplan and Julia Koschitzky of Toronto, met with Burg.

An angry Ora Namir, Israel's labor and social affairs minister, suggested the party "cancel the central committee session altogether, if all we are reduced to doing is rubber-stamping the choice of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors.

"We were confronted with a fait accompli, and it is unseemly that we should pretend to even have a say in the proceedings. This is a sham, and we should say so."

Some in Labor called on Burg to speak out against Leket's rejection; others demanded that Labor be allowed to field another candidate, rather than let Burg win by default.

Leket, meanwhile, said he planned to return to his former position as head of the agency's Youth Aliyah Department.

Speaking at a Jerusalem press conference, Kaplan denied that Diaspora fundraisers had "meddled" in internal Israeli affairs .

Yehiel Leket (left) with Avraham Burg. [Israel photo]

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Rafi Cohen, taxi driver, will not be forgotten

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — There was nothing unusual about my relationship with the Jerusalem taxi driver, but I could never remember his name.

He was one of the drivers at the taxi station near my home in Jerusalem. It's not uncommon to be on a first-name basis with taxi drivers in Israel — especially if you're considered a "regular."

The first time this cabbie drove up to my house, he had a spirited Middle Eastern melody playing on his tape deck. I was listening to an avant garde jazz cassette on my walkman. I was on my way to a recording studio to complete a radio piece on a jazz festival and I still had to decide which selection I would use.

"Why don't you put your cassette on my tape deck?" he suggested.

Thinking that he might be expecting Ofra Haza or some other mainstream Israeli music, I felt it only fair to warn him: "It's not the kind of music everyone likes."

"That doesn't matter," he insisted. "It will be easier for you to hear it on my tape deck."

Gratefully, I complied. It was easier. The driver didn't say a word throughout the trip. He just grinned. Finally, as we pulled up at the studio, he asked me, "Do you mean to tell me people choose to listen to that?" He shook his head and laughed heartily. That was the beginning of a special camaraderie with this driver, who introduced himself as Rafi Cohen.

Whenever his cab came to my house, he would look at me with mock trepidation and ask if I had brought any music with me. He had an impeccable memory, recalling every detail of our casual conversation — even the name of the jazz musician he had so disdained. He was a natural listener, and obviously loved his job. "I learn something from every one of my passengers," he once told me.

He would always greet "regulars" like me warmly, as though we were old friends. "So how are you? How did you cope with the cold weather? What are you working on now?"

If Israelis are political, Israeli taxi drivers are notoriously so. Just the other day I asked one if he would mind lowering the volume of the radio which was blasting an interview with an outspoken left-wing intellectual. The driver complied, but not without a series of curses about "that Arab-loving traitor" at a pitch that made me sorry I hadn't resigned myself to the blaring radio.

But I never knew what Rafi's political views were. He didn't have the ever-worried look that so many news junkies in this country have. At two minutes to the hour they start fidgeting with the radio dial, so as not to miss a single newscast. Rafi seemed above it all, with his radio playing only upbeat music to which he hummed along.

For many months I didn't see him. One day, after I had ordered a taxi, he pulled up and, upon seeing me, flashed a beaming smile. "Hey, how are you, Leora?"

It was embarrassing. I couldn't remember his name. It was not the first time this had happened. I knew about half a dozen taxi drivers by name and they all seemed to be either Levy or Cohen, either Yossi, Avi or Rafi.

"Don't tell me you don't remember who I am?" he said.

"Of course I do — Yossi Levy, right?"

"No," he said. "Rafi, Rafi Cohen. It's about time you remember," he chided me jokingly.

I haven't seen him in over a year now. But his name is ringing in my head. The newscasts that he never bothered to listen to broadcast it over and over again last week. He was murdered in his cab by two terrorists. Now I know I can never forget the name Rafi Cohen — or the man. May his memory be blessed.

NEW AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN

Shimon Shamir, 46, a former Israel ambassador to Egypt, was named the first Israeli ambassador to Jordan last week. Shamir will head to Amman in about one month, five months after Israel and Jordan signed their peace treaty. [RNS photo]

ANALYSIS

Turmoil causes concern

By EFRAIM INBAR

In drawing-up a balance sheet on the peace process as it stands today, the bottom line is equivocal.

The final analysis, however, must take into account the broader Mideast picture and it is here that Israel has continuing reasons for concern.

The growth of Islamic radicalism, a proliferation of long-range missiles and non-conventional weapons, and a sharp deterioration in many Arab economies portend continued turmoil in the region and sustained security challenges for Israel.

The Middle East is an Islamic region undergoing a process of modernization, pulsating with revolutionary social forces such as the radical forms of Islam. Growing fundamentalist influence in Egypt, in Jordan and among the Palestinians indicates that diplomatic agreements are not necessarily durable.

As well, the Middle East is a region where the use of force continues to be held in high regard by both rulers and peoples. At different times, Kuwait, Lebanon, Jordan and Saudi Arabia have been targets for dismemberment by one or another sister Arab state.

There are a number of other issues in conflict between Mideast states — for example, water rights (Israel-Syria, Turkey-Syria, Egypt-Sudan) or border demarcation (Iraq-Iran, Saudi-Arabia-UAF, Turkey-Syria). Military conflict is a real possibility. Therefore, it is too early to conclude that "peace," is an irreversible Mideast trend.

The best possible results in Arab-Israeli peace negotiations will not rescue Arab economies. Present Arab political elites seem incapable of implementing the structural reforms required to develop sound economies.

Even Saudi Arabia has run budget and balance of payment deficits every year since 1983. Since the Iraqi invasion, Kuwait has incurred huge deficits and its foreign assets have been severely drawn down. Egypt's economy is ailing despite Arab foreign aid and a post-Gulf War cancellation of approximately half its foreign debt.

Jordan's economy is in deep trouble. Like most poor Arab countries, Jordan suffers because the loss of employment opportunities in the Gulf has drastically reduced the remittances from Jordanian workers abroad. This predicament enables Islamic radicals to make headway, feeding on the apparent ineptness and paralysis of the current regimes.

While economic considerations could cap Arab procurement programs, Arab leaders have usually subordinated economic considerations to military and political concerns. Indeed, Arab countries, including Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia continue their conventional build-up. The addition of chemical warheads to many Arab arsenals, and continuing attempts by Iraq and Iran to acquire nuclear weapons, are additional causes for concern in Jerusalem and elsewhere.

Let us be clear: Arab-Israeli peace agreements are important, and peace diplomacy contributes to a reduction in the risk of war faced by Israel and her Arab neighbors. But it is unlikely that the diplomatic process begun in Madrid will soon result in a broad-based, long-lasting Middle East peace of the nature pertaining, for example, to the United States and Canada.

Even with peace treaties, challenges to Israel's security will remain, if not intensify, in the coming years.

Consequently, caution at the peace talks is in order. Israel must act to ensure that its defensive capabilities are not impaired in the context of any territorial withdrawals or security arrangements. Some Israeli and Diaspora leaders are urging that the negotiations be accelerated. But speed can lead inadvertently to incautious decisions. I say that patience is prescribed and circumspection required.

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The Week in Israel

Feb. 13:

• Foreign Minister Shimon Peres reported on a heated exchange at the White House with his Egyptian counterpart, Amre Mousa, on Israel's refusal to sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Feb. 14:

• The anniversary of the massacre by Baruch Goldstein in Hebron is marked. Palestinians closed businesses, and youths rioted. One Palestinian was killed and five wounded. Israeli supporters of Goldstein held a candlelight memorial service at his grave.

• Hundreds of police reinforcements contained the annual general strike by Druze Arabs on the Golan Heights, held to protest Israeli annexation of the heights.

• The future of the autonomy plan remains in question as long as the Palestinians cannot curb terror, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee.

Feb. 15:

• A court extended the detention of a 22-year-old supporter of the Jewish extremist group Kach. Dorion Goldin was arrested this month on suspicion of planning to attack Arabs in Jerusalem's Old City. Police said he was carrying knives and materials to make explosives.

• Militant Rabbi Moshe Levinger and his wife Miriam, founders of the Gush Emunim settlement movement, were removed by dozens of police officers from their Hebron home and dragged into a Jerusalem court, where they charged with assaulting police officers in 1994. Five other settlers were also detained.

Feb. 16:

• Haredim announce that they are planning to move in large numbers into Beit Shemesh. The mayor of Beit Shemesh responded that he will not allow the Haredim to control the city.

Feb. 17:

• Jordan's government presented a bill to Parliament that seeks to repeal all anti-Israel legislation including the laws establishing an economic boycott against Israel and prohibiting the sale of property to Israelis.

• The body of Daniel Ruckman, the IDF soldier who had been missing since early in the week, was found in the Judean desert. Police suspect suicide as the cause of death.

Skirmish in Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israeli air force jets and helicopters attacked Hezbollah targets in South Lebanon last Sunday.

In separate incidents, a South Lebanese Army (SLA) soldier, a Hezbollah gunman, and two South Lebanese civilians were killed.

Radio reports from Beirut claimed the air strikes had continued late into the night. The Israel Defence Force confirmed only that in the artillery duels, Hezbollah fired Katyusha rockets and mortars.

The attacks followed two days of intensive artillery exchanges and a failed Hezbollah attempt to capture an SLA outpost in the central sector of the security zone.

An Israeli army source said Hezbollah is increasingly operating like a military organization, with clear distinctions between front-line units, artillery, auxiliary units and anti-aircraft units. He said its command structure, tactics and general fighting doctrine are impressive.

Bagel drive-in comes to LA

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

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BB brief meets with hostility

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But not always.

Montreal lawyer Jacques Bellemare triggered applause from a mostly pro-sovereigntist audience when he claimed being "a little shocked" at what he took to be the League's suggestion that a separate Quebec might mistreat minority groups.

"By what perversion, by what genetic malady" would this take place? a visibly angry Bellemare demanded to know.

Bordan and Libman, who represented B'nai Brith along with Allen Adel, Stephen Pinkus and Ted Greenfield, fired back that the League said nothing of the kind.

Bordan said the brief simply pointed out that a separate Quebec would have to withstand numerous "pressures," among them the possible vulnerability of minority groups to emboldened extremist fringe elements of the nationalist movement.

At one point, two audience members shouted, "what about Israel?" when Bordan questioned the ability of an independent Quebec to fend for itself.

They were ignored. Libman later told *The CJN*, "if you know history, there is no comparison."

The League's brief argued that separation would not help Quebecers advance their values, improve their quality of life, or preserve their culture.

The B'nai Brith delegation sidestepped a question from commissioner Louise Harel on whether it recognized Quebecers' "right to self-determination." The question, Libman replied, had little to do with the question of separation they were on hand to address.

But Pinkus did pledge, to some applause, that even in a separate Quebec, Jewish Quebecers "would continue to exist [as a community]. There is no question of that."

David Levine, the only Jewish member of the commission, congratulated B'nai Brith for expressing the "concerns of many Quebecers. It is an opinion that should be heard."

He agreed separation would bring difficulties, but argued that is the nature of change.

It was his hope, he said, that "B'nai Brith would continue to have a role in a sovereign Quebec," as it does in 50 other countries.

Palestinians return to work in Israel

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demonstrates that the idea is moving in a practical direction," Dromi said.

At their meeting last week, Rabin also told Arafat that 15,000 Palestinians, two-thirds of them from Gaza, could return to work in Israel this week. About 900 started work on Sunday.

Before last month's Beit Lid bombing, some 45,000 Palestinians were licensed to work in Israel. In early 1993, an estimated 120,000 Palestinians were working across the Green Line.

Rabin has said he is concerned that high Palestinian unemployment could prove to be a security threat, since Hamas is liable to exploit a climate of economic deprivation.

Security officials say the standard of living in Gaza has dropped 25 per cent in the last six months.

As a long-term solution, Israel and the Palestinian Authority have agreed to establish at least five joint labor-intensive industrial zones to assist Palestinians. However, senior officials admit these areas will not be fully operational for at least another two years.

Palestinian economics minister Ahmed Qreia (Abu Ala) said Sarid's compensation proposal could rectify "an economic catastrophe," if all Palestinian workers are permanently replaced by foreign workers.

"There were 120,000 Palestinians working in Israel during the occupation. Then after we signed a peace agreement, it decreased to 40,000, and now it is down to nothing with the closure, so you can imagine the effect of that," he said.

Jewish education problems exist in Israel, report finds

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There is also something of a shocker: a report by former Haifa University rector Aliza Shenhar which showed the dismal state of Jewish education in, of all places, Israel.

Mankowitz is blunt about assimilation. While we can't afford losses, "there will be a fair number of people whose identity is so thin, it won't sustain continuity." Thus, he foresees a world where "there will be fewer Jews, but who will be more Jewish."

Jewish identity is a different matter in Israel, where "it's less a question of remaining Jewish than of commitment and creative continuity.

"It's clear that for us in Israel, we have to celebrate the fact that in many ways, the Zionist dream has been realized. The deeper question today is the one of secular Jews. We have a lot to talk to one another about."

The Diaspora too has much to discuss, including how to move to what Mankowitz calls "active" Judaism; in other words, "finding the best ways to bring Jewish values home and give young people the keys."

That means shoring up relations between lay and professional educators and having better teachers, Mankowitz believes.

"We have to ensure that not only are teachers top quality but that they must have Jewish literacy. And it's important for each school to develop an ongoing process of defining its vision of Jewish education. My dream is of a number of communities becoming active on a broad front of activities and the development of centres of excellence throughout the world.

"My sense," he says, his big arms hugging himself, "is that the best strategy is to create a world so warm and attractive, that people will come in, rather than our need to reach out."

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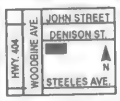

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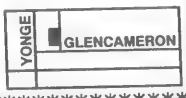

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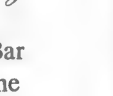

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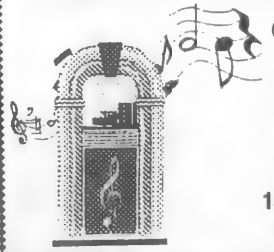

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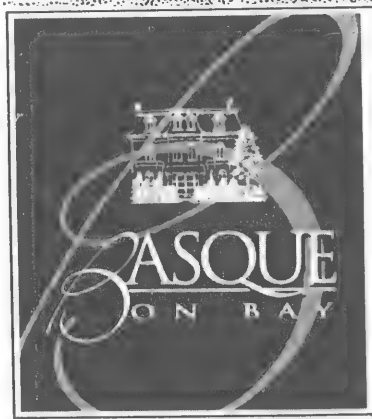

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On a visit to Ma'aleh Adumim (north east of Jerusalem) last week, she said she does not believe her visit across the Green Line will place her husband in an embarrassing position, or open him up to conflict-of-interest charges.

Gingrich is the vice-president for business development of the Israel Export Development Co., and her job is to recruit investors.

"This is not a conflict of interest," she said. "I'm just doing business, seeing what's going on in the country. I'm doing business with businesses." The IEDC is trying to gain government approval to run the FEPZ, a private, high-tech industrial park where companies can operate free of most taxes and government bureaucracy. The job has left Gingrich open to charges that she is being used to help the IEDC gain favor with the Israeli government.

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By SYLVIA PAPERNICK

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Franchise operators are normally in their stores six or seven days a week as opposed to 40 hours. MacNeil explains that because franchisees' bank accounts are at stake, more effort is put into their work. The franchisee (or owner/operator) has a better knowledge of the pulse of the store. The store is his livelihood. This is where there is a great distinction between Loeb's stores and other chain supermarkets which are corporate owned. The one running the Loeb's takes a personal interest in the store.

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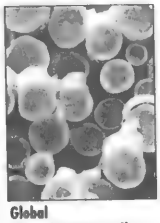

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Business & Finance

Working hard and smart said key to investment business

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Laurence Bloomberg says his father had always encouraged him to start a business, so 16 years ago he and four associates took the plunge and founded an investment firm with less than a million dollars.

First Marathon Inc. is now the largest independent investment firm in Canada. In 1993 the company made a $40 million dollar profit from its operations, as well as receiving an extra $30 million from the sale of its discount brokerage to the Toronto Dominion Bank.

"When you work for someone you can make a very good income, but it isn't possible really to accumulate a lot of capital. I had friends who were out building businesses, and they were accumulating a lot of net worth for themselves. You couldn't do this being an employee of a large firm. That was one of the reasons that I decided to start First Marathon," Bloomberg told York University students recently at a career development session held by the Jewish Student Federation.

Bloomberg, 52, the company's president and CEO, in part attributed his success to the values he acquired growing up in an "average" lower middle class Jewish home.

"In my home the values were on education, in a major way, and secondly it was a very strong work ethic in my household. My dad worked hard, my mother was a very strong woman, and they instilled in me the desire to go out and succeed."

He got his first job in the investment field while he was taking his MBA at McGill University. "At the time, in Montreal, Sun Life had the best investment department in Canada and because they were intrigued with my grades they gave me a summer job," he said. "I worked there for two summers and really learned about the stock market."

After graduation, he became a securities analyst at Nesbitt Thomson, and in 1971 he moved to Toronto to head the firm's institutional trading and research division. Bloomberg was named the head of institutional equity operations at Pitfield Mackay Ross Ltd. (later taken over by Dominion Securities) in the mid-'70s. "Toronto was the place to be," he recalled. "The investment business just mushroomed here and shrank in Montreal."

Bloomberg said students who want a career in the securities industry should enrol in the most challenging programs — business, law, chartered accountancy, math — and get top marks. "You have to be a pretty good talker to get past that because there's so much competition, so many bright young people coming out of the schools today. It's not restricted to Canada, we can hire in the States, we can hire them from Europe. There's no problem hiring smart people."

But being smart is not enough. He stressed that those entering the industry must be prepared to work very hard, under a great deal of pressure, and put in long days. "The investment business is fast moving, it's a treadmill. If you're looking for an exciting area that's very demanding — there's a lot of pressure — and if you can take the heat you can do very well, if you can get in."

Bloomberg predicted that the securities industry here would grow along with the growth of wealth in Canada. Employment opportunities are good, he said, as Canadian firms are now operating all over the world and international firms are opening offices in Canada.

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Resorting to a Jamaican vacation

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Take heed of this sign, or you might regret it. [Ron Csillag photo]

MONTEGO BAY — If, as the ditty goes, you're first to be thirsty in Montego Bay, fret not. There's always a cool rum punch with your name on it. And nowhere better to sip it than calf-deep in some gently-lapping waves, preferably on the beach of one of the city's many five-star, all-inclusive resorts.

MoBay, as locals and many tourists call it, is the tourism capital of Jamaica's north coast, with lots to do or, if the traveler is so inclined, many places to be inclined.

This sun-drenched town is also dotted with many fine restaurants (the better resorts tout kosher meals, although under whose supervision isn't clear); solid entertainment (some of it kitschy pop but also some great local reggae); and accommodations ranging from the serviceable (Holiday Inn) to the positively decadent (the world-famous Half Moon Club).

Montego Bay boasts several all-inclusive resorts: Sandals Montego Bay, the Sandals Inn, the Sea Garden Beach Resort, Sandals Royal Caribbean and Jack Tar Village. Water and land sports, meals and amenities are included in prices.

More modest hotels in and around town include Richmond Hill Inn and Toby Inn. Also worth checking out is Coyaba, a new, moderately-priced beach resort that welcomes families with young children. Rooms are plantation style, with beautiful, locally-carved furniture. Guests can choose between room rates, based on double occupancy, or an all-inclusive, per person rate. A nanny service is available.

Those in the know say tourists will be in for a real treat with the opening of Breezes MoBay, scheduled for this July. The $13 million luxury resort — to be nestled on posh Doctor's Cave Beach, considered the best stretch of beach in Montego Bay — is part of the SuperClubs chain that includes the Grand Lido and Hedonism II in Negril, and Boscobel Beach and the Sans Souci Lido in Ocho Rios.

Then, there are the high-end accommodations, where, as the saying goes, if you have to ask how much they are, you likely can't afford them. Round Hill, 15 km west of Montego Bay, is where the jet set frolics.

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As for life outside the resorts, a good bet is to take in the so-called Great Houses — the preserved or refurbished estates of the one-time British plantation owners.

CJN reporter Ron Csillag recently visited Jamaica as a guest of the Jamaica Tourist Board. Air travel was provided by Air Canada, which flies a 747 to Kingston and Montego Bay daily.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

What's New in Israel: Six weeks of cultural treats are forthcoming in Israel when the Israel Festival gets under way in Jerusalem, May 20 to June 10. Offering Handel, Bizet, Bartok, Eisenstein and Shostakovich, the annual fest delivers the best of symphony, cinema, theatre and opera in and around Israel's capital.

On May 20 at the Sultan's Pool, a live orchestra performs Shostakovich as Eisenstein's famous 1925 film, *Battleship Potemkin*, is screened. At the same ancient site, the London Royal Opera House Covent Garden production of Bizet's *Carmen* is staged June 6 to 11. On May 30, violinist Pinhas Zuckerman and the Israel Philharmonic perform concertos by Bartok. These are only a few of many upcoming cultural offerings.

Jerusalem's Bible Lands Museum, meanwhile, is benefiting from diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican. A special exhibition until May 29 examines the Jewish presence in ancient Rome, The exhibits depict daily Jewish life in the capital city of the Caesars, and the community's relationship with the Roman kings.

Rome is home to Europe's oldest Jewish community. As well, much of modern Israel was once part of the Roman Empire, and Roman ruins in cities such as Caeseria and Jerusalem are major tourist attractions. The Cardo, once the main Roman road running through Israel's capital, is still intact, and serves as both a shopping area and a showcase for archaelogical finds.

Established by Eli and Batya Borowski, formerly of Toronto, the Bible Lands Museum houses other acclaimed collections illustrating the cultures of the Bible lands, going back to 6000 BCE.

The Israel Government Tourist Office (IGTO) in Toronto has released more details about Jerusalem's proposed 3,000th birthday bash. It is scheduled to begin this October with a massive pageant featuring musicians and dancers in historical costumes, and set to continue throughout 1996.

According to plans already announced, a King David Chess Tournament will see actors on foot and horseback competing on a giant outdoor chessboard; Zubin Mehta will conduct the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra and an international choir in a Gala Concert of Psalms; there will be an international poetry festival, a year-round exhibit comparing Jerusalem with seven other ancient capitals, and much more.

To accommodate the expected crowds of tourists from all over, the government has begun a new hotel construction campaign. Meanwhile, in Canada, the tourist office has organized an intense cross-country promotional blitz for March to inform travel agents and Christian clergy about what IGTO director Ruth Ben-Tzur calls "this year of historic opportunity to visit Israel.

"Never has there been a better time for the travel industry to market Israel," she says. Air fares have dropped on average by more than one-third since Air Canada and Sunquest announced they would compete with El Al on direct flights between the two countries.

Last year, some 40,000 Canadians were among the 2.2 million visitors Israel received. Ben-Tzur and other travel insiders are cautiously optimistic that the figure will increase substantially, perhaps even double, in 1995.

Toronto Guidebook: Visitors and residents of Toronto may find much of interest in the newly-published *Insight Pocket Guide to Toronto* ($12.95). Its 96 pages are filled with information, color photos and several neighborhood street maps. Written by Joanna Ebbutt, the book offers numerous good walking itineraries, information on shopping, dining and nightlife, and advice on excursions to Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake.

This guide highlights many of Toronto's colorful neighborhoods, such as Chinatown, Kensington Market and the Beaches, and attractions such as the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Ontario Science Centre, Skydome and Ontario Place. It also contains a detailed street map in a pocket at the back. A succinct and colorful pocket guide, *Insight to Toronto* makes a useful gift for Torontonians to bestow upon visitors from out of town.

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Arts

Torme still sings up a storm

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

It will be a grand night for singing and swinging when Mel Torme ("The Velvet Fog"), with his All-Star Quintet, presents his new show, *Sing, Sing, Sing* at the George Weston Recital Hall.

The evening of March 15 will revive the music of clarinet virtuoso Benny Goodman, featuring some all-time jazz favorites, as well as spotlighting Torme's talent as a percussionist. (He was so good that Tommy Dorsey, Gene Krupa and Stan Kenton wanted him as a drummer.)

Now 70, Torme has been a professional singer for 65 years. The effortless, swinging singer is at the top of his craft and living proof that taste and agility are alive and well in the age of noise.

Considered one of the finest interpreters of popular songs, Torme is also believed by many to be the best jazz singer around, particularly when he lunges into one of his scat tributes to Ella Fitzgerald.

Mel Torme

He continues to orchestrate his own arrangements of his selected material and has received two Grammy Awards for best male jazz vocalist and 14 Grammy nominations in various categories.

Jazz/pop vocal master, composer, TV and radio performer, actor, conductor and pianist, he has written scripts for successful television shows, including *The Judy Garland Show*, and authored five best selling books, including *The Other Side Of The Rainbow* about his experiences with the *Judy Garland Show* and his recent autobiography, *It Wasn't All Velvet*.

An immigration agent on Ellis Island in the early 1900s mistakenly changed his father's Russian-Jewish name Torma to Torme. And Torme once explained how he acquired his first name: "My parents were movie maniacs, so my sister was named after Myrna Loy and I was named after Melvyn Douglas."

Versatile Torme can do slow blues; he can belt a song, filling a concert hall with his resonant tones; or he can sing a romantic melody. His love of lyrics and language are exceeded by his lively imagination. He once said, "I *see* lyrics when I sing — flowers and Central Park and autumn leaves and blue skies and Garbo's face."

The late Bing Crosby described Torme as follows: "He does things only a superior musician can do: he can change keys, sing up and down, make modulations, all the licks, and he always builds up a dramatic climax on top of that. I'm telling you he's the best singing entertainer I've ever seen."

Torme is singing at the George Weston Recital Hall in the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts in North York. For information call 416-872-2222.

Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

"There's been a great resurgence of interest in Jewish films, both in academia and among the lay public," says York University film professor John Stuart Katz, whose full-year course on Jewish film is, to his knowledge, the only such academic offering of its kind and length in North America.

"I think a lot of it has to do with many people being interested in their roots and where they came from."

Perhaps you've heard Katz's film reviews on CBC radio or television in years past, or on Toronto radio station Classical 96 FM, where he is resident film and video reviewer. Perhaps you've heard him introduce a feature or two at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival, for which he has been a programmer and consultant since its inception. (He is also a consultant for several other Jewish film fests across North America.)

Or perhaps you've had the pleasure, as I have, of taking one of his courses at York. Although more than 20 years have lapsed since I took Katz's documentary film course, how well I remember his incisive style and his uncanny ability to frame a film in an appropriate context to elicit an audience's greatest appreciation. All the textbooks from that course are still on my shelf. He is the author of a few others: including *Image Ethics*, written with Larry Gross and Jay Ruby (Oxford, 1988).

John Stuart Katz

Throughout the 1980s, John Stuart Katz produced and co-directed several documentary films and co-authored a screenplay, *Isaac Littlefeathers*, about an Indian boy raised as a Jew on the Prairies. Produced theatrically, *Isaac Littlefeathers* was made into a feature film starring Lou Jacobi and shown on CBC-TV. Appropriately, Katz also now teaches a screenwriting course at York.

But it was in regard to another course that Katz, whose former students have helped bring such successful productions as *Thirty-two Short Films About Glenn Gould* and *Three Men And A Baby* to the screen, recently caught the attention of Eye On Arts. Moguls, Machers, Shvesters and Shysters is the name of the course that he is offering in conjunction with the Toronto-based Jewish Film Foundation.

The course consists of six sessions in which participants examine various themes depicted in Jewish films. Topics include the depiction of sons and daughters, assimilation, the family, Yiddishkeit, the Holocaust, and humor. The films include Hollywood and foreign narratives, documentaries, personal films, and experimental pieces.

The course begins March 21 at 6.30 p.m. at the Bloor Street Y in downtown Toronto. Registration costs $65. To register, call 416-324-8226.

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New Comedy: *The Attic, the Pearls and Three Fine Girls* is an original play created and performed by Leah Cherniak, Martha Ross and Ann-Marie MacDonald. The darkly comic story gives insight into the complex dynamics among sisters and examines ideas about family mythology.

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Mirvishes Support Russian Dance: Toronto arts impresario David Mirvish recently sent a letter to Yolanta Van Arden, director of the Kalinka Contemporary Russian Dance Company, confirming a donation of $10,000 in support of Kalinka's new production of Ostrovsky's *The Snow Maiden*. In addition, Mirvish and Mirvish Productions offered other administrative and theatrical services worth $10,000 more.

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Storytelling Fest Features Robbins: This weekend at Harbourfront Centre, the 17th annual Toronto Festival of Storytelling gets under way with more than 60 storytellers from across Canada. Raconteurs include Sandy Byer, Bob Barton, George Hoeppner, Frieda Ling — and Leslie Robbins, co-founder of Jewish Storytelling Arts, a non-profit storytelling organization, and executive director of last fall's successful Jewish Storytelling Festival.

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Jewish Song and Dance: The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir under the baton of Esther Ghan, with accompaniment by Lina Zemelman, is set to perform during An Evening of Jewish Song and Dance at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave., Toronto, on Feb. 25 at 7:45 p.m. The evening also features the Village Folk Ensemble, a Toronto-based group that performs dances from Eastern Europe, the Balkans and the Middle East. There is no admission charge, but donations would be appreciated.

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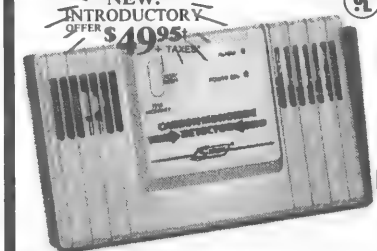
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Artist gives storefront a whimsical, colorful look

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It's fun, it's perky and it certainly attracts attention as motorists slow down and pedestrians stop in their tracks.

Artist Ian Leventhal's "billboard" exterior mural covers every inch of Marci Lipman's signature store on the east side of Avenue Road just north of Davenport. Created in consultation with Lipman, it is a sunny invitation to come in and explore a cosy world of funky-chic casual clothing for all ages. Posters, crafts and giftware add to the ambience. "It's a place where you should expect the unexpected," Lipman notes.

The mural by artist Ian Leventhal transforms the Marci Lipman shop on Avenue Road into an enchanted garden.

Leventhal, who completed the mural in October when "the light was perfect," drew his inspiration from the late 19th Spanish architect Antoni Gaudi. Reaching back to Gaudi's Art Nouveau period, he presents his own interpretation, warm and whimsical, to match the whimsy inside the shop.

Using ordinary latex paint he has figuratively transported an ancient stone wall with Moorish arches under a Mediterranean sky to the busy Toronto thoroughfare. Exotic flowers growing from the ruins, fashion an enchanted garden against the gray pavement, symbolic of the changing, lively spectrum of Lipman's art-to-wear merchandise. Keeping placid guard over the entrance is the Marci Lipman logo, Spot, the big dog with the bright green markings.

Leventhal's colors, glowing reds, oranges, yellows, demanding blues and greens, are striking and the earthy appeal of flowers and vines meld with today's back to nature trend.

Lipman, a university educated self-styled former hippie of the early '70s, has turned a love of art and animals "I really like Hostein cows," into a successful, unconventional business.

Udder delight

After a year spent wandering through European museums and galleries, she returned to start a small operation as art consultant to design companies which she found listed in the yellow pages. "I knew of terrific poster shops in New York where I could buy very reasonably," she observes. Later she commissioned Canadian artists to design the posters and opened her own shop on Avenue Road next door to her present location.

That was over 20 years ago. She continued for several years but the posters were so popular that she had the artwork applied to T shirts. The first one, a token of her fancy for cows, was called "udder delight."

The T shirts sold better than the posters and she developed a whole line of clothing for infants, youth and adults.

Lipman currently has five stores in the Toronto area. She manufactures her own lines in Toronto for her retail stores and also wholesales them to women's wear and specialty shops across Canada. A new venture is her first franchise, opened recently by a client in Corunna, Ont.

Shimmy doesn't have to wait longer for his story to finally be told

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Shimmy is the youngest in a family of eight children. And he always has to wait.

Miriam Elias, in her delightful book for pre-schoolers *Shimmy the Youngest* (Hachai Press, 1995), describes his frustration at having to wait for his bicycle to be fixed, for his mother to put the laundry in before she listens to a poem he wrote.

Even worse, he is the last at family ritual life — last to get the kiddush wine, last at Havdalah, last to shake the lulav on Sukkot.

In fact, the only time he is first, he claims, is at bedtime — not a distinction he is pleased about.

His compassionate mother helps him write poems about how he feels, and in the process helps him see that everyone has to wait, sometimes. And that "good things are worth waiting for."

Not to mention that he can write poems.

The illustrations, by Aidel Backman, are colorful without being gaudy, and show the gentleness that Elias is trying to say helps a child deal with what seems to him to be overwhelming problems.

The good-size, dark type makes the book easy to read, and the rhyming repetition of Shimmy's siblings' names will add to a young child's enjoyment of being read to.

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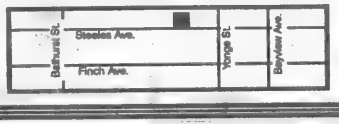

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Hearts of Hate:Battle for Young Minds

Documentary reveals neo-Nazi influence growing

By LEORA SCHACHTER
Special to The CJN

For Toronto-based film-maker Peter Raymont, 44, whose documentary *Hearts of Hate* shines a light on neo-Nazis in Canada, the most chilling thing about these people is not their hate or their violence. It's their growing influence on Canadian youth.

"The scary thing is that it's not just skinheads who come from poor, broken families anymore," he says.

Hearts of Hate: The Battle for Young Minds, airs on CTV Feb. 28 at 10 p.m. It profiles young people actively involved in neo-Nazi groups such as The Heritage Front.

Raymont and associate producer Eric Geringas, 28, spent the last year and a half following some of the more outspoken of the new, younger generation of extreme racists.

One of them, "Elizabeth," a devotee of Wolfgang Droege, is an honors university student whose soft-spoken voice is a jarring contrast to the philosophy of hate and white supremacy she espouses. We watch as she sits quietly in history class; then we listen to her, questioning whether the Holocaust really happened.

Dave, 18, is clean-cut, obviously middle-class. He drives a Chrysler convertible through suburban streets and talks about crime rates increasing as property values go down because of immigration. His fiery public speaking style has made him a favorite at neo-Nazi events, where he says there are always doctors, policemen and lawyers in the audience.

"We [neo-Nazis] are your neighbor, your best friend, your girlfriend or boyfriend, we're in your armies," he says, smiling behind mirrored sunglasses.

Raymont also takes us into the obscure sub-culture of racist rock groups like RaHoWa (short for Racial Holy War), Toronto's popular hate-rock band, and Odin's Law,

Peter Raymont

an extremely violent band based in Vancouver.

"I felt like I was inside the heart of darkness," Raymont says of his experiences there. "There was a picture of Hitler on the wall, they had swastikas on their drums and guitars and tattoos all over their bodies. I imagined what it would be like to run into a group like that in a dark alley."

In order to gain the confidence of people like Droege, Raymont says he spent a lot of time getting to know them. He also took them very seriously. He says he never lied about what he was doing or what his own views are.

"I told them I thought it was fascinating that young people were joining their movement in droves, and that the situation deserves national attention."

For Geringas, though, being with Nazis was even more difficult because he had to hide the fact that he's Jewish.

"They suspected it, and they didn't really trust me. But they never told me they knew," he says. "People have said to me it must have been so horrible because I'm Jewish, but if I weren't, would it be any less horrible to hang out with these people?"

Raymont's aim in making the documentary, which is based on the book *Web of Hate: Inside Canada's Far Right Network* by Warren Kinsella, is to show that the influence of what were once considered fringe groups is growing and reaching younger audiences.

Canadian hate groups are becoming increasingly sophisticated in their tactics — there is even a racist news group on the Internet. They recruit in the schools, they have telephone hotlines and they are tailoring their message to appeal to a younger, angrier generation looking for simple solutions to complex problems.

Raymont's company, Investigative Productions, has recently been granted $55,000 from Multicultural Canada to create and distribute a leaflet to high school students across the country, alerting them to the tactics of neo-Nazi groups.

"If you want to get rid of rodents in your house, you don't turn off the light and go to bed. You turn them on and get out your mousetrap," Raymont says.

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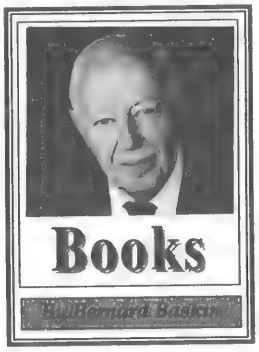

A Death In Jerusalem by Kati Marton, Random House Canada $35.00

On the evening of Sept. 17, 1948, on a narrow Jerusalem street, Count Folke Bernadotte, the first United Nations-appointed mediator in the Middle East, was assassinated.

Bernadotee was an experienced diplomat and humanitarian, the nephew of King Gustavus V of Sweden.

In 1945, during the waning days of the war, Bernadotte, as vice-president of the Swedish Red Cross, entered into sensitive and complex negotiations with the Nazis for the exchange of British and German prisoners and the transfer of Scandinavian and other inmates from concentration camps to one supervised by the Swedish YMCA. These negotiations led to the rescue of nearly 21,000 citizens of more than 20 countries. It is estimated that about 6,500 Jews were saved as well.

Obsessed with finding a just settlement to the Mideast impasse, Bernadotte was naive and bumbling. He believed he could satisfy essentially irreconcilable adversaries. His first plan suggested King Abdullah of Jordan should have Arab Palestine, the city of Jerusalem and the whole or part of the Negev, thus shutting out Palestinian Arabs from the UN promised state of their own and forcing Israel to give up chunks of its sovereignty and its land.

At the same time, Bernadotte was largely unaware of a bitter struggle taking place among Jews in the fledgling state over Israel's proposed borders. The two camps were locked in an intense struggle that at times skirted full-blown civil war. Bernadotte was caught in the middle of this polarized debate.

His assassins were members of Lehi (Lohmei Heruth Israel, Hebrew for Fighters for a Free Israel), founded in 1940 by Avraham Stern, who believed in terror as a legitimate means toward the goal of an enlarged Zionist state.

Stern and his followers regarded the British as the greatest enemies of the Jewish people. For them a symbol of the Holocaust was not Auschwitz but the ships bearing Jews which the British turned away from Palestine.

In 1944 members of Lehi killed Lord Moyne, his majesty's minister of state for the Middle East and the highest ranking British official in the region. It was rumored that Lord Moyne had referred to the possibility of the rescue of Jews with the comment, "What would I do with a million Jews?"

Stern proposed an astonishing Jewish-German alliance against Britain if the Nazis would ensure the safe transfer of European Jewry to Israel. Years later, speaking as prime minister of Israel, Yitzhak Shamir attempted to explain his position regarding Stern's overtures to the Nazis, "I did not trust it. I knew very well what the Nazi movement was ... Persecution of the Jews was very deeply rooted ... I did not believe they would suddenly perceive any kind of shared interests with Jews."

In 1942 the British, who had offered a $5,000 reward for his capture, finally cornered Stern and killed him in a working class section of Tel Aviv. Several members of his group were sentenced to prison terms for "terrorist activities" but were soon pardoned by David Ben-Gurion.

Kati Marton, a well-known journalist and author of several well-received biographies, has drawn on untapped sources to vividly relate the remarkable story of an assassination and its many-sided implications for the course of Middle Eastern history.

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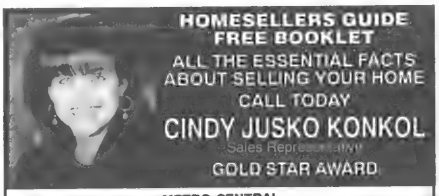

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1. To consider and, if thought advisable, to approve and confirm a special resolution to decrease the number of directors to nine (9) and to establish that a quorum of the board of directors be four (4);

2. To consider and, if thought advisable, to confirm amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the JCC establishing new classes of members and approving other changes required to comply with conditions contained in the Proposal of the JCC filed under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act.*

Complete particulars of these amendments are available for review at all branch offices.

3. To elect three (3) directors for the ensuing year.

4. To transact such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

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Sam Rosin on January 28, 1995, late of 6040 Bathurst Street #1106
Harry Mandell on January 29, 1995, late of 1 Marquette Avenue #305
Rose Levine on January 29, 1995, late of 1667 Bathurst Street
Marjorie AvRushkin on January 29, 1995, late of R.R.#1
Irwin Kliger on January 30, 1995, late of 515 Vesta Drive
Jo Finsten on January 29, 1995, late of 900 Yonge Street #401
Jack Snitzer on January 30, 1995, late of 35 Wynford Heights Cres. #1602
Bessie Shuken on January 31, 1995, late of 479 Wilson Avenue #3
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Florence Lipton on February 1, 1995, late of 3015 Lawrence Avenue East
Mulya Levy on February 2, 1995, late of 130 Brighton Avenue
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Saul Highman on February 3, 1995, late of 4383 Bathurst Street #310
Ralph Greenstein on February 3, 1995, late of 88 Ridgevale Dr.
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Kallah retreat unites Jewish youth

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Randie Cartman leads a group discussion with Dennis Khanjin, 15, from Barrie, Arielle Berger, 12, from Kingston, and Jordan Williams, 13, from St. Catherines.

TORONTO — It is the final hour of the annual kallah held at the Lipa Green Building during the school winter break.

The three-day educational and recreational retreat is geared to Jewish youth living in small communities across Ontario. This year's participants — they range in age from 11 to 15 — have come from Guelph, St. Catherines, Barrie, Stratford, Kingston and as far away as Timmins.

The large pile of sleeping bags and backpacks heaped on the floor of the meeting room — everyone is packed and ready to go — is a not too subtle sign that the intensive three-day event is winding down. About 20 teens and preteens mill around the room, schmoozing in informal groups.

Almost everyone is exchanging addresses and telephone numbers. Organizers of this event say parents can expect larger phone bills after these kallahs because it's an opportunity for these youngsters to make new friends.

The kallah is part of the High School Outreach Education Program, organized by the youth committee of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

The program is given in three year cycles and includes instruction through home assignments along with two annual retreats. CJC staff maintain regular contact with participants through phone, mail and visits to their respective communities.

The program covers a different theme every year: the first year is an exploration of the students' Jewish roots; the Holocaust is covered in the second year; and in the final year they learn about Israel. The program culminates in a six-week trip to Israel.

Randi Cartman, the coordinator of the high school outreach program, participated in a similar program 12 years ago when she was growing up in Sudbury. "It gives you a real sense of who you are as a Jewish teenager," she says.

"It gives you this whole peer group of kids who are going through what you're going through, like always having to explain yourself to others about being away from school on Rosh Hashanah or eating matzah. People look at you like you're from outer space," she said.

The participants bond because they have so much in common, she says, adding that she still keeps in touch with the friends she met at the kallahs when she was a teenager.

Susan Jackson, director of Community Services and Youth Activities, is in charge of all programs — education, leadership development and continuity — geared to strengthening Jewish life in the communities outside of Toronto.

She works with communities as large as Hamilton which has 750 Jewish families, and with single Jewish families living in places like Manitouage and Timmins.

She says the smaller communities have always been a priority for Congress. "We [Jews] don't all live in one place. These are all viable communities." She says there's a need for the community outreach program because family members no longer live near one another and thus Jews have to rely more on community supports.

Jackson and her staff visit the outlying communities to provide programing and consultation. A new project undertaken by Community Services is the Family Outreach Education Program, which is funded by the JCC as well as the L.A. Pinchus Fund for Jewish Education in the Diaspora.

The program, coordinated by Cartman, provides weekly home-study booklets to 75 families in 25 different small communities. Each week these families receive an educational package which includes an easy to read Torah portion as well as educational material revolving around a specific theme such as Shabbat, the holidays or life cycles.

The package also contains activities for the whole family such as games and arts and crafts for the children. CJC staff visit the families, sometimes running programs for the communities based on the weekly theme. Once a year there is a family Shabbat retreat with educational programs geared to a variety of age groups.

Jackson provides outreach to Jewish university students across the province. She encourages them to connect with the Jewish communities near campus, often organizing Shabbat programs to bring the two groups together, she says.

Jackson also oversees education program for afternoon and Sunday schools. The education committee provides resources in the area of curriculum development and methodology to over 40 day and afternoon schools outside the greater Toronto area.

Much of this educational outreach is carried out by Gary Levine, the senior educational consultant. He visits the communities to work with teachers, principals and lay leaders and he organizes professional development days for them so they can interact and connect with their counterparts in other small communities.

Back at the Lipa Green Building parents are beginning to arrive. It's pick-up time. Devon Searle, a 15-year-old from Stratford, is thrilled about the kallah experience.

"I really, really enjoyed it," she says. "I've never had any Jewish friends. I look around and I think it's neat — they're all Jewish. It's a new feeling. There's a real feeling of family."

CJN Purim Contest

For our Purim contest we are asking children in elementary schools to let their imaginations run loose through the pageantry and the drama of the story of Purim. In particular we are looking for the brightest, most colorful and evocative pictures drawn with markers, crayons, or colored pencils.

Who can enter: Children from grades 1-6 inclusive are eligible. The children of *CJN* employees are not eligible.

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How to enter: Children may submit as many pictures as they want. However, the pictures should not be smaller than 5" x 7". You can draw on any paper you wish, but keep in mind we are looking for pictures which will show bright colors well and which we will be able to photograph for publication. You may use only markers, crayons or pencils. And you can give them a title if you want to as well.

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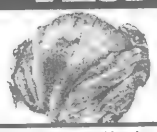

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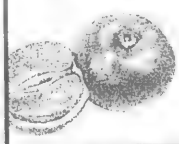

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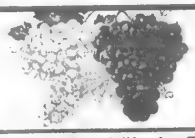

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in T.O. MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

This issue represents the first of in TO's second year of operation. Our first year was overwhelmingly successful; so successful, in fact, that our goal for the new year is to expand to 6 and possibly 8 pages of exciting, informative and enlightening news for Toronto's under-40 set.

This issue contains articles including an inspiring profile of a modern day Oskar Schindler, a writeup on a non-traditional business which uses very modern business concepts, a peek into the lives of one UJA professional and several UJA volunteers, and as always, a calendar of upcoming events during our transition to the new 1996 campaign year.

We continue to add new features, and improve on old ones, and welcome any comments or suggestions you may have. Please call the HOTLINE at 631-5700. ✸

Elisa Morton Palter
Editor

in T.O. Did you Know?

✸ that over 10,000 teenagers from all over the world participated in Israel Experience trips last summer? All the trips are co-ordinated by the UJA-funded Jewish Agency for Israel.

✸ that almost 1,000 children in Toronto receive subsidies to attend summer camp? UJA dollars support the various agencies involved in providing this service, including the Jewish Camp Council, Bathurst Jewish Centre, Jewish Family & Child Service and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services.

✸ that over 12,000 immigrant Israelis were provided scholarships to attend university through the Jewish Agency last year? 35% of the students are in Israel without their parents.

✸ that over 1,200 new immigrants to Toronto were provided with services such as English language tutoring, resume writing, family-to-family introductions and holiday celebrations?

✸ that over 10,000 non-Jewish high school students visit the Federation's Holocaust Memorial and Education Centre every year? The Holocaust Remembrance Committee also oversees the annual Holocaust Education Month program and Yom Hashoah commemorations.

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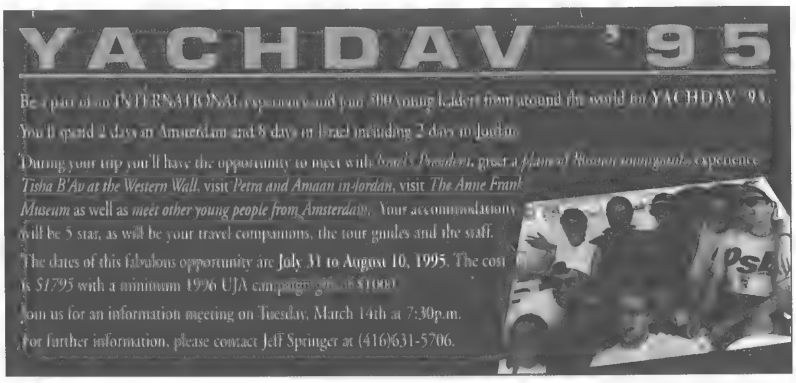
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Join us for an information meeting on Tuesday, March 14th at 7:30p.m.
For further information, please contact Jeff Springer at (416)631-5706.

WHO'S NEW in T.O.

YOSEPH ENYEW: THE ETHIOPIAN SCHINDLER

Yoseph Enyew, an Ethiopian Jew, stepped out of the parking-lot booth on Overlea Boulevard, where he is an attendant. He shone a brilliant smile of life, only found on those who have seen the most hollow of grimaces on the face of humankind.

"One day in 1982, I told my family I was going to buy a shirt," said Yoseph. "Instead I escaped to Sudan. There was nothing for Jews in Ethiopia. We were the 'evil eyes', the 'Falasha'. At night, our neighbours would say, we would turn into hyenas and murder Christian babies."

As Yoseph told me more about his history, his innocence turned to anger.

"I have never been in hell, but it couldn't be worse than Tewawa, a refugee camp in Sudan," he said. "My people, Jews, were dying from hunger. I buried my cousin; mothers and children. I grew old overnight."

After a year, Yoseph was asked by Mossad operatives in Sudan to emigrate to Israel. Instead, he relinquished his place to another Jew and began a chapter comparable to the stories of Oskar Schindler, Yonatan Netanyahu and Eli Cohen.

Over the next 11 months, the slight 20 year-old rescued 1500 Jews from death. Together with the Mossad, Yoseph established escape routes to Khartoum and set up secret bunkers in the Sudanese capital to hide up to 200 people at a time. Under the stars, Yoseph would smuggle small children, old men and women, and families, to be flown to safety to Israel.

Eventually, he was captured by the Sudanese police and thrown in jail. Yoseph was tortured for six days but did not expose the whereabouts of the bunker.

In 1984, through the efforts of the Mossad and the United Nations, Yoseph was released from jail, scarred by torture, and too well known to be able to liberate any more Jews from Tewawa.

It was finally time to leave, and Yoseph went first to Montreal to be with some of his family, and shortly afterwards came to Toronto. He would like to pursue a career in the music industry, and eventually emigrate to Israel. ✸

Photo: Stephen Epstein

Avrum Rosensweig ***Yoseph Enyew***

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BUSINESS *in* ✸ *T.O.*

Doctor Holds Key To A Good Night's Sleep

Total quality management is usually a concept associated with traditional forms of business. Those of us with any experience dealing with doctors would certainly not apply the concept to most medical practices. However, while Dr. Jeffrey Lipsitz is reluctant (as most doctors are) to label his practice a "business", he does recognize that his patients are, in fact, customers, and most have options to go elsewhere if the service he provides is not of high quality.

Dr. Jeffrey Lipsitz

This mindset sets him apart from many doctors and may be a large factor in the success of his clinic, "The Sleep Disorders Centre of Metropolitan Toronto."

Patients are the core of quality health care. Dr. Lipsitz stresses that his goal is to try to provide his patients with appropriate health care of the very highest quality, in a manner that is convenient and patient-friendly. He focuses his attention on diagnosing and treating many of the 20-30% of the population which has trouble falling asleep, staying asleep or getting non-refreshing sleep.

Dr. Lipsitz refers to a study which found that in North America, sleep disorders account for approximately $75 billion in workplace costs resulting from accidents, medical problems and loss of efficiency. Obviously, this is an area of medicine which has major implications and relevance for society.

The problem is that, historically, no one has taken sleep disorders seriously. Many people are affected, often by disorders that could be treated if diagnosed properly, but few are aware that help is available or that in some cases, the disorder may actually be medically serious.

Sleep apnea, for example, is one of the most common disorders, in which people snore and actually stop breathing for short periods of time. Apnea can lead to daytime tiredness, increased risk of heart attack and stroke and increased risk of motor vehicle accidents, yet few who have apnea are aware of it. Almost 9% of women and 24% of men are at risk for apnea yet many have no idea that the disorder is affecting them. Often a spouse or partner identifies the problem, and even then, many snorers brush off the problem as social, not medical. "It is not my problem, it's my wife's! Snoring doesn't keep ME up," is a common reaction.

Take it from Dr. Lipsitz: Snoring is often a symptom of something else. Diagnosis and regular testing result in a treatment which effectively gets rid of the problem. *The Sleep Disorders Clinic* is one of the leaders in North America in making testing as painless and user-friendly as possible. It is the only clinic in the country which can do testing from the home using high tech equipment which transmits data via a modem.

Innovation, education, quality and service are all vital to Dr. Lipsitz's medical practice. Not surprisingly, he also brings a similar orientation to his community involvement. He has previously been a member of the executive of UJA's Young Health Professionals, and is still an officer of the Federation and a National Vice-President of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Speaking of young leadership, Dr. Lipsitz and his wife Judy Laxer (a lawyer, formerly from Montreal), have been attempting to teach the total quality management concept to their three future leaders. However, the Jewish community may have to wait awhile, since the oldest, Avi, is only 5 1/2 and Yonatan (3 1/2) and Michael (1) are even younger.

In case you may be wondering, all three sleep through the night. Dr. Lipsitz gives all the credit for that to the family sleep expert, his wife! ✸

Elisa Morton Palter

UJA DOLLARS IN ACTION

UJA HELPS REENA HELP THE DEVELOPMENTALLY HANDICAPPED

In Toronto, treatment of the Jewish developmentally handicapped can be divided into two eras - *before Reena and after Reena.*

Before Reena, developmentally handicapped Jews had little opportunity to create a cultural or religious identity. Most were residents of a largely gentile centre called Pine Ridge, located in Orillia, where they lived in locked wards, without individual belongings.

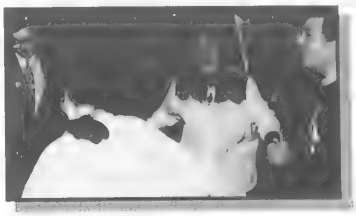
When Pine Ridge closed in 1983, the Reena Foundation decided to provide its former Jewish residents with more than just financial assistance.

Reena's innovative approach, partially supported by UJA, blends Jewish values with individual support in a residential setting. Over 200 clients live in 47 Reena-owned or operated Toronto houses and apartments, assisted by on-site staff, 24 hours a day. Others who can live independently are taught basic skills such as shopping, cooking and cleaning, by Reena specialists.

Myrna Lambert's brother, 56 year old Bruce Kiner, a 20 year Pine Ridge veteran, is now in a Reena residence.

"He no longer has to fight for food. He's more relaxed," notes Lambert, who says her brother's sense of humour and longevity, despite severe physical ailments, has surprised the family.

"My other brothers and sisters would say 'Bruce isn't going to live long,' but he has lived longer than them."



Because 24 year old Michelle Ceresne, who suffers from autism, is looked after in a Reena group home, her mother, Marci, can finally sleep through the night after more than 20 years of round-the-clock caring.

"I slept with one eye and one ear open," Ceresne, a single mother, remembers. "Michelle's mind didn't stop manipulating, scheming and plotting...she would get into the fridge and start dumping things." Today, according to a much relieved mom, "Michelle is much calmer. She listens to me. She sleeps well."

What really distinguishes Reena from similar agencies is its Judaic content, directly financed through UJA contributions.

Reena staff receive manuals on Jewish topics as part of their basic training in holidays, customs and kashrut, and must attend monthly seminars.

"We hope that through the Jewish Family & Child Service chaplaincy division, younger rabbis will soon be training our trainers."

The question of genuine Jewish community interest in Reena's population is one which troubles the organization's executive director Sandy Keshen. She is not sure inclusion of Reena clients is a community priority, and is asking synagogues to provide memberships for Reena group homes.

"How," she asks, "is Judaism reaching out to this population?" ✸

Howard English

WHO'S INVOLVED *in* ✸ *T.O.*

VOLUNTEERING SEEN AS KEY TO PERSONAL SATISFACTION

When it comes to building, Peter Ekstein is a pro - a pro at building UJA's canvasser and donor list that is!

Since his involvement with the Construction Division three years ago, Peter has introduced over a dozen volunteer canvassers and countless donors to United Jewish Appeal.

To Peter, a partner in a lumber wholesale business, that's what it's all about - giving time and money to an organization which supports the Jewish community. "It's nice to know you're participating in a venture that helps so many people in so many ways."

Despite his successful recruiting, Peter wishes that more young people would become involved with UJA. "I get enormous satisfaction knowing that I am doing something good for my community. I only wish more people would participate in telethons or various UJA functions so that they too could have the same feeling of satisfaction that I get."

UJA is just one of the many organizations that Peter, an advocate of Jewish causes, believes in. He also supports the Jewish National Fund and Associated Hebrew Day Schools, to name a few. ✸

-Marcie Somers-

Peter Ekstein

VOLUNTEERING A WAY OF LIFE FOR LAWYER

After volunteering and participating in numerous UJA programs for the past year, Toronto lawyer Lynn Kirshin is ready for an even bigger challenge!

Over the course of the past year, Lynn participated in the Federation's Leadership Development course, UJA mission to Prague (Israel and Washington missions were team captain for the closing functions.

And although she may sound like she's done more than get her feet wet, Lynn wants more! She is hoping to participate in Yachday '95, the UJA international young leadership mission to Israel, and would like to do even more for the 1996 campaign.

Lynn Kirshin

To Lynn, being a UJA volunteer is more than an opportunity to raise money for the community, it's a way of life.

"I enjoy volunteering for United Jewish Appeal because it provides an outlet for me to express my Jewishness. I find it extremely gratifying to volunteer for an organization where I'm able to express my identity."

UJA is just one of Lynn's many volunteer commitments. She is also actively involved with the women's group at her synagogue and while a law student, Lynn was involved with the Canadian Jewish Law Students Association. ✸

-Marcie Somers-

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WHAT'S ON *in* T.O.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Below is a listing of just some of the upcoming UJA events of interest to readers of inT.O.
For more information or to RSVP for a program, please call the in T.O. HOTLINE at 631-5700.

THE TROTSKYS, FREUDS AND WOODY ALLENS: PORTRAIT OF A CULTURE

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
UJA's Young Adult Division presents author Ivan Kalmar.

Location: TBA

Cost: $10

For more information call
Chaia Berkowitz at (416)631-5690

THE WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY - THE FUTURE IS ALMOST HERE

THURSDAY, MARCH 16
UJA's Young Business Network presents an informative and entertaining evening on how the constantly evolving hi tech world will affect our personal and business lives in the not-so-distant future. Guest speakers: Dennis Bennie, CEO, Delrina Corporation, Rael Merson, Executive Vice-President Cable Services, Rogers Broadcasting Limited and Brad Robins, Chairman, Intellectual Capital Corporation.
Location: TBA Cost: $15
For more information contact Rosie Sosnowicz at (416)631-5732

CANADIAN YOUNG LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 - SUNDAY, MARCH 26
Canada's first ever! Featuring campaign workshops, Jewish continuity sessions, Shabbat programming and a Saturday night Young Leadership party. Special guest: Itamar Rabinovitch, Israeli Ambassador to the United States.

Location: Ritz Carlton Hotel, Montreal, Que.
Cost: Registration: $50; Hotel: $115 (excluding taxes) double occupancy
BY INVITATION ONLY

UJA YOUNG LEADERSHIP GALA

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
Join us for an evening of entertainment, good food and good friends! Open to all "young" (and young at heart!) contributors of $180 or more to the 1995 UJA campaign.

Location: TBA Cost: TBA

For more information contact Lydia English at (416)635-2883 ext. 172

UJA COMMUNITY MARCH FOR ISRAEL

SUNDAY, MAY 28
Join fellow community members of all ages as they walk, run, skip or hop their way down our new re-vamped route! Plenty of fun, food and friends along the way!

For more information or to volunteer contact Ronit Climan at (416)631-5738

EVENT REPORTS

Leadership Development: Gotta Have It!

A group of this year's Leadership Development graduates at their Chanukah party (Second row, left: Andrew Cohen).

Metropolitan Toronto is one of North America's largest and most vibrant Jewish centres. Previous generations have organized an impressive array of Jewish educational, social welfare and fundraising institutions, central to which is the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

One of the Federation's key functions is the development of community leadership whose role is to help perpetuate Jewish life in Toronto, as well as strengthen Toronto Jewry's relationship with Israel.

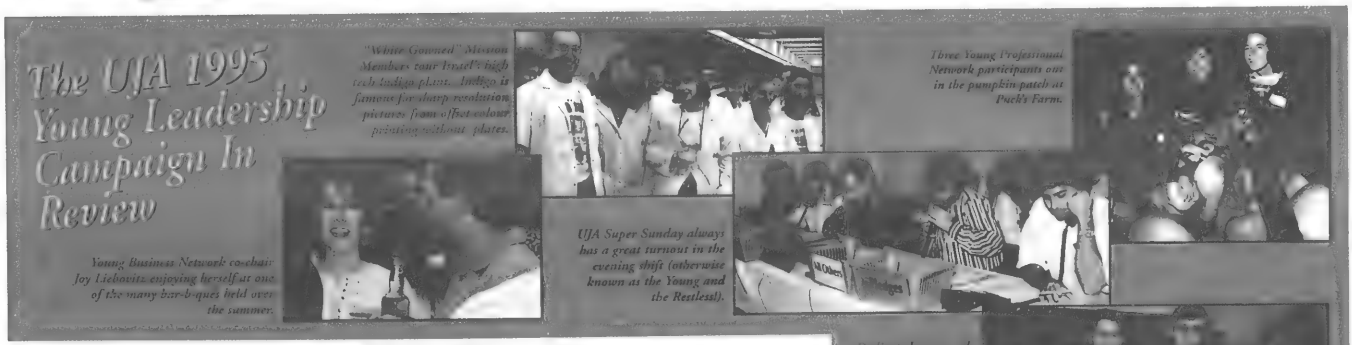
To this end, the Federation offers an "annual" training program in communal volunteerism, the Leadership Development program, or simply "LD" as it's fondly referred to. Approximately 40 young adults make a year long commitment to gain knowledge and insight into issues affecting the Jewish community. Various topics are considered, including: the demographics of the Jewish community, volunteerism, Israel-Diaspora relations, Jewish social services, Jewish ethics and the meaning of Tzedakah. At times, the course considers dilemmas and difficult decisions facing current Jewish leaders in an effort to expose potential leaders to the challenges facing today's Jewish community.

As a recent graduate of the course, I found the experience both enriching and inspiring. I highly recommend this program to others who wish to contribute effectively to the Jewish community.

Andrew Cohen, 1994 Leadership Development Graduate

P.S. For more information on the Toronto Federation's Leadership Development course, contact Chaia Berkowitz at (416) 631-5690.

The UJA 1995 Young Leadership Campaign In Review



"White Gowned" Mission Members tour Israel's high tech Indigo plant. Indigo is famous for sharp resolution pictures from offset colour printing without plates.

Three Young Professional Network participants out in the pumpkin patch at Puck's Farm.

Young Business Network co-chair Joy Liebowitz enjoying herself at one of the many bar-b-ques held over the summer.

UJA Super Sunday always has a great turnout in the evening shift (otherwise known as the Young and the Restless).

Dedicated young volunteers take time out on a Sunday afternoon to help pack Passover boxes for Jewish and Family Child Service clients in need.

The Young Professionals Network's Indian Summer Evening at Puck's Farm was great fun for all. Over 250 people attended and were kept thoroughly entertained.

Joy Levine, creator & producer of Fishing for Lawyers, received a standing ovation from the crowds packed into and outside the Young Israel Synagogue on Yom Ha'atzmaut. Proceeds went to the Young Business Network.

WHO'S WHO *in UJA* - a look at some of the people behind the scenes at UJA

The Winding Road to Success

Avrum Rosensweig's life history looks more like a radio wave than the purposeful straight line of someone with a predetermined profession.

His career ride includes stops as a yeshiva graduate, commodities specialist, journalism student, broadcaster and UJA Golden Givers Program Director - his current professional posting - the one he likes best.

It took Rosensweig 10 years to get there. A decade of figuring out what he wanted to do and why.

In 1973, Rosensweig left his Kitchener family home for Toronto's Ner Israel Yeshiva, where he spent the next five years, followed by another year of university religious studies.

Then, Rosensweig demonstrated why the unexpected is his most consistent trait. He took a job with a large commodities firm, establishing a successful discount division. But soybeans weren't exactly his future. "I had a great job, but I was miserable," he vividly remembers.

So, it was off to journalism at Ryerson, anthropology at York and co-production of a daily radio show in Hebrew, which left him fulfilled but broke and hungry. Yet, poverty enriched his insights about where to turn next. Jewish activism. "I came from a rabbinic family. This stuff is in my blood."

Rosensweig's late father, about whom Avrum speaks with admiration, was a prominent Kitchener rabbi, highly respected for his efforts on behalf of others.

Rosensweig inherited his father's large heart and it was partly with his dad's memory in mind that he joined UJA on January 15, 1990.

Rosensweig's reflections of his early UJA days reveal large servings of self-deprecating humour. On why he was hired: "Mark Gryfe told me he gave me the job because I made him laugh in the interview." On his premiere projects at UJA: "Thinking back, I had no idea what I was doing."

He seems to have figured it out, and it shows most in his direction of the Golden Givers program for donors with more than 25 years of contributing history. Rosensweig and chairman David Green have identified well over a thousand Golden Givers who receive a quarterly newsletter, certificates, pins and plenty of honour.

"I'm completely amazed by their histories," explains Rosensweig. "There's a real feeling of reality to them. They're not interested in impressing me."

About the future, Rosensweig says, "I'd like to get more involved in humanitarian issues," muses the man who's already thinking about life's next station stop.

Howard English

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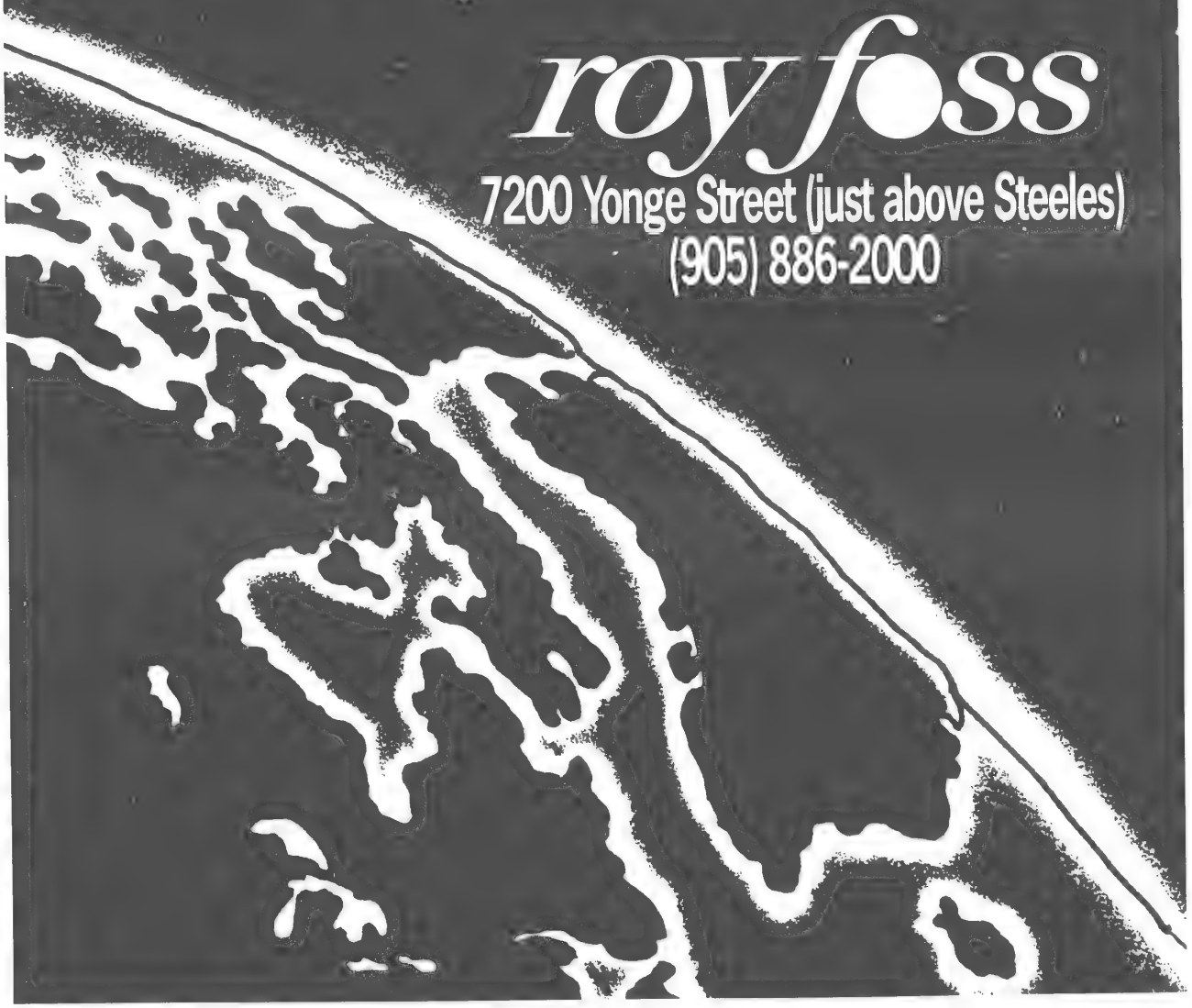

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Arad reported captive in Iran

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Iran is responsible for the fate of missing airman Ron Arad, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin declared Sunday night, following two more reports that he is being held in Tehran.

"We have a basis for believing that Arad is being held by official Iranian circles, although it is not clear where," Rabin told reporters.

"The Iranians have not given concrete information to either the French or the Germans, so we cannot say anything definitive. But it is clear that Iran is responsible."

However, Hen Arad, Ron's brother, said this week that despite the Israeli government's claims about Iranian responsibility, the opposite is true.

"Mr. Rabin, you are responsible for the fate of Ron," he said. "You sent him, you were defence minister at the time. Today you are the prime minister, and for the whole eight years [he has been missing] you directed the security apparatus. Where is Ron today?"

On Sunday, the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* reported that a Turk who is now a German citizen and was held until recently in an Iranian jail, said guards there told him "an Israeli pilot is held in Ward 209, where all maximum security prisoners are held."

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Ron Arad's wife Tami and his daughter Yuval are seen celebrating his 36th birthday in this file photo taken in May 1994.
[Israel photo]

UN rights record to be studied

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A University of Ottawa professor is conducting a study on United Nations (UN) efforts to promote universal human rights.

Anne Bayefsky, 41, was recently awarded an $85,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation of Chicago for a research project entitled The United Nations' Human Rights Treaties: Facing the Implementation Crisis.

Anne Bayefsky

She will analyze UN activities and make recommendations to assist in "turning treaty texts into social action," a press release says.

"This is no ivory tower project," Bayefsky said. "I will study the subject in a way which will produce concrete and positive recommendations for improvement."

And a crisis it is, Bayefsky told *The CJN* in a recent interview.

One of her concerns is that the United Nations' preoccupation with Israel wastes time and resources that could be used for human rights issues generally.

Her examples of this bias are glaring:

- Israel is always the first substantive item on the agenda of the UN committee for human rights in Geneva — and has been for 20 years.
- 15 per cent of total meeting time is used for discussion of one of 189 states (Israel).
- 30 per cent of all resolutions critical of individual states passed over the last 30 years concern Israel. Omitted from the list of critical resolutions entirely are repressive regimes like Syria and China.
- The special committee established to investigate Israeli

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Austria launches reparations fund

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Austria is establishing a reparations fund for Austrian Jewish victims of Nazism, Austrian chancellor Franz Vranitzky disclosed here last week.

Special to The CJN

In an exclusive interview, Vranitzky estimated that upwards of 30,000 people around the world, including some Canadians, will be eligible to participate in the program.

The size of the fund will be determined by the number of successful applicants.

Anyone who was forced to leave Austria after it was annexed by Nazi Germany in 1938, or who lost property and suffered at the hands of National Socialism, can apply for compensation.

Furthermore, former Austrians abroad may regain their Austrian citizenship and thus qualify for an array of social security benefits normally given to Austrian citizens, one of Vranitzky's aides added.

"People should make use of our offer to reacquire Austrian citizenship," observed Vranitzky.

Vranitzky's aide, who preferred to remain anonymous, explained that the fund will be administered by the Ministry of Social Affairs in Vienna in an "open-ended and unbureaucratic" manner.

It is expected to be up and running by the summer.

"We want to give them the feeling that Austria has not forgotten them," declared Vranitzky, the first Austrian chancellor to visit Canada in four decades. "We've taken an active interest in this matter."

Walther Lichem, Austria's ambassador to Canada, said to the best of his knowledge, only 328 Austrian Jews were admitted into Canada from 1938 to 1945.

Before 1938, Austria was home to about 200,000 Jews. Approximately 65,000 perished during the Holocaust. According to official figures, 7,500 Jews live in Austria today.

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THOUGHTS FOR A NEW MOON

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ISRAEL

Sect Leader Sentenced

JERUSALEM — The Tel Aviv District Court sentenced Rabbi Uzi Meshulam, the radical Yemenite sect leader who held police at bay for six weeks last spring, to 10 years in prison, two of which were suspended.

Meshulam had been convicted of charges that included endangering lives, conspiracy, aggravated assault and possession and manufacture of illegal weapons.

Eleven of Meshulum's followers were also sentenced to terms ranging from 15 months to four years on the same charges.

Rabbi Auerbach Dies

JERUSALEM — Some 300,000 Orthodox Jews came out on Feb. 20 to mourn Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, one of the world's leading authorities on Jewish law.

Rabbi Auerbach, who for nearly half a century headed the Kol Torah Yeshiva in the Bayit Vegan section of Jerusalem, died at 84 of pneumonia in Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital late Sunday night, Feb. 19.

The funeral procession made its way from Rabbi Auerbach's home in the Shaare Chesed neighborhood to the Har Hamenuchot cemetery, causing traffic jams throughout the capital.

Last Jews Leave Grozny

JERUSALEM — The last four or five dozen Jews in Grozny were expected to take advantage of the ceasefire with the Russians and flee the Chechen capital, according to Haim Chesler, head of Jewish Agency activities in the C.I.S.

Hotel accommodation and relief aid awaited the Grozny Jews in the southern Russian town of Pyotergorsk, near Mineralvody, where some 50 other refugees are waiting for papers to make aliyah.

Chesler said the agency had also arranged to give the potential olim Hebrew lessons during the approximately six weeks it takes to arrange exit papers for them.

Flyover Accord Signed

JERUSALEM — Aircraft belonging to Royal Jordanian Airlines will be able to cross Israeli airspace as of March 10, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar announced, adding that an air agreement with Jordan would be signed within the next few weeks.

The flyover agreement was reached during talks in Eilat between the heads of both countries' civilian aviation administrations and representatives from both air forces.

A Hot Project

REHOVOT — An $8-million solar energy project to be carried out by Weizmann Institute researchers, together with U.S. and Israeli companies, is one of three binational undertakings recently selected for support by the U.S.-Israel Science and Technology Commission, which evaluated over 100 projects.

The goal of the project is to develop a solar power plant that will produce electricity at competitive prices.

First Arab Appointed

HAIFA — Arab sociologist Dr. Majid Al-Haj, a senior lecturer at the University of Haifa and head of the University's Centre for Arab Education has become the first Arab named to Israel's Council for Higher Education.

The council is responsible for issuing academic status to new institutions and new departments within those institutions, and certifying academic programs and degrees.

Al-Haj said he planned to use his position to help bridge the gap between Arabs and Jews in Israel.

Rabin Fills Cabinet Posts

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has assigned two of his Labor ministers to take over the Interior and Religious Affairs ministries that he had been saving for the Shas Party.

At a special meeting, Rabin presented the Cabinet with his decision to give Tourism Minister Uzi Baram the Interior Ministry portfolio, and Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet the Religious Affairs portfolio. Both men will retain their original portfolios as well.

Shin Bet Head Appointed

JERUSALEM — After months of speculation, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has selected the new head of Shin Bet, Israel's domestic intelligence agency.

The new leader of Shin Bet — who was identified only as "K" — in keeping with a prohibition against publishing the identity of the head of the security service — replaced the outgoing security chief March 1.

According to Israeli news accounts, the new head is in his early 40s, was born in Jerusalem and is the son of a judge. He is also an expert in Jewish extremism.

Non-Orthodox Appointment

TEL AVIV — Bruria Barish, a leading member of the Movement for Progressive Judaism — the Israeli arm of Reform Judaism — was elected to the Tel Aviv Religious Council last week.

This is the first time a representative of the Reform movement has been elected to a municipal religious council in Israel.

WORLD

Ties With Tanzania

UNITED NATIONS — Israel and the United Republic of Tanzania have renewed diplomatic relations.

Tanzania broke ties with Israel after the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

Documents establishing the ties were signed last Friday at the United Nations by Gad Ya'acobi, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, and his Tanzanian counterpart, Daudi Mwakawago.

Israel now has ties with 154 of the 185 UN member states.

RCA Ousts Member

NEW YORK — The Rabbinical Council of America (RCA) has ousted a longtime member because he also belongs to a rabbinic fellowship of Orthodox and Conservative rabbis.

The RCA, the rabbinic organization of centrist Orthodoxy, recently dropped Rabbi Mark Kunis, who leads a 750-family congregation in Atlanta and co-chairs the Orthodox-Conservative rabbinical fellowship of the Union for Traditional Judaism.

Forum To Combat Racism

BRUSSELS — The European Parliament has decided to establish a branch of the London-based Inter-Parliamentary Council against Anti-Semitism.

This action stems from a call for a common struggle against anti-Semitism, a move made last month by Klaus Hansch, European Parliament president.

One of the objectives of the new group will be to establish legislation applicable to all European Union member states to combat both Holocaust denial and the distribution of anti-Semitic materials.

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University launches Jewish Studies chair

Waterloo begins fundraising drive

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The University of Waterloo has launched a fundraising drive to create a Chair in Jewish studies.

The estimated cost will be from $1.5 million to $2 million, disclosed Paul Socken, a member of the advisory committee and a professor of French literature at the university.

The first pledge has already been made. Alexander Raab, Czech Holocaust survivor and former proprietor of White Rose Nurseries, has promised $200,000. Last autumn, he gave the university the first instalment, a sum of $50,000.

Socken is sanguine that the campaign will succeed, and that the chair will be officially inaugurated within about two years.

But in the meantime, he and Roger Downer, the university's vice-president of development, are working closely together on fundraising strategies.

"Jewish studies at Waterloo, we hope, will bring together students and the community to an understanding of Jewish history, culture, civilization and religion," explained Socken, who lived in the Kitchener Waterloo area for 18 years before moving to Toronto five years ago.

"A major focus will be the impact of Judaism on world history and religion and the relationship between Jewish culture and Western civilization."

Fewer than 1,000 Jewish students

According to Socken, the university's interest in the project stems from a desire to fill "a real, serious gap" in its program.

The University of Waterloo, a major institution of higher learning in Ontario, has a student enrolment of approximately 22,000. Fewer than 1,000 of its students are said to be Jewish.

Paul Socken

Though its forte is science and engineering, its arts faculty is the largest on campus, Socken said.

The university is entering uncharted waters by trying to establish a Chair in Jewish studies. But Waterloo's religion department already offers a course in world religions, while some history and literature courses deal with fascism in Germany and with the Holocaust in general.

And for the past decade, the university has been the venue of the annual Spinoza Meir lecture on a Jewish topic.

Socken credits the university's dean of arts, Brian Hendley, for initiating the idea of a Chair in Jewish studies.

Last summer, Hendley saw *Schindler's List*, and was moved by the Steven Spielberg's Academy Award-winning film. Hendley approached Socken, the former president of Kitchener's Beth Jacob Congregation, and observed that some kind of Jewish studies program was overdue.

Lectures could be taped

He asked Socken to investigate the matter. Socken called Sydney Eisen, founder of York University's Centre for Jewish Studies. Eisen, in turn, suggested that York University's lectures on Jewish studies be taped and made available to Waterloo, which is known for its correspondence courses.

Meanwhile, Waterloo's president, Jim Downey, who had just returned from a trip to Israel in the company of other Canadian university presidents, expressed enthusiasm for the project.

Last fall, Downey convened a meeting to discuss it. He and his colleagues concluded that it was a feasible idea whose time had come.

Socken claims that "the whole concept" is a Christian initiative. "It's really an extraordinary development," he added.

St. Jerome's, a Catholic college affiliated with the university, has expressed strong interest and support for the Jewish Studies Chair, which will be filled once sufficent funds are at hand.

"St. Jerome's feels it's an important step in ecumenism and interfaith relations," said Socken.

Indeed, St. Jerome's has volunteered to house the Chair on its campus.

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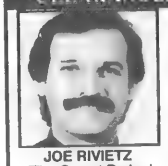
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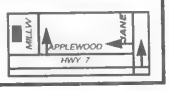

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From coast to coast

Droege convicted for aggravated assault

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Report

TORONTO — An Ontario Supreme Court judge last week found Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege guilty of aggravated assault for his part in a wild "pier 6 brawl" between white supremacists and members of an anti-racist group in June 1993.

Droege and Heritage Front supporter Peter Mitrevski were both acquitted on charges of possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace.

Droege will be sentenced on March 9 by Justice David McCombs. The maximum sentence for the offence is 14 years in jail, though in setting the court date, McCombs told Crown prosecutor Philip Enright there appeared to be "mitigating circumstances" in the assault. Droege said he would appeal the conviction.

The street fight that triggered the charges took place in the early morning hours of June 12, 1993, when supporters of the white supremacist Heritage Front clashed with members of Anti-Racist Action (ARA) on College Street east of Bathurst.

The clash took place just hours after ARA members trashed the house of Gary Schipper, a Heritage Front member known as the voice behind the front's telephone message line. Court was told Heritage Front members went to Sneaky Dee's, a bar at College and Bathurst known to be frequented by ARA supporters, to "convey the message they wouldn't be intimidated," McCombs recounted.

In the melee that ensued, Droege struck Malcolm Sheppard, 23, with a heavy, metallic flashlight, fracturing his jaw. Prosecutors alleged that Mitrevski swung a carved wooden object at ARA members during the fight.

Defence lawyers Harry Doan, who represented Droege, and George Wooten, acting for Mitrevski, argued that their clients were acting in self defence in coming to the aid of a skinhead who was beset upon by about a dozen ARA supporters.

Crown attorney Philip Enright argued that both the Heritage Front and the ARA were "spoiling for a fight" that night and that there was no "air of reality" to the claim of self-defence.

McCombs said that after hearing all the evidence, he faced an almost "impossible task" to determine exactly what happened. But he said he was satisfied that Droege hit Sheppard on the side of the head while Sheppard was standing and at least once again after the victim staggered to the ground.

Tracing the events of the night, McCombs said he was satisfied by the evidence that Droege and Mitrevski were reacting to a perceived risk of bodily harm to Adrian Galineas, a skinhead who was being attacked by perhaps a dozen ARA members. Droege grabbed the flashlight from his car, which earlier testimony showed he used while executing his duties as a bailiff, McCombs said.

The judge also accepted Mitrevski's testimony that he was attacked by an ARA member with a three-foot stick, stripped him of it and "took possession of the weapon on the sudden." McCombs said he had a reasonable doubt whether Mitrevski used it for a dangerous purpose as alleged or in self defence.

Earlier in the four-day trial, Sheppard, an ARA-supporter who disavowed violence, testified that he was attempting to help a skinhead who was being attacked by other ARA people when he was assaulted. He said someone with a stick struck at him but only grazed him. He then saw Droege wield the flashlight like a baseball bat and hit him on the left side of his head. His body went numb and he fell.

Police Det. Const. Paul Cummins said he saw Droege hit Sheppard while the victim was on the ground. He arrested Droege moments later.

Other police evidence indicated ARA members were carrying empty bottles and other potential weapons and that there was the sound of bottles hitting the pavement during the melee. Droege claimed he was hit on the head and shoulder during the fight and later required medical attention.

At the start of the trial, McCombs rejected requests from Doan and Wooten to delay the case until Grant Bristow could be located. Last August, Bristow went into hiding after he was exposed as a Canadian Security Intelligence Service mole inside the Heritage Front. The defence contended he provoked confrontations with the ARA and was present the night of the brawl.

McCombs said there was no evidence that Bristow instigated the events on College Street.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer Fred M. Catzman has been researching their origins over the past few years. Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

KUGELMASS

Claudia Kugelmass, an information officer of the Law Society of Upper Canada has a surname that is not only unusual but deceptive. The familiar meaning of the Jewish word Kugel is pudding.

It is also the German word for bullet or projectile and also designates the mercury ball in the thermometer.

Kugelmass literally means ball, calibre or shot gauge.

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Continuity task force launched in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Western Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Task Force on Jewish continuity here is being launched with a weekend of presentations by Susan Jackson of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Jackson will first address the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC) senior staff, concentrating on staff development and leadership, maintaining staff morale in view of proposed changes and how to deliver effective, efficient services in a time of declining budgets.

Friday evening, Jackson will deliver a sermon on Jewish parenting during services at the Reform Temple Shalom, and on Saturday morning, she will be at the Orthodox Herzlia-Adas Yeshurun after the Shabbat service, to talk about living Jewishly in the modern world.

Sunday morning she will lead representatives and officers of the city's Jewish organizations in defining what Jewish continuity means for Winnipeg. In the afternoon she will speak at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre (JCC).

Jackson is congress director of community services and youth activities for Ontario region. She is a recognized specialist on Jewish identity and continuity. Her visit to Winnipeg is sponsored by the WJCC, the YMHA JCC, the Herzlia-Adas Yeshurun Synagogue, Temple Shalom, the Jewish Students Association and the Combined Jewish Appeal/Women's Division.

Tougher sentences urged for hate motivated crimes

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Proposed legislation to toughen sentences for crimes motivated by hate could go further, says the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada.

A league delegation presented its views last week before the standing committee on justice and legal affairs of the House of Commons, which is considering the new sentencing legislation.

Amendments to the Criminal Code announced last June by Justice Minister Alan Rock would allow judges to consider the "hate" dimension of crimes when they pass sentence. They would apply in cases where the victims were targeted because of their race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.

Reform and Bloc Quebecois members have challenged the victim categories, particularly sexual orientation, saying they are unnecessary. But Mark Sandler, senior legal counsel for the league, endorsed the wording of the legislation, saying specific victim categories must be spelled out to prevent the law's being trivialized by being invoked when hate is not really an issue.

The league also recommended several additions to the legislation.

- If a victim does not belong to one of the groups named in the legislation but was perceived by the attacker to belong to one of them, the provisions for longer sentences should still apply.
- Criminal records should show that a crime was motivated by hate.
- The proposed sentencing provisions in the Criminal Code should also apply to the Young Offenders Act, particularly because so many of the people active in hate groups are teenagers.
- Membership in hate groups should be criminalized. At the same time, Sandler stressed, to protect the Charter's right of freedom of association, this provision would apply only to hate groups that have criminal objectives, such as attacking minorities.
- A new offence, called institutional vandalism, should be included in the bill to cover the desecration of graveyards, synagogues and churches. Currently, people who vandalise religious institutions are charged with mischief, an offence in the same category as ripping the antenna from cars. Sandler said the mischief charge grossly undervalues the seriousness of crimes against sacred buildings and sites.
- Holocaust denial should become an offence under the Criminal Code.

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From coast to coast

Water seen as key ingredient for peace

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Water is as important to a lasting Israeli-Palestinian peace as territory and security, according to David Brooks.

Discussing his new book, *Watershed: The Role of Fresh Water in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, at Temple Israel recently, Brooks said that since 1967, Israel has controlled the underground water supply in the West Bank, but sharing the region's scarce water supply is both possible and critical to the peace process.

Director of the Environment Policy Program of the International Development Research Centre and a member of Canada's delegation to the Middle East peace talks, Brooks co-wrote the book with Stephen Lonergan, a geography professor at the University of Victoria.

Brooks said the book shows that Israel is reaching a water crisis, with demand outstripping supply because:

• While it is a leader in water recycling, Israel has fallen behind in water conservation. For decades Israel has recycled waste water to irrigate crops but has made little effort to save water through cutting edge efficiency programs.

"The best Israeli water engineers now work in Asia," Brooks said.

Every year Israel loses water to pollution because of fertilizer and pesticide use.

• Despite the folklore that Israel has an agricultural economy, it is in fact an industrial country. Agriculture accounts for only five per cent of GNP yet consumes two-thirds of the water supply. Since water falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Agriculture, pricing policies have long favored farmers, with Israelis paying five to 10 times less for water than it costs to produce it.

Since 1967, Israel has encouraged irrigation by offering new settlements in the West Bank the same low water rates as in the rest of Israel. Palestinians pay much more than Israelis and are only allowed to drill wells for drinking water.

• Some water sources are already threatened. The coastal aquifer has been drained so much that sea water is beginning to seep in. Other water sources cross international boundaries; tapping them will require effective negotiations with all countries in the region.

After studying the politics of water, Brooks said he and Lonergan did find areas for compromise.

To avert a water and political crisis, he made these suggestions:

Water management should have its own government ministry to reduce the focus on water for crops. An environment ministry should monitor water pollution and controls. Prices, which rose substantially in Israel's last budget, should continue to reflect the real cost of water.

Israel can reduce the amount of food it grows. The country already has a huge agricultural surplus. Less agriculture means less water siphoned off for irrigation.

Israel will have to negotiate joint control over water sources with the Palestinians, as it unofficially has with Jordan for many years.

Israel is urged to find alternatives

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Israel must release some of its water supply to the Palestinians for the peace process to be successful, an Ottawa environmentalist said.

Speaking to a breakfast club of Shaar Shalom Synagogue recently, David Brooks said Israel can shift to using saline or recycled water for the remainder of its dwindling agricultural industry.

"Israel and the Palestinians may come to be world leaders in developing options for water management," he said.

Brooks admitted Israel has grown up with water projects and has been a model of water development. It "has made the desert bloom," he said.

"But Israel [now] faces three kinds of water problems — quantity, in that it is using more than it has; quality, in that its water supply is declining year by year because of pollution; and political, in that water flows across boundaries, specifically where the underground tableland spreads between Israel and the West Bank."

He added the ideology of Israel as a nation built on land development is important, but "Israel has a budget crisis like everyone else."

Polls indicate Israelis recognize the need to deal with the water issue and realize that Israelis have lost touch with farming. Israel's strong environmental movement is winning major battles with government.

Brooks said there are many ways to negotiate. "And there is enough water for both Israel and the West Bank. I'm optimistic that there will be flexibility in everyone's thinking."

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CJC Pacific region submits resolutions for May plenary

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region has submitted a number of resolutions to the national resolutions committee for debate at the plenary assembly in Montreal in May.

• Pacific region wants authority from national CJC to seek alternate sources of funding "to enhance local programming without its base budget being affected."

In the current system, CJC is funded through the National Budgeting Conference. Congress then funds activities of the regions, which are not encouraged to do their own fundraising.

Zena Simses Katz, chair of the regional resolutions committee, says Pacific region wants funding "to more accurately reflect our growing needs."

Last year, the region had to obtain funds from the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver and its endowment fund to help finance a Western conference in Vancouver.

• Congress should continue its commitment to multiculturalism which, Pacific region says, has been under direct attack by some groups who want to kill multiculturalism or water it down, or confuse it with individual human and civil rights.

• With regard to the status of women, CJC-P proposes resolutions governing the difficulty of getting a get and promoting awareness in the community that 56 per cent of all Jewish poor are women.

• Congress should encourage service agencies to investigate and provide assistance to Jewish families where emotional or physical violence is occurring. This resolution was proposed by the National Council of Jewish Women.

• Several resolutions deal with the need to combat hate propaganda and bias crime in cooperation with government; to condemn anti-Semitism "wherever and whenever it occurs;" and to promote awareness in the general community that Holocaust denial is false, and an affront to survivors and to all Jews.

CJC should call on all attorneys general to collect, synthesize and share information about bias crimes, and to monitor racist groups and individuals to make sure they are not ignoring criminal codes and human rights legislation.

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Sunquest cancels its charter plans to fly to Israel

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Sunquest Vacations Ltd. has shelved its plans to fly a weekly charter from Toronto to Israel, a service that was to have begun in May.

Instead, the Toronto-based mass market travel wholesaler announced last week that it has signed a three-year renewal of its contract with the Israeli carrier El Al Israel Airlines worth $15 million. Under the contract, El Al will continue for three more years as the featured carrier in Sunquest's year-round Israel program.

"We are very pleased to have reached this agreement with El Al," said Sunquest executive Eddie Carroll in a prepared statement to the media. "We have enjoyed an excellent relationship with El Al since 1992 and look forward to continuing our mutually profitable relationship in the future."

It has been barely two months since Israel's Civil Aviation Authority, in keeping with the government's new "open skies" policy, approved Sunquest's request to operate the charter, thus breaking El Al's long-held monopoly on direct flights between Canada and Israel.

Underplaying the profitability of the Canadian market, El Al initially threatened to quit Canada altogether if the Sunquest charter was approved. But the airline's bluff did not prevent officials of Israel's aviation authority from deciding in Sunquest's favor; nor did it deter Air Canada from announcing a new twice-weekly service to Israel, commencing in June.

Despite the heat of the sudden competition, El Al has done everything but leave the proverbial kitchen. Instead, it has lowered fares and announced that it will bolster its Monday and Wednesday service from Toronto and Montreal with a third flight on Sundays. Air Canada, too, has plans to add a third weekly flight to Israel.

Fares, meanwhile, have taken an unprecedented tumble. Last year, El Al's lowest published fare was $1,338. Since January, travel agents have offered discounted return flights for as low as $849. But now that Sunquest is not undercutting the competition with a charter flight, fares may climb somewhat to a median level, since El Al's main competition, Air Canada, pursues what corporate spokesperson Kym Robertson calls "a higher yield strategy." Air Canada's lowest fare for a return direct flight from Toronto to Tel Aviv is $1,159.

Despite the cancellation of Sunquest's charter, Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, said she expects the reduced fares and added capacity on direct flights to entice many more Canadians than the 40,000 who visited in 1994.

"Competition is good for the consumer — no one will change this idea in my mind," she said. "You have to give people choice. You can't say, 'Here is the product, take it or leave it.' I'm very glad to see this price breakthrough in Canada."

Yona Nechustan, general manager and vice-president of El Al in Canada, expressed delight that the Sunquest contract has been renewed. "We have had three very successful years with Sunquest Vacations and look forward to considerable growth in this second phase," he said. "I'm convinced it will be very good for Israel and El Al."

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The President and Ecclesiastes

Writing in *Le Devoir* last week, author Yves Beauchemin passionately exhorted fellow Quebecois to finally choose sovereignty. It was his view that "the risks of remaining in Canada are infinitely more grave than those of leaving."

The nub of the federalist argument rests on the ability to prove to Beauchemin the very opposite, to prove that a proud, confident, vibrant, thriving, self-determining French-language culture and way of life can be well maintained in Quebec within a federal framework. Ironically, on the very day that the article appeared in *Le Devoir*, the visit by President Bill Clinton to Ottawa suggested a federalist argument which is very compelling.

Clinton spoke admiringly about Canada. But it was not in his words of praise that a strong federalist message can be found. For the sentiments were expected, even if worthy. Rather, it was in his speculation about the future that federalism can make a strong case to counter Beauchemin's cri de coeur. "I come here today to reaffirm the ties that bind the United States and Canada in a new age of great promise and challenge, a time of rapid change when both opportunity and uncertainty live side by side ..."

When the president spoke about "a new age" and about "a time of rapid change," he had in mind a time, which most of us can already imagine, characterized by disappearing economic borders, internetic cyber travel, instantaneous electronic communications, and CNNed, blurry cultural differences. What the president did not say is what we already know: that the economic, intellectual, social and cultural tug from the United States is weighty and inexorable.

But it is not insurmountable.

To better resist that tug in a time of rapid change, both Canada and Quebec will stand a better chance if joined. Canada's uniqueness is predicated in part, on the synthesis and the synergy between the English and the French cultures, while Quebec's cultural resilience has developed in large measure as an antidote to the rest of Canada. Without Quebec, a fragmented Canada may fragment even futher to natural north/south economic tides. And without Canada, a small Quebec of seven million people or less will feel even smaller in a predominantly English-speaking North America of almost 300 million people.

Beauchemin wrote that "memory is the foundation of wisdom." In this the Jewish community agrees with him entirely; memory has been the sustaining vehicle of all our traditions. Thus we offer the words of Ecclesiastes as a feasible federalist formula:

"Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falls, and does not have another to lift him up."

Assad's double game

The U.S. State Department announced last week that Secretary of State Warren Christopher will be returning to the Middle East in the near future in an effort to reinvigorate and advance negotiations between Israel and Syria. Usually, according to the rules of high profile, high visibility diplomacy, that means sufficient behind-the-scenes progress has already been achieved to warrant the public announcement and the trip.

But over the years, Hafez al-Assad has shown that he pays scant regard to rules. He plays a double game of pronouncement and ploy. President Bill Clinton unfortunately found this out for himself when, at their meeting in October, Assad refused to publicly condemn the use of terror, in spite of a clear understanding he had earlier fostered with the president that he would.

Last month, while in Washington, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres accused Syria of sheltering at least 10 terrorist organizations opposed to peace with Israel. He was merely stating the already obvious. Syria's role in providing headquarters, training grounds, weapons, logistical support, finances and diplomatic assistance to extremists and radicals has been known to members of Congress for decades. Peres plaintively asked his Washington audience: "How can Syria advance toward peace while permitting terrorist operations?" This is an excellent question, one, indeed, that we share. It demands an answer not from the U.S. secretary of state, but rather from Assad himself. It demands that the Syrian ruler expel the terrorists.

Severely buffeted by the Beit Lid bombings, the people of Israel will measure the truth of his answer by his deeds alone.

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Observe victory and liberation

Rabbi Erwin Schild, in his guest column of Feb. 9, expresses uneasiness, saying the community commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Liberation and Holocaust Remembrance (April 30 to May 1) must not be turned exclusively "into an extended Yom Hashoah," thereby overlooking the victory in Europe.

Those planning this special anniversary, were guided from the very beginning by considerations similar to those of Rabbi Schild. This is why, as a central component of the overall program, an event has been scheduled at Queen's Park at 1:30 p.m., April 30, specifically to mark VE Day, the liberation of the continent and of the survivors, and the defeat of Nazism. The ocasion also will honor the sacrifice and heroism of the Canadian Armed Forces, including the many Jewish men and women who served, and of the partisans and the ghetto fighters, and will pay tribute to the courage of the survivors.

The Queen's Park ceremony, most particularly, is intended for the public-at-large, Jewish and non-Jewish. It will be attended by government leaders and other elected officials, diplomats, members of the Canadian military, and veterans. We urge that as many members of our community as possible participate at Queen's Park and at the various other programs of our two-day commemoration, which is meant not only for survivors, but for everyone.

Gerda Frieberg
Chair
Canadian Jewish Congress,
Ontario region

Was Alexander Hamilton really Levine?

Alexander Hamilton, the American statesman, lawyer, soldier, banker (he founded the Bank of New York), and according to my dictionary, "a darkly handsome man who has been given credit as a founder and molder of the United States," was born in 1757 in Nevis in the West Indies with the surname of Levine. Is there anyone who can explain the transition that caused him to change his name?

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Don't tag violence as senseless

David Newman, in his "Perspective" (*CJN*, Feb. 16) refers to the "senseless terrorism and violence" currently threatening Israel.

Without wishing to diminish the gravity of the problem, I would like to ask, What is senseless about it? I have noticed lately a general inability by social and political commentators to refrain from attaching the adjective "senseless" to the noun "violence."

The results are unfortunate, in two respects: First, there is an implication that the violence is somehow worse for being "senseless" or random or counter-productive. Would we prefer to suffer violence that was sensible, well thought out and effective? The second and more important implication is that the terror or violence does not make any sense. Certainly the terror campaign against Israel makes perfect sense in the eyes of those who are waging it, and even appears to have accomplished some of its major purpose, casting doubt on the wisdom of the peace process.

To regard this violence as senseless, then, is to ignore its obvious purpose. Whether the current wave of violence will ultimately succeed in its purpose is, thankfully, still open to doubt, but no one should regard it as senseless, any more than we should regard the "acts of senseless violence" that occasionally erupt in our own society as lacking purpose. Construing these acts as senseless provides an easy excuse for failing to understand and combat their underlying rationale.

C. Peter Newman
Toronto

Income ceiling in reparations

I read with great interest the letter by Mrs. Rose Gerendasi, Toronto "Don't put income ceiling on reparation." (*CJN*, Feb. 9)

I am one of the few survivors of the KZ Auschwitz-Birkenau, who escaped the Russian-occupied former Czechoslovakia Republic in 1968 and settled in Canada.

I fully agree with Mrs. Gerendasi. Surely we are supposed to be compensated for the hardship and suffering we went through in the concentration camps of Nazi Germany, regardless of our present income. No monetary compensation can compensate us for what we went through anyway.

Eugen Singer
Toronto

Border closings are justified

Some regard Israel's border closings to thousands of Palestinian workers after the latest suicide bombing at Beit Lid as "unfair collective punishment."

What is not mentioned is that a survey conducted by the Palestinian Centre For Public Opinion two days after the Beit Lid bombing claims 53 per cent of Palestinians asked said they would like to see more of this kind of "military action."

If that's the case, it would be suicide for Israel to allow Arab workers back into Israel, allowing extremists another opportunity to plan and carry out another attack.

Israel has every right to protect its people from these murderous attacks.

Those who claim economic changes in the territories will erode popular support for these extremists, may be right, but this is long term.

The present reality continues to be intolerable and calls for immediate remedies. For now Israel has chosen passive resistance to these acts of violence.

Adela Gertner
Toronto

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Perspectives

THE O.J. SIMPSON PHENOMENON

Murder trial becomes a ratings game

Just a few weeks ago, the national headquarters of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) in Toronto sent a fax to our office containing the menu for the Senior Shabbaton we were hosting in our shul.

Rabbi Reuven Bulka

The breakfast menu was very simple — OJ and breakfast! What wonderful innocence on the part of the NCSY leadership. They actually recall that O.J. once meant "orange juice."

But not any more. Now, O.J. means only one thing — money! Yes, that is correct — money.

TV stations that dare to be skimpy on coverage of the O.J. circus learn almost immediately that their ratings go down the same drain as surplus OJ (orange juice, that is).

Hardly a day passes when the latest about O.J. is not the lead item on most major news programs. It takes something earth-shattering, like the Kobe earthquake, to dislodge O.J. from the top.

And book publishers know that the best way to produce an instant best-seller is to publish a book about O.J. Three of the top sellers in the non-fiction (why there?) category are books about O.J. The best-seller is a book by O.J. about O.J.

Why has this "trial-of-the-century" generated so much interest? It is easy to blame the media, but all evidence points to the uncomfortable yet unavoidable conclusion that the media was the effect rather than the cause, at least insofar as O.J. mania is concerned.

The baseball and hockey strikes helped. There was no real live entertainment, so O.J. filled the void. And if you watch the coverage, it all plays like a sports match.

One major weekly news magazine awards weekly points to the prosecution and defense, depending on their performances. Another has an "instant replay" type of program, with audience participation both in studio and on the phone.

The ingenuity of the media in the O.J. sweepstakes is nothing short of amazing. Just when you think every angle has been covered, uncovered and recovered, new angles to further arouse interest are concocted.

We have had everything from exposes of Marcia Clark to internal bickering within the defense "team" (yes, folks, O.J. the running back is now playing defense), to analysis of who won the opening round, to debate about the time it takes ice cream to melt, to psychological scrutiny of the jury as an attempt to discern how they are leaning.

By chance, I caught a CNN conversation with some folks who attended "Opening Day" of baseball spring training. One older person was asked why he came to watch mere replacement players and he gave a truly all-American answer.

"What's the difference? It's still baseball. And besides, I would even come just to watch the grass grow. What else does a person like me have to do?"

There you have it — the real reason why O.J. has captured the American imagination. What else do so many have to do? And it beats watching the grass grow.

I cannot help but recall the famous Talmudic observation that "idleness leads to mental decay" (Ketubot, 56b). Indeed, idleness creates the desperation for something to fill in the time, and O.J. watching fills the gap.

Although this may not be as destructive as other offerings on the screen or tube, it is nevertheless painful testimony to the void and vacuum that exists in the lives of many.

And when you wonder why there is so much crime, violence, hatred and abuse, you need look no further than at that vacuum to know from whence it stems.

We yearn for the day when O.J. will mean orange juice.

(Rabbi Bulka is spiritual leader of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa.)

Media coverage is no big deal

What does the coverage of the O.J. Simpson trial say about the media and our lives? While I think I'm going to disappoint some people with my answer, I don't think it says much of anything. I've got no blanket condemnation of the way the media are covering this event. I mean, for goodness sake, Simpson is probably the most famous man ever charged with murder. Why wouldn't there be a ton of coverage, both relevant and accurate, or stupid and irresponsible?

Steve Paikin

I've watched a great deal of the Simpson trial, everything from "live" coverage of the courtroom, to *Nightline*, to the prime time current affairs show, to those sickening half-hour tabloid TV shows.

The vast majority of what I have seen has been informative, interesting and useful in helping me understand history's most famous murder case.

There have been excesses, as there always are when the world's collective attention is drawn to such a sensational story. I find I just can't condemn people for showing more interest in this story than the latest review of Canadian agricultural policy.

But there is one exception to my generous attitude to the way the media have covered the Simpson trial. It relates to humor.

I can't stand journalists making light of this case. I hate it when I see an anchor "debriefing" a reporter on the scene, and they share a little laugh at the end of the report.

Recently, I heard a discussion of this case on a noon-hour radio show. After the discussion, the host quipped with a chuckle in her voice that she'd be sure to have lots of popcorn and goodies ready, in preparation for the next day's testimony.

Perhaps not a grievous faux pas, but it disgusted me. Two people are dead. They practically had their heads cut off. And apparently, some respected journalists find that grist for the humor mill.

Sorry. Tell your O.J. jokes in private or leave 'em to *Saturday Night Live*. I'm sure the Brown and Goodman families will be delighted to know that you find their misery worthy of your best one-liners.

Here's how we've handled this on *Studio 2*. Recently, one of my colleagues suggested we open our program by introducing the hosts, then saying we're "an O.J.-free zone," in effect joking that, unlike every other television program, we're not going to talk about O.J.

No blanket condemnation of mass media

I objected. I acknowledged before everyone at the editorial meeting that maybe I was being too sensitive on this point, but I didn't want to be associated with anything that appeared to be making light of the brutal stabbing of two people.

It was the shortest argument I've ever had with anyone at TVO. The others yielded, and I'm happy to say we never used the line. Maybe a small victory, but I thought a victory for good taste nevertheless.

So there it is. No blanket condemnation of the mass media or the people immersing themselves in this story. One large irritation. But actually, plenty of responsible coverage to be pleased with, particularly on CNN and *Nightline*. I've learned a lot.

And I look forward to more of the same, as the most famous man ever charged with murder moves closer to a verdict.

Steve Paikin is co-host of Studio 2, *seen every weeknight at 8 p.m. on TVO.*

Comparative law: DNA use and Halachah

By RABBI MARK DRATCH

Included in the evidence the prosecution will enter against O. J. Simpson, the alleged murderer of his wife and her friend, are DNA samples of the victims and the accused which match the DNA of blood found at the murder scene, in Simpson's car and on clothing.

Closer to home, Guy Paul Morin, incarcerated for 10 years for the murder of his young neighbor Christine Jessop, was released when recent DNA tests on evidence showed he was not the guilty party.

The use of DNA in trials is a controversial issue in the civil courts. Is such evidence admissible according to Jewish law? Is DNA reliable?

Although the discovery of DNA and its use in courts is relatively recent, rabbinic authorities have already relied on such distinctive characteristics as fingerprints to verify the identities of individuals. (See Responsa *Yabia Omer*, VI, *Even Haezer*, no. 3.)

It is assumed that DNA is as unique as fingerprints. As such, DNA can be used as credible means of identification. Even were we to accept the argument that not enough samples have yet been studied to definitively determine that no two individuals share the same DNA structure (except identical twins), Jewish law is not concerned with what would certainly be a miuta de-miuta (a statistically insignificant possibility). (See Responsa *Chatam Sofer, Yoreh Deah*, no. 338; Responsa *Maharitz Chayot*, no. 52.)

Is DNA admissible? Generally speaking, the Torah requires the testimony of two valid eyewitnesses in order to convict an alleged perpetrator (Deuternonomy 17:6, 19:15). Nevertheless, in tort, monetary and personal status cases, circumstantial evidence may be admissible.

Consider, for example, the case of witnesses outside a room who observe two people enter and exit the room. On entering, both parties are uninjured. Upon exiting, one has bruises and wounds. The presence of the witnesses, although not wholly determinate, is a significant factor in holding the aggressor responsible. If, in addition to the presence of the witnesses, the injury was of such a nature and in such a location that it could not be self-inflicted (for example, a bite on the middle of his back), such circumstantial evidence is sufficient to convict. (Rambam, *Hil. Chovel uMazik* 5:4-5)

Authorities have also ruled that paternity can be established by blood tests and consider such findings more trustworthy than the traditional testimony of witnesses. (See Rabbi Abraham Price, *Mishnat Avraham* I, no. 291.)

However, in capital cases such as murder, circumstantial evidence is not admissible in Jewish law. Not only must two eyewitnesses be present, but they must properly forewarn the perpetrator before he commits his crime. Thus, while DNA evidence may raise sufficient doubt to lead to the acquittal of an accused, it is not sufficient to convict him. Even if scientific tests of evidence would indicate a person was present at the scene of a murder and all indications would point to the guilt of that individual, without two valid eyewitnesses to the actual commission of the crime, Torah law prohibits conviction.

Now, most murders are not committed in the presence of two valid witnesses. Does this mean that murderers go free? The Mishnah, Sanhedrin 81b, rules that if the court is otherwise convinced the accused committed murder, even though the Torah's requirements of testimony have not been fulfilled, he can be imprisoned. Beyond that, a court has the authority, if the welfare of society depends upon it, to administer punishment beyond that which the Torah prescribes and to accept testimony which the Torah otherwise disallows. (Rambam, *Hil. Sanhedrin* 24:4-9). Thus, the need to protect society from a murderer may be sufficient grounds to accept DNA and other circumstantial evidence that convinces the court of the accused's guilt.

Is O. J. guilty? The jury has yet to decide, and DNA will certainly be a significant issue in its deliberations. When the trial is finally over, perhaps we'll find the time once again to spend on work and with our families and friends.

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Opinions

Rabbis don't know all

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

On Jan. 19, I woke up to a front-page headline in the *Globe and Mail*. It proclaimed: "Experts divided on what the dollar is worth." Underneath it said:

The pessimist: If looney loses, Friedberg wins.

The optimist: Plaut calls Canada "a high-grade developed country."

The name Plaut is not particularly common in Canada, there being only a few of us and all of us members of the same family. I must admit I have said many things in my life — and not all of them necessarily supported by later developments — but this one has had me puzzled.

Looking across to the pessimist side, I noticed that not only had I pronounced on public matters of finance, but so, apparently, had Rabbi Friedberg, rabbi emeritus of Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto and my old friend and neighbor.

How come two rabbis were quoted on the front page on matters not specifically in their areas of expertise? It turned out the Friedberg referred to was not the rabbi, but another Torontonian, Albert, who did not even belong to Beth Tzedec Congregation, so I am told.

And the Plaut in question was Peter Plaut of New York, who appears on my wife's genealogical charts somewhere but cannot be claimed as a relative.

I write all of this in order to quash the rumors which have since developed, that the boards of trustees of the two neighboring congregations in Toronto, Beth Tzedec and Holy Blossom, have put their former rabbis forward in order to ignite a neighborly controversy and call attention to the wide-ranging knowledge of past and current spiritual leadership.

So calm down, there's no substance to a Friedberg vs. Plaut rabbinic controversy—not on the issue of currency anyway.

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Sifting through old effects

The *Globe and Mail* was not the only newspaper that came to hand this last week while I was sifting through old effects. Somehow I had saved the front page of the *Daily Hebrew Journal* of Feb. 21, 1962. In bold letters it proclaimed:

Amerikaner astronaut matsli'ach — kreisst arum dem kadur ha-aretz drei moh! un kimt besholom tzurik gesunt un frish.

The Yiddish headline dealt with John Glenn (now an Ohio senator). "American astronaut succeeds — circles the earth three times and comes back in peace, hale and healthy."

Anyone wishing this old copy may get it from my secretary — first come, first served; there's only this one copy.

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Recently I described our family's first visit to Israel, back in the spring of 1956.

Now a copy of an old *New York Herald-Tribune* comes to hand which published a special supplement in April of that year. The headline reads "Israel marks its eighth anniversary," and the sub-head, "New country is advancing to prosperity."

Israel was then as now governed by a coalition, with David Ben-Gurion, then 69 years of age, as prime minister.

In those days they had Independence Day parades and that year it was held in Haifa. A friend of mine had an office overlooking the major route, and I still remember how Ben-Gurion's car got stuck in front of some obstacle. But some young men were at hand and in a jiffy they had lifted the automobile and the prime minister was on his way. How was I to know that some years later, when he died, I would be privileged to be the Canadian present at his funeral in Sde Boker.

(The offer of this newspaper is the same as for the *Journal*.)

Jewish reality bites

"Who am I? I'm Jean Valjean," sang Prisoner 24601.

"I am woman," declaims Helen Reddy.

Jean M. Gerber

What is their issue, as today's generation says? Their issue is identity — "Who am I, where do I fit in?"

The current trend in Jewish life is to scrutinize Jewish identity and hope it will define a new generation of Jews. Optimists point with pride to Hillel groups, youth activities, camps and Israel experiences in increasing quantity and quality. Pessimists point with alarm to census trends in Canada, where we smugly hide our unease at disaffiliation (another term for decreasing community participation) behind assurances that Canadian Jews are "more traditional," "closer to the immigrant experience," and more stable than our cousins to the south.

I have used these arguments myself and frankly, even when I used them, I knew they were not the whole truth but a *bite* out of Jewish reality.

Recently my daughter took me to see *Realty Bites*, Hollywood's take on identity. I urge every parent, community worker, rabbi and Hebrew school teacher to run to the nearest video outlet for this movie.

Reality Bites is a unique window into the soul of young Jews. Why? Because the answer of the coming generation to the question, "Who am I?" is not very comforting.

"Who are you to tell me what I must be?" they ask us. "Why should one history or tradition be forced on me, when I have an infinity of identities and experiences to choose from. A bite here, a bite there, I will create myself anew. As a unique individual, I have that right."

In other words, young Jews are taking bites out of their experiences and attempting to create a reality. And increasingly, that reality will be unlike the reality of their parents and teachers.

Treacherous times

For parents to hear this at any time is distressing. Each family has identities, experiences and allegiances it believes are worthy of perpetuating through their children. For Jewish parents, indeed for the whole Jewish community, to hear this is to hear the sound of a community identity crumbling.

No labels, they insist. Reality is bad, but that is all there is. I must become who I am through the here and now. Who I will be is for me alone to determine.

These are treacherous times for Jews in North America. Our successes have turned into floods of praise for our accomplishments but we face the failure of traditional constraints on our need for family, history and persecution that has bound us together.

No trip to Israel, camp experience, 12-year day school experience and home observances assure the identity of the next generation of Jews. Yet at the same time, we want desperately to explain what it is that links us with the past and promises a communal future. I only call attention to the deep bite of reality. Before we propose solutions, we should at least recognize that reality.

Jean M. Gerber is a longtime community worker in Vancouver.

Righting past wrongs

By Arnold Ages

On New Year's day in 1923, a white mob attacked the 120 black residents of the tiny hamlet of Rosewood, near Cedar Key, Florida. After a fruitless search for a black man who had allegedly assaulted a white woman, the mob destroyed every home and building in the area over several days. Six blacks were killed during the mob action.

On Jan. 22, 1995, the state legislature of Florida acknowledged that it had failed to protect the black families of Rosewood and awarded $2 million in compensation to nine aged survivors, who were children when the rampage took place 72 years ago. When final adjudication claims are concluded the financial compensation may be higher.

The decision by the Florida legislature came after decades of strenuous lobbying by various black coalitions who fought for financial redress of wrongs done to the Rosewood community. Initially, petitioners were rebuffed by all state agencies who felt no responsibility, financial or otherwise, for acts committed during another period in American history.

What is the connection between this news item and the reality of Canadian society today?

In early January, Ottawa announced that, to its regret, it could not financially compensate Canadian members of the Chinese and Ukrainian communities for earlier wrongs done to them in this country. The government is willing to acknowledge the injustice of the poll tax which was obligatory for Chinese immigrants to Canada early in this century. It also recognizes the incivilities directed against Ukrainian immigrants to Canada, some of whom were interned as enemy aliens during World War I. The government is ready to offer apologies but nothing more.

This response is disappointing and contrary to the principles of elementary ethics. Democratic governments in parliamentary systems inherit benefits and obligations contracted by former administrations. They also inherit liabilities. Governments may protest, but they cannot summarily dismiss the deficits of their predecessors, by arguing that they are not responsible for past fiscal misdeeds.

Benefits, obligations inherited

Similarly, Ottawa should not dismiss the legitimate demands of Canadians who want more than a mea culpa nod for wrongs committed against them in the past. The degrading imposition of a poll tax on Chinese immigrants 80 years ago was a blatantly discriminatory act based on racial prejudice and designed to prevent the Chinese from coming to Canada. The internment of loyal Canadian Ukrainians in 1917 was fueled by a bias against eastern Europeans.

A contrast should be drawn between Ottawa's position and that of the German government. Fifty years after the end of World War II, Bonn continues, after having already paid out $57 billion, to furnish pension and compensation benefits for the victims of Nazi barbarism.

Of course, there can be no comparison between the Nazis' murder of Jews, Gypsies and other groups during the war, and Canada's treatment of Chinese and Ukrainian immigrants to this country. The latter suffered discrimination — not the brutalities and horrors of the death camps.

What can be compared, however, is the principle of accountability. Spokespersons for the German government told this writer several years ago, during a visit to officials in the foreign office, that while not all Germans were happy with the reparations arrangements, the German government considered it a matter of honor to reaffirm its responsibility to victims of Nazism. That responsibility would continue to be translated into financial reparations, even though the officials acknowledged that they could never make up for the horrors visited upon the victims.

In light of these examples, the Canadian government should re-examine its policies towards righting the wrongs of the past. The decision, a few years ago, to award compensation to Japanese Canadians for their internment on the West Coast during World War II, should be extended to Chinese, Ukrainian and other groups seeking redress for the indignities they suffered. It is our obligation as Canadians to recognize our responsibility for the sins of previous governments.

It is not a question of a Pandora's box; it is a question of justice.

Arnold Ages, a professor of French at the University of Waterloo is also the director of the University's journalism option.

Features

Centre promotes better understanding

Sheldon Kirshner recently visited a centre in Haifa which promotes and nurtures Jewish-Arab amity.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Due to its proximity to the largest concentration of Arabs in Israel, a special responsibility has been thrust upon Haifa University.

Upwards of 70 per cent of Israeli Arabs live in the Galilee, the gateway to which is Haifa. As a result, there are more Arab students — and faculty — at Haifa University than at all other universities in Israel combined.

Arabs — be they Muslim, Christian or Druse — comprise about 18 per cent of the student body, the same proportion as in Israel's overall population.

Recognizing this demographic imperative, and aware of the fact that relations between Israeli Jews and Israeli Arabs can stand improvement, Haifa University took it upon itself to establish the Jewish-Arab Centre in the early 1970s — the first of its kind anywhere in the world.

The centre fulfils several functions. It tries to promote better Arab-Jewish understanding and cooperation on campus and beyond. And through the Gustav Heinemann Institute of Middle Eastern Studies, it furthers academic research on a wide variety of topics, particularly related to the Israeli Arab community.

One of the centre's most important tasks is to prepare first-year Arab students for the rigors and demands of university, explained Amatzia Baram, a former deputy director of the Jewish-Arab Centre and a historian specializing in Iraq.

All too often, rote learning is the preferred method of instruction at Arab schools. When Arab high school graduates reach university, they are at a distinct disadvantage because universties expect something more than the mere repetition of facts. It is assumed that they will have an inquiring and flexible mind and be able to analyse a text, which is not always the case. Arab students, too, tend to be weaker in Hebrew and English language skills.

To help them overcome these problems, the centre offers a multi-disciplinary preacademic program designed to assist them to achieve academic parity. As well, the centre awards scholarships and grants to outstanding students.

According to Baram, the program works. "By the third year, they have almost caught up," he said. "And in post-graduate studies, they are absolutely great."

Although Jews and Arabs live fairly close together, they barely know each other, giving rise to a belief in mutual stereotypes and suspicion and even hostility.

The centre attempts to bridge this gap with a program of organized interaction, through the Willi Eichler Students' Club. The club organizes special lectures and discussions, Hebrew and Arabic language courses, book fairs, film festivals, theatrical presentations and social outings.

The centre also played a role in defusing tensions during the height of the intifadah, or Palestinian uprising in the territories, in the late 1980s.

"In a few instances, Arab and Jewish students came to blows, though they recognized the sanctity of the classroom and never turned it into a battleground," recalled Baram.

In response to the strain, an Arab-Jewish committee was formed. It set out rules and regulations governing political activity on campus. "This was surprisingly successful," said Baram. "Tensions subsided considerably."

Just as importantly, the centre has sponsored encounters between Arab and Jewish politicians, enabling them to air their differences, and subsidized workshops on employment opportunities for Arabs in the Jewish sector.

Amatzia Baram

The encounters serve a practical purpose, driving home the point that Arab municipalities do not receive their fair share of government funding, while the workshops give prospective Arab graduates a better insight into the job market.

"The whole idea is to usher in more equality, full equality," said Baram, referring to the discrimination that dogs Arabs in Israel. "Our challenge is to convince Jewish employers to hire Arab graduates. It hasn't been easy. Our success has been limited."

Faced with the choice of an Arab or a Jewish graduate, a Jewish employer will invariably select the latter, Baram acknowledged.

More often than not, he added, an Arab has a better chance to find employment in Haifa than, say, in Tel Aviv. "Arab-Jewish relations in Haifa — an ethnically mixed city — are basically good."

In Baram's view, Palestinian nationalism has had a marked impact on Israeli Arabs. "The vast majority now consider themselves Palestinians with Israeli citizenship. I can see why it's so difficult for them."

Nevertheless, Israeli Arabs see their future in Israel — not in a Palestinian state. "From my conversations with them, they are loyal to Israel, provided Israel is not killing Palestinians [in the territories]. I haven't heard from them an explicit call for Israel's destruction, though I have heard some melodies that could be interpreted as such. Their basic inclination is to integrate into Israeli society."

Despite their complaints about being second-class citizens, Israeli Arabs have achieved administrative, cultural and religious autonomy, he noted.

Looking ahead, Baram believes that the mistrust between Jews and Arabs will dissipate if the current Arab-Israeli peace process succeeds.

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Through the Gustav Heinemann Institute of Middle East Studies, the centre has published books and monographs that are held in high regard by scholars around the globe.

Not surprisingly, there is a pronounced emphasis on research regarding the history and status of Israeli Arabs. Sammy Smooha is compiling a database on the topic. Majid al-Haj is engaged in a project on Arab employment patterns and education. Kais Firro and Faiz Azzam are documenting Israel's Druse community.

Arab and Jewish students meet at the Jewish-Arab Centre.

Haifa University advances research

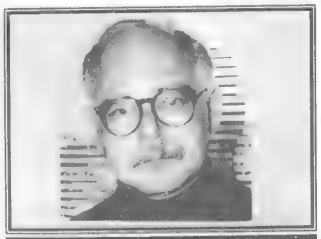
Since 1980, the institute has published *al-Karmil*, a journal devoted to Arab literature, in conjunction with the university's department of Arabic language and literature. And in cooperation with the Israel Oriental Society, the institute publishes *Asian and African Studies* three times a year.

The books released under the institute's imprimatur range far and wide in subject matter. Among the titles are *Arab-Jewish Relations in Israel: A Quest in Human Understanding; Syria Under Assad: Domestic Constraints and Regional Risks;* and *Ottoman Palestine, 1800-1914: Studies in Social and Economic History.*

Monographs have included *Jews and Arabs in Eretz Israel During the Crusades; The Arab Countries and the Palestine War, 1945-1948; Iran and Inter-Arab Relations; Inter-Arab Relations and the Arab-Israeli Dispute;* and *The Politicization of the Syrian Army.*

In line with its mandate, the institute also hosts conferences attended by guests from Israel and abroad.

Topics have dealt with Iraq, economic development in the territories, Jordan, conflict resolution in the Middle East and the impact of Russian immigration on the Israeli Arab community.



Jewish World

By Sheldon Kirshner

The Passing Parade

They died recently, leaving footprints in the sand...

Harold Zimman was a founder of the World Maccabiah Games and a director of the United States Olympic Committee. A football player at Tufts University, he was only the 28th American ever to receive the Olympic movement's highest accolade, the Olympic Order for meritorious service.

Ray Arcel was one of the greatest trainers in the pantheon of American boxing. An exacting and demanding man, he trained 22 champions, including three of the finest Jewish pugilists in history — Barney Ross, Benny Leonard and Phil Rosenberg. "The trainer," he liked to say, "is the boss ... the pillar of hope for every fighter."

Albert Blaustein, a Rutgers University law professor, was a renowned constitutional authority. He drafted the constitutions of Liberia and the Fiji islands, wrote part of the constitutions of Peru, Zimbabwe and Bangladesh, and served as a consultant in the drafting of the constitutions of Russia, Romania and Nicaragua.

Jerome Wiesner was President John F. Kennedy's scientific advisor, worked on the first U.S.-Soviet agreement to restrict nuclear proliferation and became the first Jewish president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Myron Malkin was the first director of the U.S. space shuttle program from 1973-1980. A physicist, Malkin left the National Aeronautics and Space Administration before the shuttle's first flight in 1981. But he was in the control room as a consultant during that historic event.

Ben Rich was a Lockheed Aircraft mechanical engineer who was instrumental in the development of two of the most advanced war planes in the U.S. Air Force — the SR-71 Blackbird and the F-117A. The Blackbird, which was unveiled in 1964, was a spy plane, while the F-117A, or Stealth, was a fighter-bomber virtually resistant to radar. It made its mark in the 1991 Gulf War.

Aharon Remez was the first commander of the Israeli Air Force. He was appointed to his position by David Ben-Gurion shortly after the outbreak of the 1948 War of Independence. He quit in 1951 in disagreement over the attempt to incorporate the air force into the overall armed forces. Later, he was a a member of the Knesset, minister of transportation and ambassador to Britain.

Pierre Dreyfus was president of one of Europe's biggest automobile makers, Renault of France, from 1955-1975. He transformed Renault into an industrial powerhouse. In 1981, he was minister of industry under President Francois Mitterrand.

Sol Shenk was a retailer who parlayed a single surplus goods shop in Ohio into the Consolidated Stores Corp. empire, with more than 700 stores.

Nathan Polowetzky was foreign editor and assistant general manager of the Associated Press from 1977-1990. As a foreign correspondent, he filed stories from all corners of the world.

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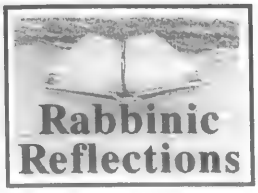


Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI DANIEL EPSTEIN

This coming Shabbat, we read in the Torah of the completion of the Mishkan, the Tabernacle, and in the Haftorah, of the completion of the Beit HaMigdash, the Temple in Jerusalem. Let us compare these events.

The building of the Mishkan was an enterprise of the entire People of Israel. All were involved in donating the material, as well as in the actual construction. When we look at the description of the building of the Beit HaMigdash, we see a vastly different story. It was not the people who were described as the builders, but rather King Solomon. In fact we often refer to the First Temple as Solomon's Temple.

Let me suggest that we utilize the building of the Mishkan, not the building of the Beit HaMigdash, as a model for the Jewish community and its institutions. All too often, many of us find ourselves alienated and removed from the centres of power of the Jewish community, whether it be our own synagogue, a local agency or federation. True, a wealthy family may have donated substantial sums for a building, a group of active members may have invested huge amounts of time and energy in running an agency, or a skilled or learned person may have led this institution wisely. They ought to be respected and honored. But this need not disenfranchise the many others who devote their own time, creativity and resources to helping the cause, or those who would care to become involved.

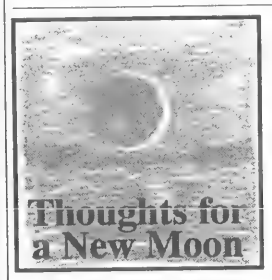
Some scholars insist that the portable shrine built in the wilderness was more representative of the religion of ancient Israel and spoke to its needs and roots. It was far more democratic than the Beit HaMigdash, which centralized the monarchy and Judaism, but which also distanced many from the worship service, which became very bureaucratic and aristocratic.

I wonder if there was any opposition to the building of the Beit HaMigdash, with some asking, "Whose sanctuary is this, anyway?" Did some yearn for the decentralization of Judaism as it was developing? Did some feel excluded and alienated from the huge complex King Solomon was building?

Some suggest that in the last decades of the Second Temple, Judaism became democratized with the founding of the rabbinate. Now the religious leadership of the people was not a matter of lineage, that is, only coming from the traditional priesthood. If one was a serious student of Torah and could interpret and teach, one could lead the people in matters of faith and practice. After the destruction of the Beit HaMigdash this new institution — the rabbinate — was able to guide us.

Many yearn for the rebuilding of the Beit HaMigdash. Let us also find ways to empower all in their involvement in Jewish life and in their pursuit of Torah.

Rabbi Epstein is the spiritual leader of Congregation Adat Re'im, Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec.



Thoughts for a New Moon

By RACHEL TURKIENICZ

Rosh Chodesh II Adar is approaching, and with it the holiday of Purim, a story that revolves around two Jewish heroes: Mordecai and Esther.

Although both heroes are equally responsible for the happy outcome, are they both equally measured by tradition? Only through a close reading do we see that Mordecai and Esther truly stand side by side.

The Talmud tells us we must drink on Purim to the point of not distinguishing between "cursed is Haman and blessed is Mordecai." Clearly the rabbis are extending one of the themes of the text. Mordecai and Haman are often substituted one for the other: Mordecai saves the king's life, yet Haman is promoted.

The more subtle question is that while there are two heroes, why must we blur the lines with reference to only one. Why do rabbis not say: cursed is Haman and blessed are Mordecai and Esther. Has Esther been excluded from her status as a hero? The answer lies in the treatment of Esther's counterpart in the narrative, Vashti.

Vashti, the previous queen, appears only briefly. The reader is told that Vashti organized a celebration for the women which paralleled that for the men. The king summons Vashti to appear at his party in her royal crown. Vashti declines. We are given no reason in the text why she refuses, but the consequence of her refusal is her death.

At first the reader is appalled at such harsh treament of what may have been modesty on the part of Vashti. In fact, the midrash explains, the king wanted her to appear wearing *only* her royal crown.

The rabbis continue, saying Vashti herself would have agreed, but she was struck with leprosy (some say she grew a tail) and therefore could not appear.

This incident is being deliberately reread as a negative statement on her character. The Talmud is turning Vashti into a villain, an evil woman who deserved her fate. Yet surely Vashti is insignificant. She never reappears, having vanished half way through the first chapter. The reader is left wondering why the rabbis have gone to such lengths. The answer lies with Mordecai and Esther.

While Mordecai is balanced by Haman, Esther has no parallel balance. The text often shows Mordecai and Haman as the reversal of one another. Yet we have ignored the parallels between Esther and Vashti: Esther is afraid of being killed for appearing before the king without summons while Vashti ignores his summons; Vashti gives a party for the women, and Esther gives a party for the king and Haman.

The text has shown Esther and Vashti to function as do Haman and Mordecai. The rabbis of the midrash complete this comparison by recreating Vashti in the image of Haman. His lineage is drawn back to evil ancestors, as is Vashti's.

We are told to drink until we cannot distinguish between "cursed is Haman and blessed is Mordecai." The Talmud has allowed us by implication "cursed is Vashti and blessed is Esther."

Rachel Turkienicz is a teacher at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

Ohr Somayach fetes newly observant

THORNHILL — They came from different backgrounds and experiences, but all followed the difficult path to religious observance. Their struggles and achievements were recognized at Links in the Chain, a recent Ohr Somayach celebration.

Five couples who not only became observant but also went on to work for the community, were honored at the event, held at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill.

Brian and Jeannine Callan, Jeremy and Judi Cohen, Arthur and Evelyn Jacobs, Drs. Bob and Esther Libman and Gerry and Line Rubinstein have all been active in Ohr Somayach, taking classes, attending services, soaking up the atmosphere.

In turn, they have become a part of the organization, leading classes and services, tutoring and, says an Ohr Somayach press release, "opening their homes and lives to Jews of all types."

Rabbi Avram Rothman, executive director of the Thornhill branch of Ohr Somayach, called the couples "the backbone of Ohr Somayach. They have and are making a difference."

Guest speaker Rabbi Moshe Weinberger of Congregation Aish Kodesh in New York told the audience of over 300 that the essence of Yiddishkeit is chesed, acts of kindness and caring.

Aside from Torah and mitzvot, Rabbi Weinberger said that what a person will remember most over the years will be the chesed shown to him or her by other Jews.

A d'var Torah was given by Rabbi Baruch Taub of Beth Avraham Yoseph. Bram Zinman chaired the evening, which was followed by a dessert reception.

Jewish Life

Beit Lid shows that dream of peace really a nightmare

By DR. MICHAEL WILSCHANSKI

The Beit Lid massacre has been a watershed event in Israel.

The reason is clear. This tragedy has finally revealed Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' dream of a new Middle East to be a nightmare.

Gone is the talk of open borders, cooperation and prosperity as outlined in his recent book. The catch phrases are now "electronic fences" and "separation."

GUEST VOICES

This is not the peace for which we hoped. It is not surprising that even according to the prime minister's office, only 30 per cent or less of the population supports the continued negotiations, that a recent opinion poll has Benjamin Netanyahu 22 per cent ahead and that even President Ezer Weizman has called for a halt to reassess if PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat is really the person with whom to do business.

I am one of those 150,000 citizens of Israel who live in the territories. I live in Elazar, a village of 70 families in Gush Etzion, a group of communities situated between Bethlehem and Hebron.

The history of this region is the history of the birth of the State of Israel. The original Yom Hazikaron (Memorial Day) occurred on the fourth of Iyar 5708, when the Gush Etzion massacre took place and the Gush communities fell. I have neighbors and friends who recite Kaddish on Yom Hazikaron for their fathers. Somehow David Ben-Gurion found the strength the next day to announce the establishment of our state. The importance of Yom Ha'atzmaut is the beginning of Jewish sovereignty over our land on the road to redemption.

Gush Etzion

Following the War of Independence we lived in a very small area under constant threat. On Yom Ha'atzmaut 1967, while the rest of his yeshivah was rejoicing, Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook, the head of Yeshivat Merkaz Harav, was in tears. When asked to explain, he said: "How can I be happy when we have not yet returned to the Old City of Jerusalem, Hebron and Shchem?" The Six Day War occurred two weeks later.

It is impossible for me to relate the feelings of those neighbors who, although they say Kaddish on Yom Hazikaron, rejoice in the fact that they have returned to rebuild their fathers' dream. This is the beauty of living in Gush Etzion.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was elected in 1992 on a security ticket. Who can forget his pre-election speeches concerning the Golan? "Whoever withdraw from the Golan endangers the security of The State of Israel." In the Labor party manifesto there is a promise that the terrorist PLO is not a negotiating partner. Little did we know what would ensue. The "handshake" with Arafat was the end of political Zionism.

Twenty-seven of the 33 clauses of the PLO covenant deal with the destruction of the State of Israel. Indeed, Jews are labelled in this document with every imaginable obscenity from colonialists to Nazis. The very fact that the covenant was not entirely overhauled before the handshake, or indeed in the following 18 months, means that the prime minister has recognized the "inalienable rights of the Palestinian people" and hence negated Zionism. It is not surprising that the religious anti-Zionist Neturei Karta embrace the person whom Rabin has shaken hands with — the Neturei Karta and the Government of Israel are on the same side!

There are those who perpetrate the myth that there really is a difference between the "moderate" PLO and the "extremist" Hamas and Islamic Jihad, and we should fight the extremists and support the moderates. This is just another attempt to hoodwink the public. Is Arafat not a "fundamentalist" when he incessantly mentions jihad, when he fails to condemn the murder of innocents and orders the systematic assassination of Arabs who have helped us in the past?

Had Arafat played his cards well and at least stopped terrorism by his own followers, the Israeli people may have believed that something has indeed changed. This is what we were waiting for. Indeed Peres proclaimed last year that we will have "100 years of peace." Instead, we have had well over 100 funerals, at least 16 of them caused by Fatah (using data from the non-partisan Peace Watch).

Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin tried to circumvent this uncomfortable fact during a recent visit to Toronto. It is not difficult to see why he "overlooked" this point. The government is so obsessed with this Declaration of Principles that it has turned it into a pseudo-religion, a cult, to be followed blindly under all circumstances. Thus it is not surprising that small facts like the murder of Chaim Mizrachi by a PLO policeman-in-training are conveniently forgotten.

It is possible for Israel to achieve a durable peace with our neighbors. This must be based on security, justice and truth. The problem is not territorial but existential. Do the Arabs really accept the existence of a viable Jewish state and not just sign agreements to force Israel into a position where her destruction is but 11 km away?

Defensible borders

For the Arab who resides west of the Jordan River and who wants nationalism at any cost, there is always the option to move to the east side of the Jordan, which is 76 per cent of Mandatory Palestine. If democracy were allowed to function there, a Palestinian Arab would surely be leader.

However, I believe Jews and Arabs can live together in the Land of Israel. I am not in favor of "ethnic cleansing" or "transfer" of anyone. The Arabs west of the Jordan should have some sort of control over their own lives and day-to-day activities, subject to negotiations, but security and the land itself are ours, and ours only.

Like every other Israeli, I long for peace and would not like any sons to serve in the army. However, I have one greater wish and that is to live in our homeland with defensible borders. If the price for this is army and reserve duty — so be it.

There are people who claim that to save the whole body, sometimes a limb has to be sacrificed, and thus justify the relinquishing of Judea and Samaria. This is the heartland of our country and, as a doctor, I state that if the limb to be amputated is the heart, there is no body left to save.

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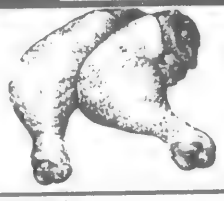

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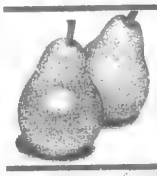

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From coast to coast

Diversity called cornerstone for Canadian unity

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Canada's unity was built on diversity, which raises practical issues and practical opportunities, said the federal minister of multiculturalism last week.

Sheila Finestone was the keynote speaker at a forum here titled Unity in Diversity: a New Multicultural Policy for Canada?

"In the decades ahead, global migration will continue to make Canada and Canadians an even more diversified society," Finestone told the audience of 300. "Pluralism is a fact of life in Canada and in most places in the world — this will require us to adapt and to adjust."

The minister identified 10 practical reasons for supporting multiculturalism, including international political interests and economic self-interest. But "not everyone agrees that diversity is so great," she said.

Moderator Fil Fraser, a former chief commissioner at the Alberta Human Rights Commission and the new president of Vision TV, said Canada must deal with new realities.

The four panelists reflected diverse opinions on multiculturalism. Bronwyn Drainie, author and *Globe and Mail* columnist, said her views on multiculturalism are constantly changing. She believes the primary goal of a Canadian policy should be choice — the choice between aggressive individualism which disregards where you came from or your cultural background, and those who wish to stay in their own community and retain their language and culture.

Drainie said federal multiculturalism got its "bad name" by funding folk dancing, crafts groups and multicultural councils.

Writer and broadcaster Eve Drobot, noting both her Jewish background and Catholic family ties, condemned multiculturalism as "tribalism" which "includes anyone like yourself and excludes anyone else." There is no way to be opposed to the policy of multiculturalism, she said, without finding yourself with some very strange bedfellows who you would not want to invite to your home.

Drobot believes the 1971 government proclamation on multiculturalism emphasizes our differences. "That to me is racism. We've fragmented and torn into tiny bits whatever there was of Canadianism."

Banker Hugh Graham, originally from Barbados, stressed equality of status of culture and of opportunity. "There is a need for government and the people to look at the hard issues of economic and social equality and not the soft issues of cultural and linguistic diversity."

He suggested the Ministry of Multiculturalism be combined with the Ministry of Citizenship and the Human Rights Commission.

Wegdan Azzam, president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Council of Muslim Women, spoke of a pluralistic society where "groups have the right to develop their own identity, their own lifestyle, as well as preserve their own cultural heritage," adding that "ethnic diversity is not incompatible with national unity."

Racism, she says, is alive and well in Toronto and Canada and with Canadian representatives in government as well as non-governmental institutions. She said Muslims are constantly "targeted in a limited manner" by Canadian and international media.

In a lively and sometimes heated discussion, audience members told of past racist experiences and the inequality they felt existed, particularly in Canadian employment practices.

Tension rose when a man in the audience, who introduced himself as an Anglo-Saxon, accused a small number of Third World immigrants of being responsible for half the violent crimes in Scarborough, where he lives. "We are not going to tolerate that kind of cancer in our midst," he said, calling multiculturalism a "degradation of schools, society and our country.

"We will destroy you first," he shouted. "Multiculturalism is Third World garbage."

The public affairs forum was co-presented by the St. Lawrence Centre Forum and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, with the cooperation of the University of Toronto.

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From coast to coast

Outreach program aimed at ending prejudice

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — A kit that will take Jewish traditions into classrooms throughout Atlantic Canada was unveiled Feb. 20.

The launch of the Jewish educational outreach program will "enable us, through understanding, to work towards elimination of prejudice and ignorance," Marcia Koven told more than 80 New Brunswick educators and government officials.

In a Heritage Day ceremony at Shaarei Zedek Synagogue in Saint John, N.B., Koven, director of the Jewish Historical Society of Saint John, unveiled the manual and materials to be used.

The materials, in both English and French, include workbooks, video and audio tapes, recipes, activities and a variety of items to show elementary and junior high school children what Judaism is all about. There are kits for the major holidays and Shabbat, and a special kit on Jewish life cycles, describing Jewish life from birth to grave.

The Shabbat kit contains a tablecloth, two real challahs (varnished for preservation), a Kiddush cup, music tapes, videos, games and activities and recipes. "A teacher can actually bake challah in her classroom," said Koven.

The Chanukah kit contains dreidels, a menorah, candles and cookie cutters, as well as working materials and audio/video cassettes. There are also kits for Passover, Shavuot, and the High Holy Days.

The program was funded through the Saint John Foundation, Samuel and Saidye Bronfman Foundation, Department of the Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship, Canada/New Brunswick Cooperation Agreement on Cultural Development, Tammy Fallon Memorial Fund, friends and family of Mrs. Rose Freedman, and friends and family of Jen and Lou Michaelson. Koven said the support from New Brunswick's Department of Education was outstanding.

Kits will be lent to schools on a two-week basis, said Koven, sent out and returned at the Museum's expense "until the money runs out." But she hopes the response to the program will generate more funding and creation of additional kits.

Ann Baker, education coordinator for New Brunswick museums, said no one would be intimidated by the material. "It is well done, the writing clear and concise. When we had the Coat of Many Colors display at the Saint John Museum, not being Jewish, I had to do a lot of homework to understand what it was all about. If I had something like these kits, it would have been much easier for me."

Kit is easy to read

"The kit is hands-on and has wonderful artifacts, which are so useful compared to pointing at pictures in a book," said Cathy LeBouthillier, school supervisor for the French district schools of Saint John. "It is colorful, easy to read and geared to people who know little about the Jewish culture."

Koven said the historical society's museum is visited by hundreds of Saint John youngsters every year, "but what about the rest of the province? They may never meet a Jewish person and have preconceived ideas about Jews. With this program, we can show how beautiful our religion is and how all religions can identify with each other."

She said the kit and manual were produced with the help of Carl and Ruth Wolpin, both Saint John-area public school teachers. A professional translator converted the kit to French.

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From coast to coast

Peace process dead: Israeli journalist

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians have been dead for over a year, though neither side is willing to admit it, according to David Dolan.

A freelance reporter who has been living in East Jerusalem for the past 15 years, Dolan said the current wave of terrorism is the worst he has seen in Israel.

Dolan, a Christian, said he fervently believes the future of the country is grim and "in G-d's hands. We saw miracles during the Gulf War when missiles rained on Israel and just barely missed crucial targets. If we believe in G-d, maybe He can save the Jews again."

The Labor government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is dead, Dolan told a Hadassah meeting at the Jewish Community Centre. While Rabin is sincere in his peace efforts, he had no concept of the depth of feeling that exists for Judea and Samaria until he was convinced by the two Chief Rabbis and former president Chaim Herzog.

Any further moves to give Judea and Samaria to the Palestinians could result in civil strife. Already, he noted, there have been fights between Peace Now followers and the Orthodox after acts of terrorism by the Hamas. He said the status quo would be the best possible scenario for Israel.

Dolan said Rabin's recent suggestion of separating the Israelis and Arabs is impractical because 800,000 Arabs who live in Israel say they are Palestinians, while another 200,000 are beyond the Green Line and in East Jerusalem.

Hamas terrorism will increase in intensity, Dolan predicted. Even Palestinian women are being trained for suicide bombings.

Other Arab countries are backing away from deals with Israel. Talks with Syria are on hold because of pressure from Iran. Iran is also influencing Egypt through terrorism and Egypt is trying to improve its position with Iran by coordinating efforts to have Israel sign a nuclear non-proliferation treaty — an act Israel has consistently resisted.

The Gulf states are withdrawing support for the concept of a Middle East bank. Iraq, controlled by "a certified madman," continues to develop dangerous weapons, despite a worldwide embargo against the country.

In a possible war between Syria and Israel, the Hezbollah would step up attacks in Lebanon.

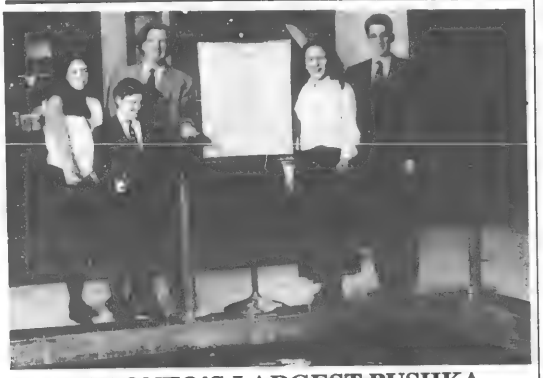
Dolan said the whole problem centres on the fact that a Jewish state in the Middle East "is a contradiction to the Muslim fundamentalist faith." He is researching a book on Hamas and said the Koran calls for the Muslim religion to be "supreme." There is no room for compromise.

Ninety-six per cent of the Muslims Arafat claims to lead are supporters of the Hamas. Mohammed calls for followers to make peace with the "infidels" and then wipe them out.

There is no reference in the Koran to Jerusalem, Dolan said, but Hamas wants the city, in order to establish their supremacy and to control the easiest road to the Islamic holy city of Mecca.

Arafat is too weak to crack down on Hamas. If he tries, he will be killed and a powerful fundamentalist group will take over, Dolan said.

He said Islamic fundamentalists have links with neo-Nazis in the United States. A native of northern Idaho, a headquarters for neo-Nazis, Dolan said he left for Israel after watching young people in Nazi uniforms parading and giving the Hitler salute.



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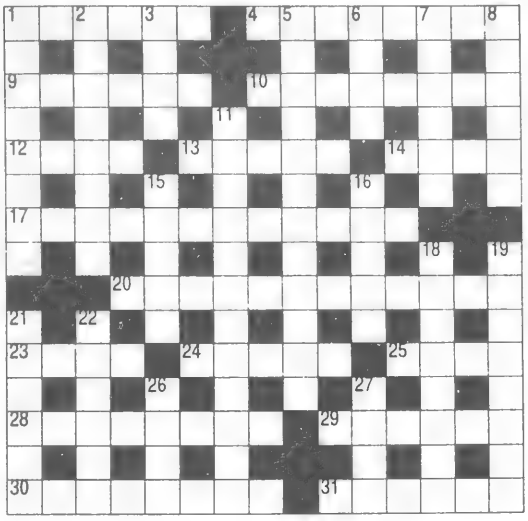

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From coast to coast

UJA project aimed at identifying Jews from South Africa

TORONTO — United Jewish Appeal (UJA) has undertaken an ambitious project to identify Jews from South Africa living in Toronto.

According to a recent McGill University study carried out in conjunction with, among others, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, South Africans represent 13.5 per cent of all Jewish immigrants who have arrived in Toronto since 1971.

About 3,600 Jews emigrated from South Africa to Toronto in the last 20 years, but UJA had only a few hundred listed in its records.

Campaign associate Ronit Climan formed a committee of volunteers formerly from South Africa who will help find the others. The enlistment campaign is paying off. Already, hundreds of additional names have been added to UJA's rolls.

"By the time we are done, we should have a couple of thousand," said Antony Karabus who, with Alan Berkeley, is co-chairing the identification drive.

"It's a slow building process," Karabus said, but one that is "well worthwhile" because the Jewish community in South Africa boasts what he calls "a phenomenal history of giving."

"Recently in Capetown, 20,000 Jews raised seven million rand (approximately $2.8 million)," he said.

In Toronto, Karabus said the UJA's goal is not to "ghettoize South Africans," but to integrate them, because "they have been under-represented in the UJA campaign." The objective of the identification project is to get newly discovered South African expatriates involved, not to solicit funds from them.

Joining Karabus and Berkeley on the committee are Lorraine and Alan Sandler, David Berman, Lawrie Apple and Brian Simon.

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The UJA Women's Campaign, which raised $4 million for 1995, is looking north for new recruits.

Based on the McGill University analysis, some 44,000 Jews, or nearly 27 per cent of the Jewish population in the Greater Toronto Area, live in York Region, north of Steeles.

UJA Women's Campaign chair Marlene Axmith sees York as an excellent location for outreach.

"We have a lot of inroads to make in that area," she said.

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN PLAY BALL

Twenty Jewish children who were victims of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster receive baseball tips from California Angels' outfield coach Sam Suplizio (kneeling centre) and Oakland A's hitting coach Jim Lefebvre (left) who were in Israel for a baseball clinic. The boys are among 1,089 children brought to Israel for treatment by Chabad's Children of Chernobyl program.

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Notice To The Community

The Ontario Region of the Canadian Jewish Congress is entitled to elect 490 delegates-at-large to the forthcoming National Plenary Assembly, as follows: Toronto 370, Hamilton 30, Windsor 30, London 30, and outlying communities 30.

Any member of the Jewish community in Ontario may nominate up to three delegates, including himself/herself. Delegates to the Plenary Assembly automatically become members of both the National and Regional councils, and are entitled to vote for National CJC's elected positions as well as the Regional officers and executive.

Every Jew 18 years of age or over, residing in the Ontario Region who supports the Aims and Objectives of Canadian Jewish Congress, is deemed to be a member of the Ontario Region.

Delegates to the Plenary must qualify for election in accordance with the Ontario Region Rules and Regulations, which stipulate that, "no person shall be eligible for election or appointment to office and throughout his or her term of office, unless such person be a contributor in good standing with his or her local United Jewish Appeal or United Israel Appeal campaign, where applicable. The determination of eligibility shall be in accordance with Article 43 of By-law 66."

All nominations, which *must be in writing, include the nominee's address, telephone and fax (if available), and contain the signed acceptance of the nomination by the nominee*, are to be forwarded to the Regional Nominations Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, ATTENTION: Manuel Prutschi, Executive Director, and are to be received *no later than March 15, 1995.*

Please note that, if the total number of delegates nominated by members together with the slate of delegates proposed by the Nominations Committee exceed 490, then an election for delegates by the members of the Ontario Region shall be held prior to April 13, 1995.

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Camp Robin Hood to celebrate 50th birthday

Where are they now? Counsellors serve lunch to campers at a cookout at Camp Robin Hood in this picture from the late-1970s.

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Camp Robin Hood, the oldest private day camp in Canada, will be celebrating its 50th birthday this summer.

To mark this milestone the camp is holding a reunion day for former staff on August 13.

Over 1,000 people have been contacted and the reunion steering committee is still trying to find another 900 former staff members, owner-director Larry Bell told *The CJN*.

Those attending will be able to spend an entire day at camp, beginning with — what else for a dose of nostalgia? — a bus ride up to camp, Bell said.

Camp Robin Hood, located on a 50-acre farm north east of Markham since 1964, had modest beginnings. The original camp-site was at Sherwood Park (hence the name Robin Hood) in the Mount Pleasant Avenue area. The 20 campers that first year went swimming at a local secondary school.

Enrolment has increased considerably since then. The camp can now accommodate 1,000 campers at a time, 850 in the regular camp program and 150 at the MPV Baseball Academy; and 280 staff members are on site at all times.

Robin Hood has four swimming pools, a small petting zoo and a man-made pond stocked with trout for fishing. It is among the few day camps with canoeing, Bell said.

Other activities offered include field sports, archery, cooperative games, a low ropes course, nature lore, music and drama, arts and crafts, computers, and gymnastics.

Two compulsory swim instruction periods a day reflect a strong emphasis on swimming. Parents view swimming as a survival skill, Bell said.

The baseball academy, inaugurated seven years ago as a result of the popularity of the Blue Jays, is a specialized skills-development program which operates independently of the day camp.

Although Camp Robin Hood attracts predominantly Jewish campers it is a non-denominational camp. Bell said he has tried to preserve the non-denominational character of the camp because he believes the exposure to people of different backgrounds makes camp more interesting.

Bell was first hired to run the waterfront program in 1961 when he was a physical education student and serious competitive swimmer. In 1964 he was offered a partnership in the camp and has been the sole owner since 1971.

Now in his 35th year with Camp Robin Hood, Bell has seen the enrolment increase from 250 campers in 1961 to 1,000 in 1988. Despite this growth and the wide scope of activities, the goal of camp has remained constant he said. "Our business is providing a worthwhile experience for children."

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Israel Challenge program

NEW JERSEY — When Jewish communities everywhere are struggling to hold the allegiance of their youth, the YM-YWHA of Bergen County, N.J., has devised a summer program called the Israel Challenge.

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There are two separate programs to choose from: the Israeli Sports Challenge, called the most innovative sports program in Israel in the last 10 years, and the Wilderness Challenge, which features a week-long sojourn in Sinai.

Each group of teenagers (15 to 17) will spend five weeks (June 25 to July 31) in Israel.

Boys and girls will be accompanied by highly rated Jewish coaches in basketball, tennis, swimming, volleyball, and soccer.

For more information, contact Herb Levine, Israel Challenge director at the YM-YWHA of Bergen County, 605 Pascack Road, Washington Township, NJ 07675.

The program is sponsored in part by the CRB Foundation, and endorsed by the JCC Association, and by Maccabi USA-Sports for Israel.

From coast to coast

Professor to study UN's human rights record

[Cont'd. from page 1]

practices affecting the human rights of the population in the territitories has produced 75 reports. "Israel is the only country whose specific human rights situation is under investigation by a UN committee not comprised of independent representatives. Of the three states on the committee, only one has diplomatic relations with Israel."

• The committee on the exercise of the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, established in 1975 on the same day as the infamous Zionism is Racism resolution, has issued 18 vitriolic reports concerning Israel.

• A special human rights investigator assigned to study Israel is the only one whose mandate is open-ended — the 15 others are reconstituted on a yearly basis.

"There is no doubt that in terms of focus on individual states, Israel is a major preoccupation of the human rights machinery."

This disproportionate emphasis, she said, can't be isolated from UN handling of anti-Semitism.

A resolution on racism, zenophobia and religious intolerance included anti-Semitism for the first time last year — and that was with considerable opposition.

As well, two efforts to include it in the declaration issued by the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna were rebuffed, with the conference chair noting privately, Bayefsky said, that anti-Semitism is a "very controversial subject."

"Fifty years after the Holocaust, in a worldwide human rights meeting whose purpose was to reaffirm the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, anti-Semitism couldn't be mentioned."

These phenonema, she pointed out, have been almost totally unaffected by the peace process, as viciously anti-Israel resolutions continue to pour out of United Nations bodies.

Bayefsky's concerns in the study are not solely about Israel.

For two-thirds of the states that ratify UN human rights treaties, "ratification has become an end in itself — a means to receive easy accolades for empty gestures," she said.

Over 50 per cent fail to produce required reports on their treaty compliance, and reports that are produced "often consist of unmitigated lies."

Libya, for instance, she said, reported that it was a free and democratic society dedicated to a concern for human rights.

Committees that receive and examine the reports, have no powers of investigation or visitation.

As well, a large number of states that ratify human rights treaties qualify their ratification. Islamic states, for instance, when they do ratify these treaties (some, like Saudi Arabia, ignore them altogether, she said), usually insist that any obligations called for must be compatible with Islamic law.

"Such reservations negate the central purpose of overriding universal human rights standards," she believes.

Many ratifying states either fail to accept mechanisms that allow individuals to complain of treaty violations, or, when they do permit complaint, find a way to prevent individuals from coming forward.

Bayefsky's credentials for this study are impressive.

Educated at the University of Toronto and Oxford University, and a member of the Ontario bar, she has been a professor of international and constitutional law and human rights at the University of Ottawa since 1981.

She is the 1992 winner of the prestigious Bora Laskin National Fellowship in Human Rights Research, and of the Columbia University Centre for the Study of Human Rights Fellowship in 1984.

She has written extensively on human rights and constitutional law issues, and has been on the editorial board of a number of important Canadian legal journals.

She has served with various Canadian delegations to the UN, and is on the board of many international human rights organizations.

In making the award, the MacArthur Foundation said it had confidence "that your project can make a positive difference in facing the numerous challenges to peace, security and human dignity in the contemporary world."

Maritimers welcome Hebrew U rep

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — The executive director of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University had not been in Halifax for more than eight years.

But Yoel Nesson, midway through his three-year term in that post, found an enthusiastic group of former Hebrew University students and interested citizens in the Nova Scotia capital ready to hear about the school.

"My purpose was to re-establish ties and let people know Hebrew University is alive and well," said Nesson in an interview.

In addition, Michael Litvack, academic affairs coordinator in Canada for the university, visited Dalhousie, Acadia and Mount Allison universities during the four-day whirlwind tour through the Maritimes, talking to current students about spending a year at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students and to faculty about the curriculum at Hebrew University and the credits Canadian students can earn there.

"Our reputation is such that the invitation to come to Mount Allison came from Carla Neubould, wife of the president [Dr. Ian Neubould]. Both visited there last summer, as part of a Canadian Jewish Congress tour with other Canadian university presidents," said Nesson.

He said Hebrew University is very involved in the Mideast peace process.

One of the mandates of Hebrew University, said Nesson, is to promote Jewish culture. "Israel is concerned with its own continuity. Some Israelis think speaking Hebrew and celebrating the holidays is all the continuity they need. But there is more, much more, and Israelis struggle to deal with it.

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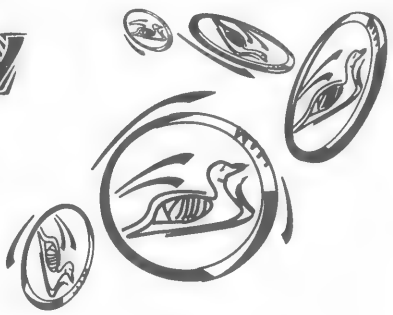

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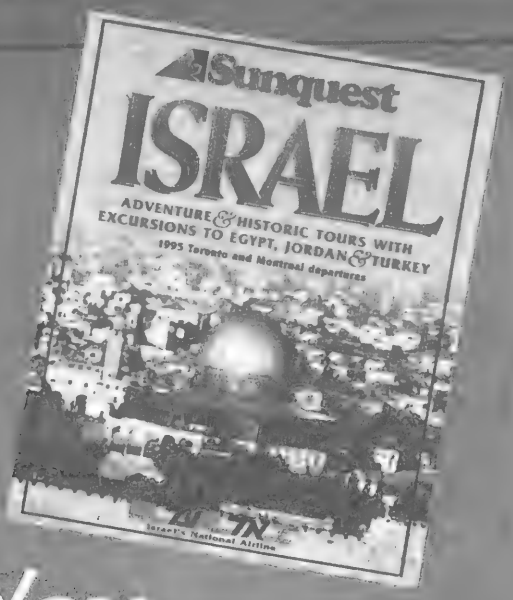

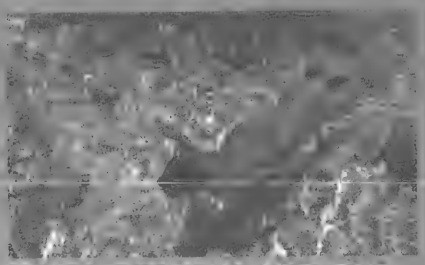

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. March 2 is deadline for March 16 issue and March 9 is deadline for March 23 issue. I receive calls and sort mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, March 2

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Department of Continuing Education, Holy Blossom Temple will screen *Broadway Danny Rose* as part of the second annual Jewish Film Festival, 8 p.m., Philip Smith Atrium, Holy Blossom. Brief commentary by **Richard Rotman** before the film.

BETH DIN

A Beth Din of the Vaad HaRabbanim, Rabbinical Council of Ontario, meets Thursdays, 12 noon-1 p.m., Clanton Park Synagogue, 11 Lowesmoor Ave., to advise people regarding a din Torah. For information call **Rabbi Moshe Stern**, president, Vad HaRabbanim, 787-1631.

THE GANTZA MEGILLAH

Get the inside scoop on the meaning and wisdom of the Purim story with **Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz**, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, The Promenade, 3rd Floor offices. Call 636-7530 for information.

Saturday, March 4

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Adath Israel Brotherhood presents a Las Vegas Night, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., featuring silent auction, casino and entertainment by **Robbie Lane and the Disciples**. Tickets $10.

WOMEN'S DAY

Beach Hebrew Institute celebrates International Women's Day with a special women's service, 9:30 a.m. 109 Kenilworth Ave. (Queen St. E. & Woodbine area). Kiddush follows.

BEAT'ACHON

Beat'achon will sing its own brand of Jewish a cappella music at a concert sponsored by Camp Moshava, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 9 p.m. Adult tickets $18 in advance, $25 at the door. Youth under 18, $10 in advance, $15 at the door. Call 630-7578 for tickets.

AT SHAAREI SHOMAYIM

Rabbi Jay Kelman will discuss Business Ethics and Halachah, Shabbat morning 11:30 a.m. **Rabbi Mark Dratch** will talk about O.J. and Halachah, 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, March 5

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish Storytelling Arts has its next monthly gathering of Jewish Storytelling for Adults, 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave., (north of Glencairn at Bathurst). Open to all who wish to tell or listen to Jewish stories. Call 440-1330 for information.

SHAAR SHALOM SISTERHOOD

Brunch and learn with **Rabbi Martin Berman**, 10 a.m.-noon, Shaar Sholom Synagogue, 2 Simonston Blvd. Cost $6. For information call 905-881-8631.

MY ACHING BACK

Dr. Brian Kleinberg, chiropractor, will talk on the topic, Oh My Aching Back, at the next meeting of Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood. Services 9 a.m., breakfast 9:30 a.m., speaker 10 a.m.

CHILDREN WITH AGING PARENTS

Temple Sinai adult education program features **Pearl Langer**, family therapist, who will speak on counselling adult children with aging parents. Breakfast $2 follows 9:30 a.m. services. No charge for lecture.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim invites the community to hear **Corey Keeble** who will talk on Treasures of Central and Eastern Europe, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glenpark Ave., Bathurst and Glencairn; $6 per person.

PURIM CARNIVAL

The Secular Jewish Association will be holding a Purim Carnival, 10 a.m.-noon, 131 Fenn Ave. (St. Andrew's School). For information call 463-8909.

BBW INSTALLATION

BBW Toronto is holding its 43rd annual Installation of the 1995-96 Officers, 11 a.m., Primrose Club, 273 St. Clair Ave. W. Call 630-9313 for information.

Monday, March 6

HOW TO HAVE A GOOD FIGHT

Building better relationships through effective communication with **Dr. Alex** and **Mrs. Sandy Pister**, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Promenade, 3rd Floor offices. Call 636-7530 for information.

BIKUR CHOLIM LUNCHEON

The annual Bikur Cholim luncheon for women only, honoring **Dr. C. Geft** and **Mrs. G. Edery** will be held 12 noon, Torath Emeth Jewish Centre, 1 Viewmount Ave. Couvert $25. babysitting available.

JUDAISM AND INTERMARRIAGE

Prof. Elliot Malamet continues the series of classes for men and women with Judaism and Intermarriage, 8 p.m., JEP/Ohr Somayach, Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Learning, 2939 Bathurst St. $7 per seminar.

KIBBUTZ HIGH SCHOOL IN ISRAEL

Israel Youth Program Centre and the Jewish Board of Zionist Education is holding an open house with **Amichai Yarchi**, principal of Beit Hashita, Kibbutz High School who will give a presentation on a one year study program for Canadian students in grades 10, 11 or 12, 8 p.m. Room 206, Bathurst Jewish Centre. Call 398-6931.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Rabbi Avraham Plotkin will discuss Our Freedom of Choice, Can We Force It?, 10-11 a.m. **Chana Weisberg** will talk about How to Make the Public Sanctuary Part of Our Private Lives, 8-9:30 p.m. All classes at Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Register, 905-889-6066.

PART-TIME FATHERS GROUP

Jewish Family & Child Service begins a workshop to develop ideas and strategies to meet children's needs in the early stages of separation. To register call **Elinor Gertner**, 905-882-2331, ext. 32.

Tuesday, March 7

IN SEARCH OF JOY

The generation to generation subcommittee presents the premier screening of *In Search of Joy*, written and produced by **Isabel Fryszberg** and **Tracy Thomson**, 7:30 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. Fryszberg, a child of Holocaust survivors will facilitate a discussion following the screening. Admission $2. Call **Pnina Zilberman** 635-2883, ext. 144.

PASSOVER HAGGADAH

Rabbi Moshe Stern, Sharei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. continues the indepth analysis of the Passover Haggadah, 8 p.m. Haggadot provided; open to men and women. No charge. Call 787-1631 for information.

ETHIOPIAN JEWS IN ISRAEL

New Israel Fund of Canada and Congregation Darchei Noam are co-sponsoring a talk by **Avraham Neguise**, who will speak about Ethiopian Jews in Israel: The Next Chapter, 8 p.m., 15 Hove St., B'nai Brith Building. Call 515-0507 for information.

THE MEGILLAH

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks, Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue, 2640 Bayview will talk on The Megillah — The Story Behind the Story, 8 p.m. Call synagogue office 229-2600 for information.

VASHTI ON TRIAL

The Jewish Feminist Community presents its Purim celebration, 7:30 p.m. For information and to register call **Marsha**, 604-3175.

SPRING INTO STYLE

A wide range of fashions for men, women and children will be modelled by synagogue members at Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's Spring Into Style fashion show, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Patron tickets $25 and general admission tickets $18. Tickets available at the door or by calling the synagogue office 221-3433. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

JEWISH GENEALOGY

Dr. Stephen Speisman of the Ontario Jewish Archives presents an overview of the sources available to trace Jewish roots, 6:30-8:30 p.m., North York Public Library, Armour Heights Community Branch, 2140 Avenue Rd. Call 395-5430 to pre-register.

ETHIOPIAN JEWS

Avraham Neguise will speak about Ethiopian Jews in Israel: The Next Chapter, 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Co-sponsored by New Israel Fund of Canada, Beth Tzedec and Holy Blossom Temple. Admission free. Call 515-0507 for more information.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League Vaughan presents The Art of Breastfeeding, 8 p.m., 3 Versaille Court, Richmond Hill. Discussion includes proper positioning of the baby, overcoming breastfeeding difficulties and adjusting to the role of a new mother. Meetings open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies welcome. Call **Joyce**, 905-881-8779 or **Robin** 905-886-8364 for information.

OR CHAIM KOLLEL PROGRAM

Rabbi Yitzchak Kerzner, Clanton Park Synagogue will be the guest speaker at the Or Chaim Kollel Program, 8-9:45 p.m., 159 Almore Ave. For information call 630-6772.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Pam Woodward will demonstrate the ag-

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CLUB BEERSHEBA

Club Beersheba, Na'amat Toronto enjoyed a lesson in makeup application, given by Maureen Silverman (left) of Aloette. Winner of the free makeover from the recent Na'amat Pioneer Women bazaar was member Dasha Vinsky (right). [Mollie Rothman photo]

B'NAI BRITH DONATION

Members of Don Mills Lodge, B'nai Brith, present a donation to Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS). From left are Robbi Wilson, Debby Goldstein, Allan Wilson, Florence Weinberger of JF&CS and Joanne Bleier.

What's New

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ing and distressing of fabric, 8 p.m., Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles, Holy Blossom Temple.

MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS

Mahmoud Farghal, Ambassador of Egypt will speak on Middle East Developments, 8 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Sponsored by continuing education committee of the synagogue and the Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada.

JEWISH COMMUNITY OF MANTUA

Society for Mediterranean Studies presents **Anna Migliarisi**, who will speak on The Rise of Professional Theatre in the 13th Century — The Jewish Community of Mantua, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Room 323, Old Academic Building, Victoria College, 73 Queen's Park Crescent.

Thursday, March 9

BUSINESS ETHICS

Rabbi Jay Kelman begins a four-week series on Business Ethics, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. For information call the synagogue office, 789-3213.

PURIM IN RIVERDALE

The Riverdale Jewish Community will be holding its first-ever Purim party, 6 p.m., Withrow Public School, 25 Bain Ave. For information call **Barbara** 463-3930 or **Janet** 461-9581.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

WOMEN'S HEALTH FORUM

Canadian Friends of Bikur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem presents a forum entitled Menopause — Out of the Closet ... Into Awareness, Wednesday, March 22, 8 p.m., Recital Hall, Ford Centre for Performing Arts. Forum features a panel of experts including author **Jenine O'Leary Cobb**, herbalist **Susun Weed**, and gynecologist and specialist in menopause, **Wendy Wolfman**. Admission $18, tax reciepts available upon request. Tickets available through TicketMaster, 872-2222.

DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

Mosaic Theatre Productions presents *The Diary of Anne Frank*, March 4 and 5, 8 p.m., Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation, 12 Heaton St. Tickets $12. Call 636-6665.

JF&CS VOLUNTEERS

Jewish Family & Child Service needs volunteers to be special friends for women who have experienced abuse. Training and supervision provided. For information call **Joan Stevens**, 638-7800, ext. 266.

FOLK DANCING FOR CHILDREN

Israeli folk dancing with **Marco Ben-Shimon**, for children 8 years and up, Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., beginning March 7 at Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. For information call 905-771-0363.

TWELVE-STEP PROGRAMS

Beth Tikvah Congregation offers both Al-Anon, a self-help recovery group for family and/or friends of alcoholics, and Overeaters Anonymous, a recovery program for overeaters, anorexics or bulimics, Thursdays, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. For information call **Sally-Ann**, 663-0249, and leave a message. Calls will be returned promptly.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Looking Ahead After Separation begins March 21; For Women Only explores self-esteem, stress management and interpersonal relationships; Adult Children Losing a Parent begins March 4. For more information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

BETH ISRAEL HEBREW ACADEMY

Beth Israel Hebrew Academy offers a Sunday and/or two evening program in Thornhill and Richmond Hill. Energetic teachers and assistants encourage students to learn Hebrew language, prayers, reading, writing, Jewish history and Bible through self-expression and creativity. Theatre, music, dance and poetry are integrated with the child's studies. Registration for 1995/96 season accepted now. Call **Lillian Benlolo**, 905-770-1082.

YIDDISH CLASSES

Full credit Yiddish courses at University of Toronto include beginners and intermediate Yiddish, introduction to Yiddish literature and advanced Yiddish. For information call **Sharon Green**, 978-3186. Courses sponsored by committee for Yiddish studies, U of T, through the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

CLUB FUN WEEKEND

Israel Cancer Research Fund, Young Associates Division is holdings its second annual Club Fun weekend at White Oaks Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake, March 24-26. Includes meals, sports and exercise facilities. Cost is $229 before March 1 and $279 after March 1. Call the Israel Cancer Research Fund office, 487-5246.

for seniors

Lunch and Learn in Retirement, Holy Blossom Temple, Wednesday, March 8, 12 noon, presents Thoughts on the History of Jews in Toronto with **Prof. Harold Troper**. Bring lunch. $1 fee for program. Coffee, tea and cookies served.

Funtime Travel 55+ is going to Stage West, Wednesday, March 8 to see a musical comedy show. On Thursday, April 20 tickets are available for the Lawrence Welk Show at Roy Thomson Hall. A trip to Niagara Falls to see the musical show, *Salute to Canada* is planned for Thursday, May 11. Includes sit-down lunch and blossom tour. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). For information call 661-4689.

The Wagman Centre — Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. Next meeting is March 3. For information and registration call **Paula David**, 789-5131 ext. 2271.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2 for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 905-886-2625.

Bathurst Jewish Centre is holding free tax preparation assistance for seniors, in cooperation with the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Guidelines $15,000 single income; $22,500 for families with dependents. Call **Teme** 636-1880 for appointment.

Sunrise Group is going to Las Vegas April 23-30. Call **Esther**, 223-9165.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is having a Purim dance Sunday, March 12, 7:30-10:30 p.m., in the community centre. Saturday dances in the clubhouse 7-10 p.m. Bingo starts again March 7. $5 local day trips on Thursday, March 2 and Thursday, April 6. Book now to avoid disappointment. A variety show featuring the Metro Toronto Police Chorus, Monday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. Members $1. Call 395-7881 for information.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., is holding a Purim luncheon with entertainment Monday, March 13, 12:30 p.m. Reserve now for five-day Washington trip including kosher meals. On June 13, Buffalo trip includes locks and canal cruising, plus kosher chicken lunch and morning shopping. In future are trips to Artpark, July 19, August 8 and Stratford, Oct. 25. For information on programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Purim party with **Andre Furs and Rochelle Kasproyino** on March 15. For information call **Anna**.

Working Together for Change is a group for women over 55 who have been or are in relationships that hurt. Learn how to understand your situation better in a supportive and caring environment. Learn to keep safe and get needs met. Call in strict confidence, **Sheila Zane** or **Sharon Zeiler**.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Successful Slimming, a six-week program with Sharon Zeiler, Tuesdays beginning March 7, 12 noon-1 p.m. Register in advance at Wellness desk.

On Thursday, March 2, 1:30 p.m. in the synagogue the La'Briyut Wellness Centre will hear **Dr. Claude Brodeur**, who will discuss hypnosis.

Friendship Circle for people 55+ is having a Purim Party with **Lisa Shain**, Thursday, March 16, 2 p.m. Call **Anna**.

Bernard Betel remembrance tour to Poland in May includes six nights in Warsaw and Krakow, and two nights in Paris. For information call **Helen Issenberg**.

Congratulations to the kitchen staff and volunteers at Bernard Betel Centre on being presented with the City of North York Public Health Department Lifestyle Approved Award in recognition of its commitment to high standards in food safety, nutrition and non-smoking seating.

at the JCC/BJC

The Koffler Gallery presents a solo exhibition by Italian-Canadian artist **Francesca Vivenza,** who incorporates natural materials, found objects and personal artifacts to explore concepts of territory, migration, language and desire, March 2 to April 14.

Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) Senior Adult Services presents Concert Halls of Toronto, a slide presentation by speakers from Roy Thomson Hall, Tuesday, March 7, 1 p.m. Free admission. Call **Yvonne**, 636-1880 for information.

BJC Senior Adult Services is holding a Purim luncheon with entertainment by **Osi Sladek**, Tuesday, March 14, 12:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling **Teme** 636-1880.

PARENT EDUCATION

Dr. Edmond Lipsitz, director of education, United Congregational Schools, congratulates the graduates of the school's Parent Education Program. A certificate of achievement was presented to (from left) Ellie Kirshenbaum, Fran Weisman, Helaine Finkelstein, Susan Schwartz and Theresa Benchimol for attending and successfully completing a basic Hebrew reading course.

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The First Baptist Church before it was converted to the Orthodox Beach Hebrew Institute synagogue in 1920 and as it is now (inset).

Beach Shul marks 75 years

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In 1920 the First Baptist Church in Toronto's Eastern Beaches community was converted to the Orthodox Beach Hebrew Institute synagogue.

This summer, the 75th anniversary of the Beach Shul, as it is less formally known, will be marked during a weekend of memorable events from June 23 through June 25 at 109 Kenilworth Ave. just south of Queen Street East.

Though records of the synagogue's early years are virtually nonexistent, marble plaques in the entrance and sanctuary bear the names of those believed to have founded the congregation: J. Birnbaum, S. Cohen, S. Friedman, Manuel and Rose Gebertig, M. Goldberg, S. Gurofsky, J. Herzlich, G. Levy, J. Marin, Hyman and Sarah Mehr, A. Pritzker, Louis and Elizabeth Schwartz, J. Shalof, Hillel and Edith Wineberg and Maurice and Tilley Wolfe.

Some 40 families joined, mainly those with businesses and homes in the predominately non-Jewish area. Summer cottagers also attended.

The building was originally on Queen Street East. After the 1920 sale by the First Baptist Church, the small brick-and-timber structure was raised from its foundations and moved several hundred feet south. It was also rotated to face east. The Baptist congregation moved to larger quarters.

In 1924, architect J. Hunt added a more spacious entrance with a circular window and Star of David. He also added kitchen facilities on the main floor and a balcony for the women.

At the outset the Beach Shul was an oasis in a kind of desert not always hospitable towards Jews. The shul's name, Beach Hebrew Institute, deliberately did not include the word synagogue. But over the years, the congregation has enjoyed good relations with its neighbors.

In 1991, the Beach shul introduced Chanukah candlelighting to augment the traditional Christmas tree lighting at the local branch of the Toronto Public Library. The annual tradition brings Christian and Jew together with warmth and mutual respect.

There has never been a rabbi at the Beach shul. Queen Street business owner Sam Tanenbaum currently leads High Holiday and weekly services with shul president Ari Nerman.

The congregation has changed a lot in 75 years. In the early 1940s attendance dropped as storekeepers moved their living quarters north. New life was given when intellectuals and hippies discovered "The Beach" in the 1950s and 1960s, but after another exodus, only a few elders and transients remained.

Then young Jewish professionals, business people and singles joined. Together with children of early members, they raised funds, repaired and renovated the building, instituted a Sunday School and began an annual seder.

Today the Beach Hebrew Institute has a membership of 130 households, operates in the black and looks ahead. The congregation welcomes the observant, the lapsed, the individual in a suit or the student in jeans. And no one is ever turned away on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur because he or she has no ticket.

Nerman would like those with photos, momentos or anything to contribute to the June celebrations to contact him at 416-469-3930.

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Israel accused of obstructing peace process

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

CAIRO — The Palestinians have launched a campaign to convince the world that Israel is obstructing the peace process, and that the price for not intervening could be its total collapse.

A recent statement read by Palestinian Authority Information Minister Yasser Abed-Rabbo after a meeting of nine members of the PLO executive committee, said it "decided to launch a political and diplomatic campaign" worldwide, and especially in the Middle East.

The campaign began with a meeting between PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, followed by another with Foreign Minister Amr Moussa. Arafat then flew to Saudi Arabia to meet with King Fahd.

Abed-Rabbo said the campaign will include the United States, Russia, the European Union and other states.

"The peace process has begun to lose credibility and continuation is not possible now, as long as the Israeli government is engaged in a policy of postponing the application of agreements. Any cessation of the peace process will lead to its collapse as a whole," Abed-Rabbo said.

He cited Israeli settlement activity and the closures of the territories as contributing factors to "the destruction of this historical opportunity."

Only nine members of the 18-member executive committee attended the meeting at Arafat's villa on the outskirts of Cairo.

A second meeting will be held in early March in Tunis, "to re-evaluate the situation again," Abed-Rabbo said.

Saeb Erekat, head of a delegation on election talks, said the Tunis meeting would include PLO Political Department chief Farouk Kaddoumi, Oslo accord negotiator Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), and others who boycotted the two-day Cairo meeting.

Erekat said no progress was made in the election talks. "There is no agreement whatsoever," except for an agreement on separate elections for the council and its chief executive, he said.

Yoel Singer, the head of the Israeli team, departed from his usual optimism. He said the negotiations would resume in Cairo shortly and he hoped to meet Erekat before that without the other negotiators.

Mohammed Shtayyeh, a member of the Palestinian team, said the good spirits of the previous day had changed for the worse.

"Israel's main problem is that they think of themselves as partners, and we consider them facilitators," he said.

He added that it should be no concern of Israel's what arrangements Palestinians choose to make concerning international observers, election supervision, or voting age. "Whether voters are 17 or 1 has no bearing on their security interests," he said.

Jaweed Ghussein, chair of the Palestine National Fund and an executive committee member, said talks might be better suspended, at least until the executive committee meets in Tunis.

"We feel that negotiating now is not going to be fruitful," he said. But no decision was taken to suspend talks.

It was decided, however, that Arafat would head a higher committee appointed by the executive committee, which would include executive committee members and PA ministers, "to start a Palestinian national dialogue." This would be aimed at bridging the widening gaps between those who want to continue talks and those who want to end them.

South Africa launches ties with 'State of Palestine'

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa is establishing full diplomatic relations with the "State of Palestine" — a move that elicited protest from the Israeli government.

South African Foreign Minister Alfred Nzo made the announcement in Cape Town last month, at a joint news conference with Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's Tunis-based political department.

The Israeli government, in accordance with the Declaration of Principles signed with the PLO in September 1993, considers the issue of a Palestinian state a matter to be determined in the context of future negotiations with the PLO.

Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin criticized the move, saying, "It's a decision that doesn't help the peace process, and we're very sorry about that."

The Israeli government has already lodged an official protest, in a meeting between Nzo and Elazar Granot, Israel's ambassador to South Africa, according to a spokesman for the Israeli Mission to the United Nations in New York.

"This is an unacceptable situation from our point of view," the spokesman said. "I don't know of any country in the world that has established diplomatic relations with the State of Palestine. That's because it doesn't exist."

During the Cape Town news conference, Nzo said that his government was taking the step in the context of the country's effort to become "a full member of the international community," in the wake of the victory of President Nelson Mandela in the country's first all-race elections last April.

Nzo said his country was acting "in concert" with other African nations and the countries of the Non-Aligned Movement, adding that "the vast majority of these states and organizations recognize the State of Palestine."

He said South Africa "as a matter of principle, recognizes states and maintains normal diplomatic relations with them, regardless of their ideologies."

Establishing relations with the Palestinians, he added, "brings us on the same level as our relations with Israel, Jordan, Syria, Egypt" and other countries.

Nzo said the step was taken as part of his government's commitment to the ongoing Middle East peace process.

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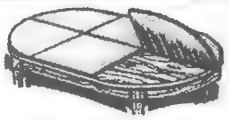
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Iranians suspected of holding flyer Arad

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Wuda Olef Skota told the paper he was never given the Israeli's name, nor information about his condition. The paper went on to claim that German-mediated negotiations between Israel and Iran on the release of Arad had been held in Germany.

Meanwhile, another German citizen, Helmut Shimkos, who was imprisoned in the same prison, revealed more details Sunday about the whereabouts of Arad. Shimkos, an engineer, was jailed on suspicion of spying for the CIA.

"In 1991, I was sitting with two Americans, one of whom was a pilot who had some flight magazines. The warder then asked us if we had some magazines to give to another pilot in the prison," Shimkos told Israeli television's Channel 1.

"That made us suspicious; so we asked around to find out who this could be. But we didn't find out anything and we didn't imagine then that it could be Ron Arad."

An official Israeli government statement said the possibility that Arad is being held in an Iranian jail "can be neither refuted nor corroborated, since there are no signs of life given in the testimonies by people who claim to know."

Arad's wife Tami said she would not have anything to say until her husband returns, Channel 1 reported.

The Prime Minister's Office, meanwhile, denied that a visit by an aide to Chancellor Helmut Kohl has any connection to Arad.

While dismissing the latest reports on Arad's whereabouts, Rabin promised Israeli officials would continue to pursue any relevant information.

"Whenever there is new intelligence, we will do everything we can," he said.

Rabin has appointed a new head to the team of security and military officials who handle ongoing attempts to recover missing and captured servicemen.

The move came after a commission appointed by the prime minister a year ago recommended that the staff be changed.

The commission examined how security and military officials have dealt with information on the fates of missing and captured Israeli servicemen. It also investigated the contacts that were subsequently made, and focused in particular on the actions of the head of the negotiating team, Uri Lubrani.

As a result of the committee's recommendations, Rabin appointed Yossi Genossar, a former senior official in the General Security Service, to head the staff.

Austria launches fund for reparations

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Vranitzky's decision to set up a fund for victims of Nazi brutality is closely connected with his belief that Austria is obliged to accept responsibility for its involvement in Nazi atrocities.

In 1990, four years after becoming chancellor, Vranitzky's government signed an accord with the U.S.-based Conference on Jewish Material Claims on Austria, under which the Austrian government agreed to disburse about $30 million (US) worth of funds to Jewish institutions inside and outside Austria.

A year later, Vranitzky, who is also chair of the Social Democratic party of Austria, issued an unprecedented, formal apology for Austria's role during the Nazi period.

In June 1993, when he was the first Austrian chancellor to visit Israel, he acknowledged that Austria shared "a moral responsibility" for crimes committed against Jews.

In an interview at the Four Seasons Hotel on the last leg of his official visit to Canada, during which he met Prime Minister Jean Chretien in Ottawa, Vranitzky said he intends to deliver a special message to Austrian parliamentarians on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

He will urge the younger generation to reject right-wing extremism, anti-Semitism and racism, so as "to avoid a repetition of what we saw in the 1920s and 1930s."

And he will discuss Austria's Nazi past, analyse the events which led to World War II and talk of "the conclusions we have to draw from this."

On May 7, Vranitzky and members of the cabinet will officially mark the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Mauthausen concentration camp.

Asked whether neo-Nazism poses a threat to Austrian democracy, Vranitzky said it is "far from being a mass problem."

However, he noted, "we have to be vigilant."

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Feb. 20:

• At a meeting in Jerusalem with members of the European Parliament, Prime Minister Rabin called for greater balance in Europe's trade with Israel. At present, Israel is running a deficit of $7.4 billion with the European Union, its largest trading partner.

• At the same meeting, Prime Minister Rabin also called upon Europe to extend more economic aid to Jordan and to the Palestinian Authority.

• A call to establish Israel's first commercial radio station elicited 14 applications.

Feb. 21

• Israel Radio reported that Turkey had captured a network of individuals operating under the direction of Tehran who were sending nuclear materials to Iran.

• Foreign Minister Shimon Peres disclosed that during his visit to Paris last week, he was advised by informed sources that Iran will possess nuclear weaponry within three years.

Feb. 22

• Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres agreed that Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin will receive a ministerial portfolio in mid-June. *Yediot Aharonot* reported that former chief of staff, Ehud Barak, will join the government at the same time.

• Security forces announced the arrest of Hamas' political leader in Gaza.

Feb. 23

• According to the Dahaf Institute more than two-thirds of Israelis oppose the signing by Israel of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

• U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced that he will return to the Middle East in March in an effort to advance peace talks between Israel and Syria.

Feb. 24

• More than 130,000 Moslem worshippers observed the last day of Ramadan in Jerusalem at the Dome of the Rock; more than 1,000 worshippers observed the holiday in Hebron at the Cave of the Patriarchs.

• Aftershocks of an earthquake whose epicentre was in southern Cypress and which measured 5.2 on the Richter scale were reported in the central and northern portions of Israel.

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Military prosecutor appeals terrorist's death sentence

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — An Israeli military prosecutor has asked a military appeals court to overturn the death sentence of a Palestinian, who was convicted of plotting a fatal bus bombing in April.

The prosecutor, Moshe Bachar, told a five-judge appeals panel in the West Bank town of Ramallah last week, that a lower court had overstepped its authority in November when it ordered the execution of Said Badarneh, 24, of the West Bank village of Yabad.

Badarneh had been found guilty of planning and assisting in the suicide bombing of a bus in the central Israeli town of Hadera. The bombing killed five Israelis and wounded dozens of others.

The terrorist had claimed responsibility for the attack in the name of Hamas, a fundamentalist group.

Bachar said the Jenin military court had ignored his recommendation for a life sentence and asked the appeals court to hand down six life sentences instead.

A ruling on the appeal was set for a later date, but the death sentence was expected to be reversed.

All previous military death sentences have been overturned and commuted to life in prison. The only time Israel has employed the death penalty was in 1962, with the execution of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had opposed Badarneh's death sentence, calling it a "blunder."

Meanwhile, Badarneh expressed no remorse for what he had done. He indicated there would be reprisals from Hamas militants if he were executed. He also said he was not afraid of having his appeal rejected.

"We are blowing ourselves up in buses," he said. "Do you think I am afraid of the death penalty?"

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Children from the Bobover Chassidic community prepare to welcome their spiritual leader, the Bobover Rebbe Shlomo Halberstam on his visit to the Western Wall. The 90-year-old Bobover Rebbe, who lives in Brooklyn, New York, was greeted by several hundred of his followers when he visited the Kotel during his visit to Jerusalem. [Isranet photo]

Peres in Cairo over nukes

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres visited Cairo last week in an effort to ease tensions over Egypt's repeated demand that Israel sign the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty when it comes up for renewal in April.

Although the two countries are still at odds over Israel's nuclear potential, the strained atmosphere between them was eased somewhat following the visit, according to Israeli sources.

Peres met with President Hosni Mubarak and then with Egyptian Foreign Minister Amre Moussa.

The two foreign ministers later told reporters that their countries would continue negotiating. Peres said the dispute should not affect the Mideast peace process.

"We are not shouting at each other," Moussa said. "We are talking, and we still have time.

"Relations are such that we can discuss things."

Egypt has threatened not to renew its own signature to the international document unless Israel signs as well. Israel has never officially admitted having nuclear weapons and refuses to open its facilities to international inspection.

The treaty, with 64 signatories, has been in effect since 1970.

Peres made it clear during the meetings that Israel remains adamant in its refusal to attach its own signature to the NPT at this time.

However, Peres did put forward a proposal whereby Israel would consider signing the treaty two years after it contracted bilateral peace treaties with all the states in the region, including Iran, Libya and Iraq, the three nations Israel considers its most implacable foes.

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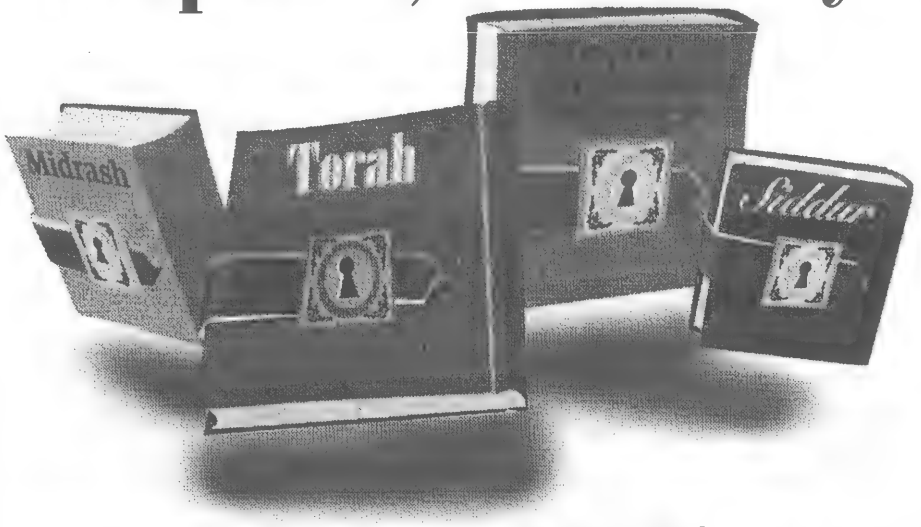

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Nazi 'collaborator' probed

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — A prominent French businessman with strong ties to cosmetics giant L'Oreal has been placed under investigation by the United States over charges that he collaborated with the Nazis during World War II.

Andre Bettencourt, 75, wrote numerous articles for two pro-Nazi publications during the war, one of which was financed by the Nazi government in Germany.

The accusations against Bettencourt surfaced recently in the French media. Bettencourt, a French senator and former cabinet minister, resigned late last year as deputy chair of L'Oreal.

French Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld echoed the charges in a news conference here last week, calling Bettencourt's wartime writings "an appeal to genocide."

Klarsfeld urged the United States to place Bettencourt on its "Watch List," which would bar the industrialist from entering the country. He emphasized that he was pressing for the U.S. ban because it was one of the few tools available to use against Bettencourt, who has travelled to the United States many times for political and business purposes.

Bettencourt cannot be prosecuted in France for writing propaganda.

"Always I try to fight against not only the Nazis but their accomplices in France," Klarsfeld said.

Eli Rosenbaum, director of the Office of Special Investigations, the U.S. Nazi-hunting arm of the Justice Department, confirmed that an inquiry into Bettencourt's wartime activities was under way.

The results of Klarsfeld's own investigation "are being reviewed as part of an inquiry by the Office of Special Investigations into whether Bettencourt is eligible to enter the United States," Rosenbaum said in a Feb. 14 facsimile to Klarsfeld.

Klarsfeld said at the news conference that during World War II, Bettencourt was a journalist for a publication connected to the Nazi Ministry of Propaganda and the Gestapo.

Bettencourt has apologized in the past for his writings. He also served in the Resistance during World War II and received military honors. But Klarsfeld said Bettencourt's service began 10 days before the liberation of Paris and consisted of raising U.S. funds for French prisoners-of-war.

Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), said Tuesday after the news conference that even though he had a great amount of respect for Klarsfeld, he was left with some questions surrounding the location and timing of the press conference.

"I am very skeptical as to the whole purpose of this undertaking," Foxman said, adding that Jewish credibility was at stake. Foxman said he did not understand why a news conference was not held first in Paris or Washington.

The ADL had praised L'Oreal after an initial $7 million investment in Israel last May.

Israel does not produce refugees

By STEPHEN VICTOR

Increasingly shrill accusations have been levelled against Israel by former Soviet citizens who are seeking admission to Canada as "refugees."

These charges must be forcefully confronted.

COMMENTARY

Since 1990, Israel has absorbed over 300,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union. While the absorption process was difficult, the vast majority of the new olim were successfully integrated.

As their Hebrew language skills improve, they are beginning to find employment in their chosen professions. A Russian language press is thriving in Israel and there are daily radio and television broadcasts in Russian.

At the same time, a small number of Russian immigrants are having problems. The most serious difficulties, primarily in the religious and economic domains, are being experienced by families which entered Israel claiming that both husband and wife were Jewish, when in fact one or both partners were not Jewish according to Halachah.

Like all other citizens, the disaffected immigrants are free to take their grievances and claims of discrimination to Israel's network of human rights agencies and independent police and judiciary. The sad fact is, however, that some new olim have chosen not to make use of those resources, precisely because they do not want to be integrated into Israeli society.

They view Israel as a safe and secure refuge from the chaos of post-Communist Russia, and they readily accept the generous assistance package given to all immigrants. But their eyes are cast elsewhere, toward visions of immediate economic prosperity in Western Europe or North America.

In the last few years, a disproportionate number have come to Canada — not as legitimate immigrants, but as refugee claimants, making outlandish charges of having been "persecuted" in Israel, and insisting they will suffer more government persecution if they are denied refugee status in Canada and have to return to Israel.

All Israelis are free to pursue economic opportunity elsewhere. But for some Russian immigrants to attempt to "jump the queue" in Canada by fraudulently claiming to be refugees from a "repressive" Israeli government stretches credulity and disparages Israel's democratic reputation.

What is often overlooked is the fact that the disaffected olim, including the "refugee claimants" in Canada, constitute only a tiny fraction of the one-half million recent immigrants who are proud to make Israel their new home.

In recent weeks, Canadian tribunals have ruled the claims of persecution of "refugees" from Israel to be groundless. This is encouraging. In fact, all such claims should be rejected for what they are — ludicrous.

Let the facts speak for themselves. Israel does not produce refugees. On the contrary, Israel is a country made up of refugees.

Stephen Victor is the national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee.

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Charles Bronfman Interviewed:

Investment in Israel is doubly rewarding

By ELAINE COHEN
Special to The CJN

MONTREAL — From his elegant Peel Street headquaters, Charles R. Bronfman can survey Montreal's majestic downtown skyline.

It's a bleak January afternoon and the sunny interior contrasts starkly with the weather outside. The 63-year-old co-chairman of Seagram Company Ltd. is comfortably seated in his gold-tone armchair. He is a man accustomed to weathering storms.

Bronfman's generosity to the Jewish community and the Canadian people is well documented. But his concern for others stretches into the land of Israel.

He has also contributed to its economy, most recently through Claridge Israel Inc., the Canadian-owned company he developed with Jonathan Kolber.

"We had been in Israel for years with Supersol (supermarkets) but there was a confluence of events that influenced the development of Claridge Israel in the late '80s," Bronfman explains.

With the proceeds from the sale of Supersol and other funds, Claridge Israel invested an excess of $100 million (all figures are in US dollars) in an array of Israeli industries. Among them are Osem Group, a producer and distributor of processed foods and beverages; ECI Telecom, a supplier of advanced telecommunications equipment; Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd., a network of development and production facilities for pharmaceutical and chemical products; and the *Jerusalem Report*, a bi-weekly news magazine distributed in 52 countries.

Claridge Israel, which is run by Kolber from Tel Aviv, is the largest foreign investor in the country. It plays an active role in developing corporate strategies, but leaves daily management to others, like Dan Propper of the Israel Manufacturers Association, who runs Osem.

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Bronfman says there is something very exciting in an investment that helps the economy of a country and is profitable as well. "We can invest here or in the States, but we don't see these investments do as much for our country as in Israel."

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Bronfman and Kolber's latest foray into Israel, the Renaissance Fund launched in April 1994, raised $157 million to invest in Israel-related privately held and publicly traded companies.

Seagram Company Co-Chairman Charles Bronfman

The fund is managed by Claridge Israel, the Stockton Partners in New York and their principals Harvey Kreuger, managing director of Lehman Bros. and Allan Batkin, vice-chairman of Kissinger Associates. Other members include Power Corporation of Montreal, the Quebec Pension Fund — Caisse de Depot and Placement du Quebec, the Tisch family of New York and prominent New York bank Goldman Sachs and Company.

One Renaissance Fund investment was Paz Industries, acquired in September 1994 by Claridge Israel and a group of co-investors. Paz, Israel's largest downstream oil and gas marketer, serves a network of 200 gas stations.

Mark Smith, senior vice-president of Claridge Inc. and chief operating officer of Claridge Israel, works closely with Bronfman and Kolber in Montreal and Israel.

He says Bronfman is deeply involved in strategic decisions and acts as a sounding board for Claridge executives in their day-to-day activities. "Mr. Bronfman serves as a tremendous resource for us all."

The youngest of Samuel and Saidye Bronfman's four children, Charles joined Seagram Company after attending McGill University in 1951. "I was intimately involved in the operation of Seagrams for many years but I've been out of operations for five years," says Bronfman, chairman of Seagram's executive committee since 1975 and co-chairman of the company since 1986. "I speak to my brother (Edgar) and my nephew (Edgar Jr.) a lot [at their New York headquarters] but now I'm fundamentally involved in senior policy."

The family trust fund CEMP Investments Ltd. was dismantled in 1987, thus enabling members to branch out independently. Claridge Inc. manages Charles Bronfman's family holdings.

The Bronfman story began in Canada in 1889, when the family fled czarist pogroms in Bessarabia to settle in western Canada. In 1924, Sam and his brothers opened the first distillery in LaSalle, Que. Today, Seagram Company is a global producer and marketer of distilled spirits, wines, juices and mixers with subsidiaries in 36 countries. Profits in 1994 were $265 million.

In addition to its beverage operations, Seagram owns significant common stock positions in E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company and Time Warner Inc. The Bronfman family owns 36.4 per cent of Seagram's stock, a 24.3 per cent stake in E.I. du Pont de Nemours, and 14.9 per cent of Time Warner.

From 1969 to 1991, Bronfman served as principal owner and chairman of the board of the Montreal Expos, the first major league baseball franchise awarded outside the United States. He shuns praise when commended for his loyalty in selling to a local consortium.

"I'd rather keep it here, than have it go elsewhere," says the modest Baseball Hall of Famer. "Most decent people try to do this."

Improving quality of life is a Bronfman family tradition. In chronicling two centuries of Jewish life in Canada in *A Coat of Many Colors*, Irving Abella tells how Sam Bronfman accepted a leadership role in Canadian Jewish Congress in 1939 out of concern for the community.

Charles Bronfman agrees his parents were wonderful role models. "I remember very well how I worked in the community because I was my parents' son." After his father's death in 1971, Bronfman decided to play an expanded role. He remembers telling a delegation from the community: "Okay, I'm ready. I'd love to accept whatever challenges you have for me."

Currently chairman of the Charles Rosner Bronfman (CRB) Foundation, Bronfman also serves as a trustee of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, as honorary president of United Israel Appeal of Canada, honorary chairman of Canada-Israel Securities Ltd. (State of Israel Bonds), and chairman of the board of governors of Canadian Jewish Congress.

In recognition of his contribution to Canada, Bronfman received the Companion of the Order of Canada in 1992, and was made a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada. He is also a recipient of honorary degrees from universities in Israel and North America.

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Israeli banker links peace, prosperity

TEL AVIV — An atmosphere of peace in the Middle East will provide dynamic economic development for Israel and its neighbors, but the Palestinian Authority will require foreign aid to improve the economic condition of the average Palestinian, the chairman of the board of Bank Hapoalim said recently.

Addressing the conference on The Future of the Mediterranean Area After the Peace Process, held in Paris on Feb. 20 under the patronage of French Prime Minister Eduard Balladur, Emanuel Sharon expressed optimism in envisioning the region working "towards a new economic space."

A vital stake

Given the prerequisites of free economies maintained by Arabs and Israelis, mechanisms established for the cooperative solution of common problems and safe coexistence, Sharon envisioned that Palestine, along with Jordan and Egypt, as well as Lebanon and Syria could successfully follow the examples of the Asian "tigers." These all started their growth process by manufacturing the labor intensive parts for Western products, he noted.

Israel, he said, has a vital stake in the economic success of the Palestinians and its Arab neighbors to ensure the stability and security of the entire area. But Israel's own economic gains from peace will not be centred on exports to the neighboring Arab world, but on technology geared to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and other Western markets.

"The Palestinians can complement Israeli manufacturers by contracting to do the part of the production process in which they have an advantage, as has already happened in some industries," he said.

"The big economic gain for Israel is peace itself. In spite of its many advantages as a scientific and technological centre, Israel has never been a target for international private sector investors reluctant to go to politically unstable parts of the world. Israel, in peace, will get its fair share of international investment.

"Investors are important to Israel, not so much because of the funds they invest, but mostly because of their access to markets and technologies. If peace prevails, Israel would also be able to safely reduce its military expenditures, diverting them to civilian investment and consumption. This, in fact, would be the biggest economic advantage to Israel."

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Advertiser's Corner

Miracle Food Mart

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN

TORONTO—Miracle Food Mart has always tried to meet the needs of its kosher customers, says a company executive.

Bill Sheine, vice-president of marketing for the Great Atlantic and Pacific Company (A&P), the parent company since 1990, said Miracle Food Mart was the first major supermarket chain in Ontario to offer its customers kosher meat and it's the only supermarket chain in North America selling live carp.

"It always had more knowledge of the needs of the Jewish community than the competition, because of the Steinberg tradition," he said. "We knew what our customers wanted."

Miracle Food Mart was part of Steinbergs, the former Montreal-based supermarket chain, until 1988.

Three of the stores have a large Jewish customer base and sell live carp: the Miracle stores at Bathurst and Glencairn, and Bathurst and Sheppard, and the Ultra Mart at Bathurst and Steeles.

"Freshness is one of the things that differentiates us from the competition," said Sheine, who has been with the company for 30 years. "Our motto is 'Miracle means fresh.' "

Seafood director Ken Duff told *The CJN* that customers have asked the stores to expand their selection of smoked fish. "We plan to have a bigger selection of smoked salmon than any other retail store," he said.

Duff, previously the assistant director of meat, is familiar with the kosher department. Miracle had a kashering facility at the Cedarcroft and Bathurst store until three years ago. The meat now comes from Iowa.

"The Iowa beef costs us more, but we're willing to give the customers what they want," Duff said.

The large cuts of meat are cut to specification at Lazar Yitzchock, a federally approved glatt processing facility.

Three years ago, Miracle introduced its Master Choice line quality in-house products. The 600-product line includes many kosher items, the most popular of which are cookies and sorbet-ice creams, said line manager Paula Zivot.

Master Choice is sold by all A&P supermarkets in both the United States and Canada. The Canadian stores include the Dominion supermarket chain.

There are 46 Miracle Food Mart Stores in Canada, 11 of which are Ultra Marts, the larger stores with pharmacies.

A&P operates more than 1,200 stores in both the U.S. and Canada with sales in the $10-billion range. The 240 Canadian stores make up 20 per cent of those sales, Sheine said.

Ultimately being part of a large corporation helped Miracle Mart rebound from a 13-week strike this summer, according to Sheine.

Maintaining a loyal customer base is increasingly more important to Miracle, Sheine said.

"Everybody wants a piece of the grocery business. But they can't compete with us on variety, freshness and service."

Investment in Israel is doubly rewarding

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An attentive listener, Bronfman enjoys dialogue, especially when the subject is CRB Foundation which he co-chairs with his wife Andrea.

CRB focuses on Canadian awareness through heritage programs, in addition to economic and peace programs in Israel.

The heritage component was sparked in 1981, when Bronfman was first awarded the Order of Canada at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. "I always decried the fact Canadians didn't seem to have any heroes," he says. "While listening to some of the citations, I thought to myself 'The only people that ever hear of this are sitting right in this room.' "

Working with other partners, CRB produces Heritage Minutes, lively Canadian history shorts shown on television and at cinemas. Bronfman considers his family's establishment of the Institute for the Study of Canada at McGill University in 1993 "a natural outgrowth of Heritage Program," albeit one not funded by CRB Foundation.

At CRB, Bronfman and his wife make a good team: "I get these big ideas but she is the one to translate them into reality." He relates the pleasure they derive from attending CRB events, such as the Sunday Culture for army youth in Israel and a recent heritage launch benefiting students studying history in Ontario.

"Every Jewish child should have the opportunity to visit Israel before the age of 21," says Bronfman, whose efforts at CRB in conjunction with other Jewish communal groups have organized 40 different tours. His son, Stephen, 31, and daughter, Ellen, 26, are both actively involved in the CRB Foundation.

Bronfman's vision of Israel reflects his faith in the future. He hopes Jews in the Diaspora will adopt his pragmatic outlook.

"I think we Jews have some decisions to make. The new Israel, one that is economically strong, is wonderful to see but it presents a challenge. What's our role in North America going to be? People talk of continuity. I prefer to talk about renewal. I think it's very exciting."

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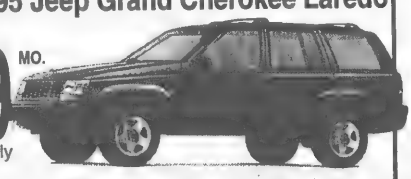

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Arts

Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

Mosaic Theatre Productions, whose production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* finishes its run with two more performances in Toronto this weekend, "is a two-hour show in two acts, with music, voice-over, full stage and sets and full scenery," according to its artistic director Rivka Schechter. "We're an amateur theatre company, basically, but we have very professional production values."

Schechter has a long and distinguished history in amateur and dinner theatre. For some 16 years, she led the Beth Israel Players in Calgary, an award-winning amateur theatre group. Then she and a partner opened the Glenmore Dinner Theatre, a professional dinner theatre which they operated for eight years. At that point, Schechter and her husband moved to San Antonio, Tex., and opened Star Theatre Productions, a dinner theatre which still operates to this day.

Five years ago, the Schechters moved to Toronto, and Rivka established Mosaic Theatre Productions. So far, Mosaic has put on four plays — *The Cemetery Club*, *Plaza Suite*, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* and now *The Diary of Anne Frank*, which is being presented under the aegis of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee. The plays are given public and school performances.

Eight scheduled school performances of *Anne Frank* were quickly sold out, Schechter says. "There's a big waiting list for schools," says Schechter, who also teaches at United Synagogue Day School. "Many people remember our previous performances and want more."

The two remaining public performances of *The Diary of Anne Frank* are set for 8 p.m. on March 4 and 5 at the Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation, 12 Heaton St., North York. For tickets ($12), call 416-636-6665.

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Stars Celebrate the Bloor JCC: A recent financial restructuring is breathing new life into Toronto's Bloor Street Jewish Community Centre (JCC). The facility, situated at 750 Spadina Ave., is independent of the former northern Jewish Community Centre, now known as the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

To help the Bloor JCC reduce its $3-million mortgage, some of its more celebrated members are staging The Stars Celebrate the Bloor JCC, a fundraising evening March 4. Performers include Don Francks, Nancy White, Theresa Tova, David Gale, Marie-Lynn Hammond and Jay Jackson & Take Three. Tickets are $15 in advance (from the front office) or $20 at the door. All proceeds go the Bloor JCC.

A recent Eye on Arts column incorrectly stated that Theresa Tova would be performing March 4 at the Bathurst Jewish Centre. Please note that Tova is set to appear that evening at the Bloor JCC. It promises to be a night to remember. Doors open 8 p.m. and concert begins 8:30 p.m.

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Physical Feast: The dance festival by this name, featuring some 30 dancers in 14 pieces, open recently at the Buddies In Bad Times Theatre, 12 Alexander St. in Toronto, and continues to March 12.

The festival is being co-produced by Adrienne Rothenberg, who runs Tutoring Plus, a successful tutoring service. "For the first time, I'm applying the expertise and administrative skills that I learned in business to a more artistic project," she says.

Rothenberg claims a lifelong interest in dance and has been surrounded by dance all her life. Her mother, Goldie Brass, "was a modern dancer back in the 1940s. She danced at the Y down on Spadina and even before it was on Spadina."

Rothenberg has also been inspired by her co-producer Claudia Moore, a well-known dancer who is both the curator of the festival and Rothenberg's sister-in-law. For tickets, call 416-975-8555.

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Brief Notes: Six young men, wearing kippot and singing a capella, make up the band Beat'Achon, whose rich vocal harmonies, vibrant rhythms and Hebrew lyrics have won over many Jewish audiences. Hear them March 4 at the Sha'arei Shomayim Synagogue, Toronto, in a concert sponsored by Camp Moshava. Tickets available at Israel's, Matana, Negev and the camp office, 416-630-7578.

Rikudiyah Israeli Dance Festival for Children: Some 21 groups present a color showcase of Israel dance at the Tait MacKenzie Gym, York University, March 5 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets (adults $5, children $1) on sale at the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

Klezmer band coming to town

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Staid Convocation Hall may never be the same after the Klezmer Conservatory Band does its gig there March 26, especially after performers in this renowned group do their version of *Der Shray of de Vilde Katchka* (The Cry of the Wild Duck).

This band, making its first appearance in Toronto, has been all over the world urging people to dance in the aisles to their unique combination of Eastern Europe shtetl music, American ragtime and jazz.

They are coming to raise funds for the four Yiddish courses of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Toronto and to help mark its 25th anniversary. A gala reception for 400 patrons of Yiddish studies takes place next door at Knox College after the concert.

The approach of the Klezmer Conservatory Band to music is as irreverent as leader Hankus Netsky's description of old-time klezmer musicians. "They're okay to play at your daughter's wedding, but you wouldn't want your daughter to marry one," he says.

Netsky is bemused by the Conservatory tag applied to the 12-member band because the real klezmer musicians never went near a conservatory and probably couldn't read a note. "They were a rag-tag group who travelled from place to place like gypsies and the European Jewish weddings meant a week's work."

Though the original klezmers were not blue bloods, the Klezmer Conservatory Band has established for itself a real niche in the world of music.

One of their numbers *Leena from Palestina* (that Eddie Cantor made famous) was the background music for a scene in the film *Enemies, a Love Story*. The band recently collaborated with the American Repertory Theatre and the American Music Theatre Festival on a new musical based on I.B. Singer's play *Sclemiel the First*. And that nimble performer, Joel Gray (his father Mickey Katz sang klezmer songs) worked with the band on *Borschtcapades 94*.

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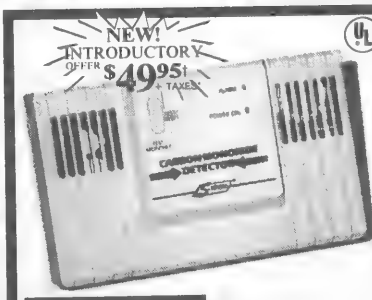
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Arts

Photos depict Turkish Jews

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Corresondent

HAMILTON — A photo exhibit documenting Jewish life in Turkey opened to praise here at Temple Anshe Sholom on Feb. 19.

Entitled Turkish Jews: 500 Years Of Harmony, the exhibition is funded by the Quincentennial Foundation of Istanbul, an organization established in 1989 by a group of Jewish and Muslim Turks to celebrate the 500th anniversary of "the welcoming of the Jewish people to the Ottoman Empire after their expulsion from Spain in 1492," and produced by the Judah L. Magnes Museum in Berkely, Calif.

The 50-photo exhibit has toured the United States and Europe since October 1991 and was at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Synagogue in 1992.

One of the photos on display at the exhibit in Hamilton.

The Hamilton showing was organized by Anshe Sholom education director Dr. Ronnie Miller, with help from the adult education committee headed by Dr. Anthony MacFarlane and a "very generous grant" from the Jewish National Fund through Hamilton-based emissary Yoram Gordon.

Approximately 200 people, including members of the surrounding Turkish communities, attended the opening.

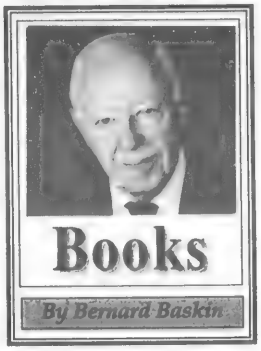
Turkish embassy representative Hasan Servt Oktem and keynote speaker Salem Alaton both said Jews and Turks alike benefited from their long co-existence.

Even before the expulsion from Spain in 1492, Oktem said, Jews expelled from other European countries found refuge in Turkey, where they "were always seen as elements enriching Turkish society."

When Germany began dismissing Jewish professors and scientists in the 1930s, they were "almost immediately" offered positions in Turkish universities, Oktem said, while during World War II, Turkey provided refuge for Jews from Bulgaria, Greece, Yugoslavia, Poland and other occupied countries.

"I am confident that friendship and understanding between Turkey and Israel will go on forever," he said of the two Mideast democracies.

Alaton, a Toronto journalist, said if not for the "embrace by the Ottoman Empire ... [there would not have been] the continuation of a substantial Sephardi culture today."



Cultures In Conflict: Christians, Muslims & Jews in the Age of Discovery, by Bernard Lewis (Oxford University Press, $22.50).

The year 1492 was a watershed in European history. It marked not only the discovery of the New World, but also Catholic Spain's victory over Islam after four centuries of struggle on the Iberian Peninsula, and the expulsion of her Jews.

The repercussions for the three religions were profound and enduring — and they are briliantly explored by Bernard Lewis, the outstanding Western scholar in Islamic history and culture.

In three brief essays, based on a series of university lectures, Lewis provides an overview of the cultural and political clashes between Christian Europe and the Islamic world from the late 15th to the 19th centuries.

The expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492, though by far the best known, was by no means the first. In the late 13th and early 14th centuries, Jews were expelled by royal decree from the kingdoms of Naples, England and France, as well as from many cities and principalities. Nor was it the last. Only a few years later, in 1496, the Jews of Portugal, plus an estimated 100,000 Spanish Jews who had found a brief and illusory refuge among them, were subjected to an even harsher expulsion.

Most of the Jewish refugees settled in Islamic countries, largely Turkey.

It is true that during the first six centuries of Islam, the period embracing the so-called "Golden Age," the Jews of Islam experienced far greater security and far more integration than their brethren in Europe.

Medieval Christian superstition

Such irrational ideas as the association of the Jews with the devil, a well-known feature of medieval Christian superstition, had little place in the popular Arab imagination. The terrible blood libels of Europe were absent. Expulsions did not occur and there was the little or no persecution of Jewish converts to Islam for alleged unfaithfulness to the new religion. Indeed, over a period of several centuries, Jews achieved positions of authority and influence, and Jewish culture and literary creativity were of the highest order.

But, it must be emphasized, Jews generally experienced a large number of discriminatory and humiliating disabilities under Islamic law. These included prohibitions against building or repairing houses of worship, against holding public religious ceremonies, against bearing arms and against holding public office. They were also subject to an onerous poll tax. The twin themes of segregation and humiliation that run through the Islamic sources seem to rival if not exceed the legal restrictions and pariah status imposed upon the Jews in the Christian West.

Fortunately many of these laws were not strictly enforced and were easily evaded. Moreover, in Muslim theology, Mohammed is not regarded as a messiah or Islam as a fulfilment of Judaism. The Jewish rejection of Muhammed, therefore, never entailed the same theological challenge to Islam that was implicit in the Jewish rejection of Jesus. Hence, Islam did not invest anywhere near the same polemical energies expended by Christendom to refute Judaism and to convert the Jews. It is noteworthy that the Talmud was burned in Paris, not in Cairo or Baghdad.

Why did the West ultimately gain the upper hand over the Islamic world? The reasons are numerous and include the Muslim inability to respond to cultural change. Lewis points out, for example, that the East's rejection of printing, the use of mills for generating energy and the unwillingness to use gunpowder in warfare led to eventual inferiority. Another factor was the unwillingness to grant a measure of equality to women. "Western civilization was richer for women's presence; Muslim civilization was poorer for its absence."

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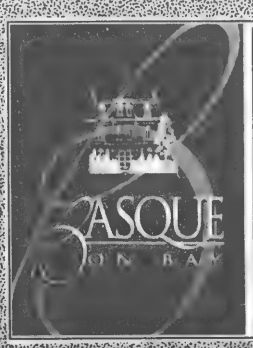

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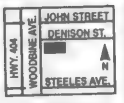

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Theatre, concerts, exhibits

There's more to Florida than sun, sand and sea

By ROSE KLEINER
Special to The CJN

The arts are flourishing in South Florida as never before. The area has become a magnet for artists and tourists who are making theatre, concerts and exhibits as much a part of the Florida experience as sun, sand and sea.

Almost 60,000 people recently attended an outdoor concert by Luciano Pavarotti, on the beach at 10th Street in Miami.

Several South Florida arts events are of Jewish interest.

The Florida Jewish Theatre at the West Palm Beach Jewish Centre, is running *All My Tatele's* on Wednesday evenings, until April.

In historic Stuart, the Lyric Theatre hosts classical plays, music and dance recitals. The town's Barn Theatre presents five shows each season.

Fiddler on the Roof opens March 1 at the Royal Palm Dinner Theatre, Boca Raton. The musical *The Rothchilds* comes to the Coconut Grove Playhouse on March 28. The Boca Pops presents A Tribute to Henry Mancini March 29-30.

Through March you can see the review, *And The Check Is In The Mail*, at the Norris Centre, in Cambier Park, Naples. *Sugar*, a musical based on the film, *Some Like It Hot*, will be at the Naples Dinner Theatre until March 5, and *West Side Story* starts there March 8. *Lend Me A Tenor* comes to the Naples Players theatre on March 4, and *Broadway Ladies* starts there on March 22.

The New World Symphony will give a free Sunset Concert at South Pointe Park, Miami Beach, on March 11 and a free recital at the Lincoln Theatre March 20. A French and Spanish Festival presented by this Symphony on March 25 will feature Ilana Vered, playing Ravel, Constant and Saint-Saens.

Temple Beth Am, Miami, will host a children's concert, given by the Florida Philharmonic Ensemble, on March 5.

The Annual Purim Ball of the Jewish National Fund will be held at the Fontainebleau Hilton Hotel on March 26.

On the Gulf coast, the Philharmonic Centre for the Arts in Naples presents a salute to George Gershwin, with pianist Michael Chertook March 24 to 26.

Some of the finest resorts can be found along both Florida coasts, and some have package deals even in the winter season. To the north, the Indian River Plantation is a quiet retreat near the beach, in the town of Stuart.

In the Palm Beach area, the PGA Resort is a world-famous site for sports and relaxation. A series of Health Seminars at the resort this winter will be open to the public and free of charge.

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Antique automobiles

A number of art exhibits can also be viewed in south Florida this season. Boca Raton will hold its 13th annual Celebration of Art and Entertainment March 3 to 5.

The Elliott Museum in Stuart has an interesting display of antique automobiles. Gilbert's Bar House of Refuge, also in Stuart, and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, used to be a rescue centre for shipwrecked sailors.

The galleries and gardens of the Philharmonic Centre in Naples, which are walking distance from the Registry Resort, have changing exhibits and guided docent tours. The Art Gallery at the Registry Resort has works by Renoir, Calder and Rockwell, as well as by contemporary artists.

Marco Island's annual craft fair will be held on March 18.

Among the synagogues in the area is Temple Shalom in Naples, which offers adult education programs in addition to its religious services.

The Jewish Centre of Marco Island holds services on Saturday mornings and has an adult education series through the winter. It is walking distance from the Marriott hotel and the beach area.

Travel guides: Don't leave home without them

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Whatever your vacation plans, don't leave home without a reputable travel guide. It will help you plan your trip and probably save you time and trouble.

For foot-loose travellers, here are some of the latest guides, published by Lonely Planet, and distributed in Canada by Raincoast Books:

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• *Outback Australia* conjures up images of desolate deserts, endless landscapes, Aboriginal culture and exotic flora and fauna.

• *New South Wales* is an eclectic melange of big cities, rustic villages, surf beaches, lakes, parks, pubs and wineries.

• *Australian Phrasebook* unlocks the patois of the country. With this pocket-size book as your key, you will no longer wonder about the meaning of words like bum-nuts, weakie or dunny.

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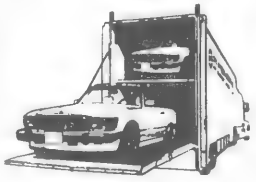

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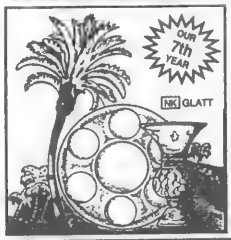

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

Ringed by populous industrial cities like Manchester and Sheffield, England's Peaks District is a treasured national park that covers a mere 542 square miles and provides breathing space, uncluttered natural vistas, and hiking and biking trails for millions of visitors yearly.

Unlike most national parks in Canada, the Peaks District is home to numerous picturesque towns such as Bakewell and Buxton and Castleton, as well as numerous other attractions.

Years ago, I hiked along miles of country roads here, passing through farmers' fields and the agricultural villages of Monyash and Youlgreave, eventually winding up at Arbor Low, one of several local prehistoric monuments. Arbor Low was once a smaller version of the famous Stonehenge, but its stone slabs have fallen and now lie in a clockface arrangement. How peculiar it was to see dairy cows lapping up water from the hollows in these mysterious stones, supposedly brought there about 1700 BCE.

An entrance to Chatsworth Hall.
[Bill Gladstone photo]

During a recent return to the Peaks District, I visited Chatsworth Hall, a somewhat more contemporary monument, the approach to which is memorable. One rounds a bend in a park road and sees a pastoral mirage in the distance, an enormous cream-colored grand hall floating above grazing sheep and deer.

Maintained down the centuries by the fabulously wealthy Dukes of Devonshire (the 11th duke and his family are now in residence), Chatsworth is England's answer to Versailles. Open to the public, it is a kind of live-in fine art museum featuring, for instance, a Breughel in the China Closet, a Tintoretto on the West Stairs, a Rembrandt in the Sculpture Gallery. The house itself is richly furnished and decorated throughout with painted walls and ceilings, woodcarvings and elaborate inlay furniture.

More suitable for troglodytes, the region's Blue John Cavern provides egress into a weird underground world, some 50 metres below ground, where stalactites and stalagmites have been growing undisturbed for millenia. When our guide momentarily extinguishes the light, the darkness is absolute: you cannot see your hand in front of your face. All one hears is the incessant dripping of water through the layers of rock.

After the chilling subterranean darkness, daylight is a welcome sight. Green even in February, these idyllic rolling hills are subdivided only by farmers' neat stone fences and the occasional highway and back road.

The weather can be clear in one vale and foggy in the next. One night, as our van topped a peak along a narrow road hemmed in by fences, a thick "pea-soup" fog suddenly enveloped us. The headlights could not penetrate the white curtain, but they did shine on a hiker wandering the moors. In an accent as dense as the fog, he told us he was going to Macclesfield, and to Macclesfield we carried him.

Set amidst the hills like a precious jewel, the town of Buxton has been known for its mineral springs since Roman times; the waters were once believed to have a curative properties. Now what chiefly impresses visitors to the former spa town are its fine Georgian and Victorian buildings, as well as the Buxton Opera House, erected in 1903, which is home to several renowned arts festivals. The town boasts several charming and reasonably-priced old hotels, such as the Leewood.

Our last night in England was spent at the Etrop Grange Hotel, situated near Manchester Airport, but easily within range of the Peaks. Formerly a stylish Georgian manor, Etrop Grange is one of the nicest and most unlikely airport hotels you will encounter. Two minutes from the terminal, it's a quiet, comfortable, convenient spot to stay if you plan on flying out on Air Canada's direct flight to Toronto in the morning.

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Cultural Revival in Lebanon: It's amazing what a ceasefire will do.

Some 20 years after the Lebanese civil war forced it to close, the once-famous Baalbek International Festival may be resuscitated for 1996. Situated amidst the ruins of the ancient classical city of Baalbek, the arts festival would be the government's way of signalling to the world that the country is again safe for tourists.

Although festival organizers are presently facing a lack of accommodation and infrastructure, one wishes them well. Before it was torn apart by war, Lebanon was an exclusive international tourist destination, and any renewal of its tourist industry might help dislodge the terrorists who point their guns and missiles at Israel from Lebanon's southern hills.

A view of the countryside near the town of Buxton in England.

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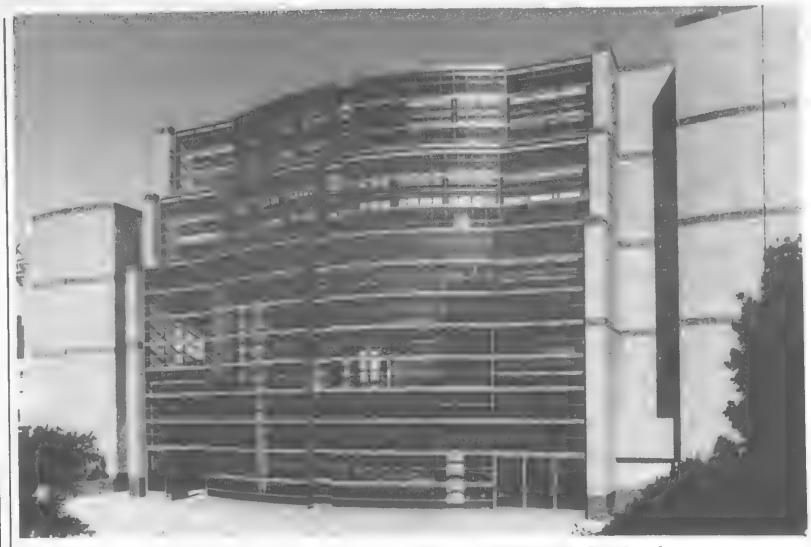

The Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.

Museum shows man's dark side

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

"I hope visitors to the Museum of Tolerance will realize that to all they can see here, there is only one alternative: tolerance towards all mankind."

— Simon Wiesenthal

It is a dramatic contrast to leave a cab at 9786 West Pico Blvd. in sunny Los Angeles and walk into the tunnels and corridors of the extraordinary new Beit Hashoah (House of the Holocaust)-Museum of Tolerance. It is a descent into humanity's darker side.

Through interactive exhibits, visitors are confronted with a hands-on experiential museum designed to challenge and educate them to explore their own biases and attitudes about racism.

The museum focuses on two themes: the dynamics of prejudice and racism in America, and the history of the Holocaust — the ultimate example of man's inhumanity to man. The museum shows the connections between modern day bigotry and the horrors of half a century ago.

"We didn't want to present the Holocaust unaccompanied by other lessons," said Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean and founder of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, and the driving force behind the museum. "The Museum says, 'You may not be Jewish and you may not be a Nazi, but you have a stake in this because hatred was not banished [with] Adolf Hitler — it outlived him.' "

The Museum of Tolerance, which covers half a city block, was built for $50 million in 1993 by the centre, a human rights and research organization named after the Austrian Jew who helped bring over 1,000 Nazi war criminals to justice.

As you enter the museum's first section, you approach either a red door marked "Prejudiced" or a green one, "Not Prejudiced." (Visitors who choose this door find it locked.) In the Whisper Gallery, you see, hear and experience a wide variety of racial, ethnic and sexist slurs: "Loud-mouthed kike! Lousy Gook! They're taking all the good jobs," says a Hispanic woman on a video screen. "Get Whitey. Faggot," screams someone else. "What are you going to do about it Jew boy?"

At The Other America exhibit, visitors find a wall-sized computerized map showing the location of 250 U.S. hate groups, and an electronic timeline of the deadly L.A. riots challenges you to decide who was to blame.

Ain't you Gotta Right?, a 16-screen video wall on the struggle for civil rights in America, splices together the words of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and video footage offers searing images of segregation and freedom marches. A spotlessly dressed black girl walks up the steps of her newly desegregated school, a National Guardsman beside her.

Next comes the history of the Holocaust. On entering the Tolerance Centre, each visitor receives a photo passport with the story of a child. Throughout the 2½ hour tour the passport is updated, and when the tour ends, the ultimate fate of the child is revealed.

The Wannsee Conference is chillingly re-enacted, when 14 people plan the Final Solution of the Jewish Question on Jan. 20, 1942. Visitors pass the walls of the Warsaw Ghetto, hearing the stirring reflections of Mordecai Anielewicz on the eve of the uprising. An illuminated map of the vast European railroad network depicts the deportation to concentration camps.

Visitors then walk through a replica of the gates of Auschwitz. In a bunker resembling a gas chamber, monitors show films of Nazi atrocities, alongside stories of the courage of those who stood up to the Nazis. The exit sign asks "Who Is Responsible?"

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Some people were visibly upset during the tour. Rev. Cecil Murray, pastor of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church in south-central Los Angeles, addressed the museum's question of personal responsibility in a society of ethnic and racial conflict: "The Museum of Tolerance should be required viewing for anyone who has a moral imperative that pulls them through life."

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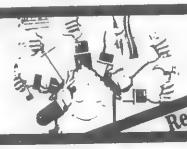

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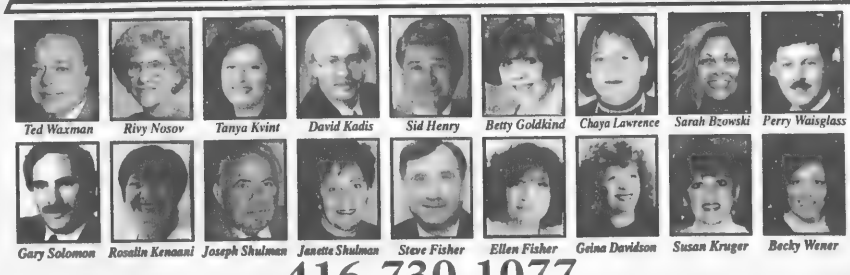

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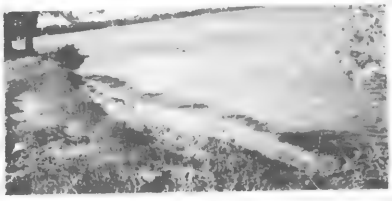

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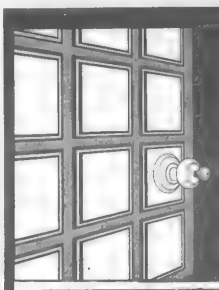

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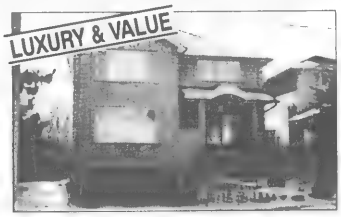

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330 OBITUARIES

Silviu Smilovici on February 11, 1995, late of 73 Lunau Lane
Max Markovic on February 10, 1995, late of 65 Shelborne Ave.
Anne Berlin on February 10, 1995, late of 18 Hetherington Cres.
Samuel Rosenbaum on February 11, 1995, late of 36 Cavotti Cres.
Frederick Chapnick on February 11, 1995, late of 78 King High Ave.
Philip Kaplan on February 11, 1995, late of 2900 Bathurst St. #805
Harry Schwartz on February 12, 1995, late of 4750 Bathurst St. #220
Mary Langer on February 12, 1995, late of 11 Binscarth Crescent
Chaim Korman on February 12, 1995, late of 84 McAllister Road
Max Chercover on February 12, 1995, late of 465 Castlefield
Reesa Paul on February 13, 1995, late of 90 Bowring Walk
Al Sabsay on February 13, 1995, late of 3750 Bathurst Street
Ida Seigel on February 14, 1995, late of 625 Roselawn Avenue +202
Alexander Wagman on February 15, 1995, late of 101 Charleswood Drive
Ernest Lowinger on February 15, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst Street
Gabriel Bennett on February 14, 1995, late of 360 Ridelle Ave. #917

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330 OBITUARIES

Robert Sattin, died Feb. 13 in Calgary at age 88. Bob came to Alberta from Kherson, USSR at 18. He served throughout WWII with the 6th Field Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery and, in addition to his medals, he brought home an English war bride, Esther, his partner and helpmate for 54 years. As well as running his businesses, Bob volunteered his time to fellow Jewish and artillery veterans, supporters of Israel and Soviet immigrants. Survived by his wife; sons Graham (Marsha) of Toronto and Allan (Sharon) of Calgary; and grandchildren Amy, Bernie, Rachel and Jeffrey. Donations to the Jewish War Veterans.

Devoted daughter, Paula Kane, deeply mourns the passing of her dear father, Joe Koppel, in Manchester, England. Sadly missed by Maurice, grandchildren Sean & Leigh.

Tyszler, Huma passed away after a seven-week illness, January 10, 1995 in Vancouver, B.C. She died at home, surrounded by her children and grandchildren. She was devoted to her family, who lovingly cared for her at home during the last seven weeks of her life. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and a loyal friend. Interment took place on January 13 at Mt. Sinai Cemetary in Toronto, where she was laid to rest near her beloved husband Hersz (Harry) Peretz Tyszler. She is survived by her son, Marcel, of Los Angeles, daughter Sylviane Feder of Vancouver, and grandchildren Hersh Tyszler and Leanne, Jean Paul and Shanon Feder. She was 83 years old. She will be missed and fondly remembered by all those whose lives she touched.

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Urbas, Esther Pearl on February 19, 1995
Cowen, Alexander on February 13, 1995, late of 48 Rockwood Cres.
Barmak, Rosa on February 14, 1995
Silverman, Sidney on February 14, 1995, late of 103 Brookview Dr.
Siegerman, Ethel Edith on February 16, 1995, late of 100 Raglan Ave.
Levine, Joseph on February 17, 1995
Krausmintz, Irving on February 17, 1995
Zon, Fay on February 19, 1995
Simonoff, David Max on February 20, 1995, late of 97 Bannockburn Ave.
Wolfowicz, Faiga on February 20, 1995
Lazar, Zoltan on February 20, 1995
Kirszenberg, Sara-Hana on February 20, 1995, late of Cheltenham Nursing Home
Zider, Lois on February 21, 1995
Lifshits, Leonid on February 21, 1995, late of 4455 Bathurst St.

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

TOMMY SELLS BONDS

At a special preview of the Who's Tommy, State of Israel Bonds raised more than $1 million in new Bonds sales slated for self-directed RRSPs. Seen here are (from left) Barry Feiner, George Grossman, Mark Freedman and Alan Friedman.

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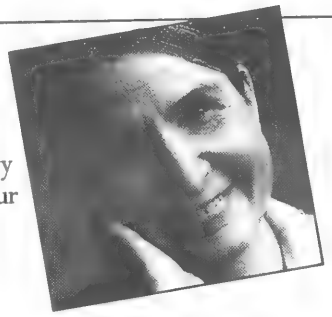

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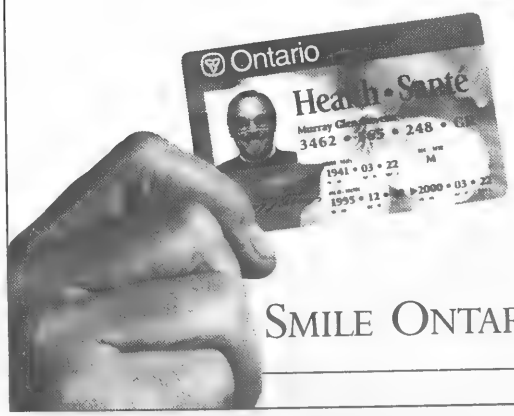

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SPRING FASHION
MONDI

More classic than classic, Mondi's dashing black and white combination offers club style details and a flattering fit.

Mondi focuses on fabric finesse for fashion-conscious women

By ELAINE COHEN
Special to The CJN

Mondi Collections for Spring/Summer '95 cover all aspects of life, from boardroom to beach. The company's new logo indicates exciting things to come in '95. Each collection is named after a place, reflecting Mondi's global appeal.

"We're moving forward with a fresh, new look," says Jennifer Elliott, Director of Retail Stores for Mondi in Canada. Fabric is the magic word at Mondi this spring. The international design house has created stunning blends that look, feel and wear well.

"Mondi works hard to come up with innovative fabrics that respond to the needs of today's women," observes Elliott, adding that fabric blending has come a long way in the last few years.

Mondi highlights lilac and pine in the stunning silk linen Boa Vista collection. The fabric is esthetically pleasing yet wrinkles less than 100 per cent linen. The dynamic darks add a dramatic dimension to conventional summer collections. Mondi's sheer Asian print blouses can be worn over a camisole or body suit.

Mondi's astute European design team has discovered that acetate helps linen retain its shape. Among the impressive ensembles in the Fleet Street collection is a crisp cotton vest and blazer trimmed in navy. Co-ordinated with a navy blouse and trousers, it's collegiate yet sophisticated.

Versatile vests are very much in vogue. Traffic for travel, vests dress up an outfit and replace a jacket in warm weather. The accent on detail is apparent in all Mondi groupings. Back sashes, lacing and belts enhance vests and jackets.

"Vests are extremely attractive," says Elliott, pointing out navy embroidery on a white vest. "This represents an old monogram from trousseau linen."

A different entry in the same collection comes in navy chiffon. This modern translucent look hails from Italy. The group includes dresses featuring beautiful batik prints.

The maritime or navigational theme is apparent in Mondi's dashing double-breasted black blazer decorated with gleaming gold buttons. Teamed with a striped T-shirt, bermudas or trousers, it's perfect for dinner at the yacht club or dinner on the town.

"It's a pleasure for summer because it drapes like silk and doesn't crease," says Elliott. "Here we're using technology to avoid heavy wrinkles of summer but give that natural fabric look." Mother of pearl buttons and colorful print scarves add finesse to jackets and other apparel.

The Madagascar collection offers an alternate safari choice. This time it's more of a structured look. Gold buttons lend a military air to blazers. The color scheme is camel, pine, and Bordeaux.

Once again fabric comes into play with a wool/linen blend that is less apt to wrinkle. Asian/African prints complement the collection. The Piazza di Spania collection is less suity than the norm for Mondi. The silky pajama and lingerie style outfits drape comfortably. Small floral prints dot pristine white backgrounds.

Peu de Pêche contributes a soft touch to the fabric network. An enzyme finish lends a smooth peachskin feel to linen polyester. The Place Vendôme collection showcases this phenomenal fabric.

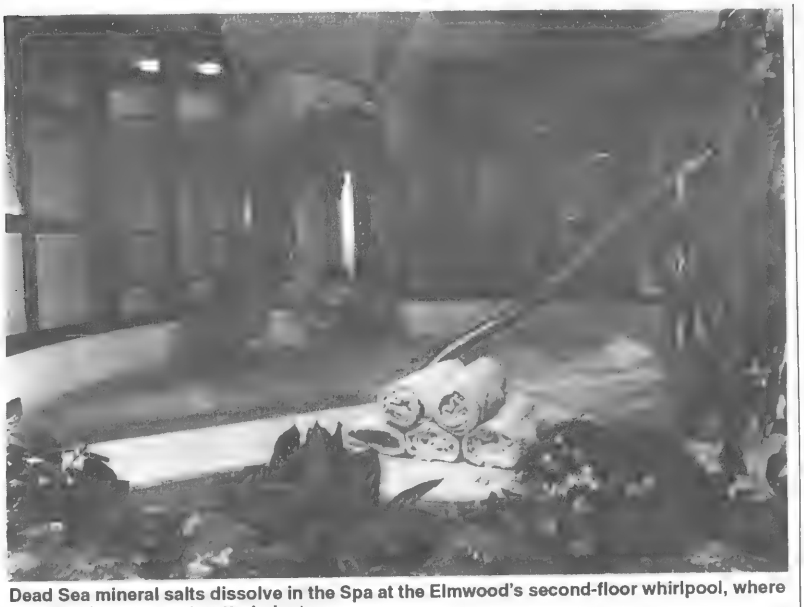
Braun, another upscale choice under the Mondi banner, focuses on golf and weekend wear. Each grouping includes striking color combinations: rose, turquoise, and white; banana, cherry and navy; fuchsia, white and navy. Bermudas, pants, knits, vests, sweat suits, shorts and leggings are among the sporty offerings.

Mondi apparel, sizes 4-16, is available at Ogilvy and Holt Renfrew in Montreal and in Toronto at Hazelton Lanes, Eaton Centre, Bayview Village, and Holt Renfrew. For Braun, also in sizes 4-16, visit Mondi Collection stores in Hazelton Lanes, Toronto, and Ogilvy in Montreal.

Fiber has silky touch

The Sahara collection offers a sizzling safari interpretation. Warm shades of camel, crème and crimson do justice to Tencell, a brand new fabric also referred to as techno-silk. This innovative man-made viscose fiber has a silky touch and wears well.

An interplay of fabrics, light crème nuances, a breezy pajama-style and variations for every summer day.



Dead Sea mineral salts dissolve in the Spa at the Elmwood's second-floor whirlpool, where clients relax amongst potted plants.

Elmwood's spa services run gamut from A to Zee

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

It is a February afternoon at the Spa at the Elmwood, and all is well within its pink-and-mint walls.

Fresh fruit juices are proffered from silver trays, piles of glossy beauty magazines spill onto tabletops and white-coated estheticians slip silently through the sparkling clean rooms.

I have been invited to the 13-year-old spa, located near the intersection of Dundas and Yonge streets at 18 Elm St.(977-6751), to sample some of its more than 60 services.

Close to 15,000 people come through the second-floor spa doors each year (men make up 10 per cent of the clientele). Everyone is promised peace and pampering, a pledge the 42 spa staff work hard to fulfil.

It begins with hostess Sharon Manolov. Her smile is genuine, her voice warm and her attention flattering. "I treat everyone like a king or a queen," she explains. "You're not just a Mr. or a Mrs. Smith. You walk out of here feeling like a million bucks."

But before that, you have to shuffle around in paper slippers, which Sharon carries for me — along with a robe, lock, towels and a plastic bag in which to take home wet bathing suits — to the changeroom.

There are two changerooms, one a cramped space on the second floor with small lockers. I am taken upstairs to the other changeroom, which belongs to the Curzons at the Elmwood women's fitness club. Here, holders of any of the spa's packages ($99 to $595) can use the club's steamroom, sauna, indoor-outdoor whirlpool and swimming pool. A whirlpool on the second floor is for everyone.

I remove my jewelry and underwear as instructed for the upcoming massage and hair treatments. Clients can request female staff out of modesty.

I don't feel modest, I feel stupid in my green terrycloth robe. While the robe is thick and properly closed, the effect is more hospital patient than pampered royalty.

I am greeted by Suzanne Gregory, the registered massage therapist who offers aromatherapy treatments two days a week.

Facials are part of more than 50 services available.

Suzanne leads me into a room made specially fragrant with pine needles to help ease my red and raw nose, stuffed by a nasty cold. Together we go over the 10 or so scented oils from Germany and decide which will be applied during the hour-long massage ($75).

Mental vacation

First is an invigorating rosemary oil for my legs, which Suzanne says will improve circulation to my fuzzy head, then soothing rose and lavendar oils for my back, tangerine and lemon for my arms and eucalyptus for my neck and shoulders "to help open your nasal passages even more," she says. The smells wafting upward are delicious, and I feel as warm and tranquil as a Florida citrus grove in summer.

I pour myself off the heated massage table and into the spa's hair salon. There stands head stylist Zelia Fletcher, a tall woman wearing Birkenstock sandals and crushed velvet in a rich shade of copper to match her hair.

"I'm not the one going home with your hair," is how she sums up her work philosophy. Zee, as she is known, makes a point of listening to those seated in her chair. She quickly agrees to keep my medium-length hair as is, using her scissors only to even the sides, and focuses her attention instead on applying auburn hair color (with style $45, with cut $85) for a much-needed lift.

Spa staff are expected to not just to cater to the clients' needs, but anticipate them, says general manager Lynda Finlay. "You can check your brain at the door," she promises.

Many of the spa's largely baby boomer and professional clients want a mental vacation, she says, especially if they cannot get on an airplane. "Here, you feel like you went away on a vacation, but you didn't have to leave the city."

That is not to say that the Spa at the Elmwood does not have its exotic touches. Clients can eat a hot vegetarian meal brought up from the Bangkok Garden Thai restaurant downstairs, accented with carved fruit and gently spiced, or soak in mineral salts from the Dead Sea.

The clients can come from far away places, too. Monica, in for a visit from Ireland, was spending a blustery afternoon with a girlfriend having her toes painted, pores cleaned and muscles massaged.

"I moved to Ireland two years ago, and I miss the spa," she says in the spa's dressing room. "In all the places I've been to in Europe, I still have to find one that is as friendly."

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Haute Days and Haute Nights

by Joy Cherry

The swing has literally taken couture by storm. So, swing out sisters, in the zippy style of today's fashion.

There's a crazy new freedom in the air, and it's called *Conservative Chic*. After some heady times, we've suddenly woken up with the prospect of dancing to a whole new beat. And how do we react to that? You say you want change. I say let's begin with an inspiration like "necessity." And it's necessity that walks you in our front door.

The keynote of spring is renewal, and that's exactly what you'll find at Joy Cherry — literally and figuratively. The store's abloom with new arrivals as my European selections flood in amid the din of renovation.

Witness: our suits. Take those great '50's curves, add a dash of 60's freedom and you've got the fashion story for Spring '95. My current favourites: Féraud & Mugler's navy & white fine striped suits highlighted with crisp white collars and cuffs; Mila Schön, with her Italian influence and very clean shapes in fluid weightless materials, and our *own* "Great Good Buys" — our private label designs that run from $500 to $775. You'll find modern jackets in wonderful colours, some with brass buttons marching up the front.

The differences: lightweight fabric — a hint of flare in the skirt, peach colours . . . and leading the way, Escada, with their clear cool statement in sherbet colours.

There's no legislating fashion's whimsies. Ball gowns are back, with full skirts, lots of detail, wasp waists, corsets and waist cinchers. Suddenly, Versailles is much more than a nostalgic footnote.

Dressing up also means combining the unexpected: lace with lurex, a silk jacquard slip gown with chiffon tiered bottom, all handpainted in soft muted flowers. Chiffon tiered columns with matching illusion sheer coverups, handpainted in your colour choice.

As any belle of the ball can tell you, our gown selection is famous. We're told that if you can't find it at Joy's, you can't find it anywhere.

Everyone needs a touch of patent. The key to locking in the Spring '95 look is the "skinny belt" in shiny patent, pearl or rhinestone, even clear plastic — *as long as it's narrow*.

Our shoulder knapsacks with zipper & pocket details are a great accessories buy. Only $95, in shiny black, pink, white, red, beige, and yellow patent, they're a natural with the new strappy sandal or high-heeled Mary Janes in white, Europe's hottest shoe colour right now.

SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE JOY CHERRY BRIDE. Our bridal show with Tiffany's was a smashing success; the reverberations can still be felt throughout Toronto and beyond. We've been overwhelmed with bridal appointments. The Vera Wang (exclusive to us) segment drew a standing ovation, as did the scene with the Phantom handing out roses to all our guests.

Our bridal philosophy has always been to avoid the ornate and re-interpret tradition in a very contemporary silhouette. Bridal designers like Vera Wang, Christos, and Scaasi, who reflect this philosophy, have turned pure silks, satins, organzas, tulles and taffetas into pure heaven. Carol Gold, our bridal consultant, will welcome you in our private salon. You can reach her at (416) 489-8809.

Speaking of weddings, have you seen the exhibit at Beth Tzedec? Grade 8 students did a project on marriage, creating their own *ketubot* using as reference the Cecil Roth collection. What a fabulous lesson for young people, to be challenged with the awareness of marriage vows in a positive, traditional context that underlines women's rights — a far different message than the media barrage of wife-abuse cases.

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Want to meet a great chef who'se not afraid to reveal his cooking secrets? Drop in to *La Cucina* and ask for David. Try any of his salads — they're all wonderful! He's just south of us on Yonge Street. Just say "Joy sent me!"

Till next time, a few hot tips:

1. Join the Internet — the latest rendezvous for the ambitious, the young, and the married — all reported to be on line. It's better than a standup bar, and the dress code is flexible — though naturally we recommend that you shop at Joy Cherry beforehand just to be on the safe (and *Conservative Chic*) side.

2. Until I'm able to function on Vampire Time, I'm downloading to join the ITRW (**In The Real World**).

If you're going to hook up with the Internet, you'll want to equip yourself with the latest fashion vocabulary. Try these words on for size:

"Chicissimo" means something great in Milan, but Lagerfeld calls it "vulgar". His word is **"exagerato"**. Oooo, *that's* vulgar. In Paris, something vulgar is **"glauque"**. To *Elle* magazine, something great is **"raging"** or **"death"**, while *Details* calls it **"brilliant."**

When I get back from New York, Paris and Milan, I hope to have a few terms of my own.

Have a chicissimo, exagerato, raging, brilliant spring — or at the very least, a romantic one.

Warmly,

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P.S.: The above symbol means "kiss" on the Internet. (Just look at it sideways from left to right and you'll get the picture).

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TEE OFF

Now women can look good on the fairway

Golf! It's the fastest growing summer sport for women in Canada. Increasing numbers of women are now teeing off, often combining business and pleasure. In 1994, there were 95,000 women golfers, according to the Canadian Ladies Golf Club Association.

But until now, golfing fashions have been scarce, with women being forced to wear old-fashioned, often matronly prints and paisley outfits on the course.

The Casual Way, recognizing a growing need for comfortable and stylish golfwear for women, is introducing a style from California — Marcia — a fashionable golf fashion line.

"The stylishly different Marcia line offers women a collection of quality sportswear with a distinct modern accent," said Michele Kesten, owner of The Casual Way. "Women golf enthusiasts can now be in style both on the fairways and in the clubhouse."

The Marcia line is available in a myriad of styles, colors and designs. This comfortable line will feature regulation-length golf shorts, polo collar T-shirts, reversible jackets, warm-up tops and pants, as well as cardigans.

The mix and match fashions can be interchanged to create a polished but relaxed look both on the course or at post-game dinners and awards banquets.

To complement their look, women can choose from a large selection of caps and visors. The Marcia garment line is durable and easy to care for— all fabrics are washable.

The Casual Way is located at 2541 Yonge St. Appointments can be made for personal attention and wardrobe planning.

Some of the Marcia Line available at the Casual Way include Caribbean Brights (right) and the Linen Lurex (below).

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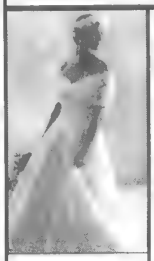

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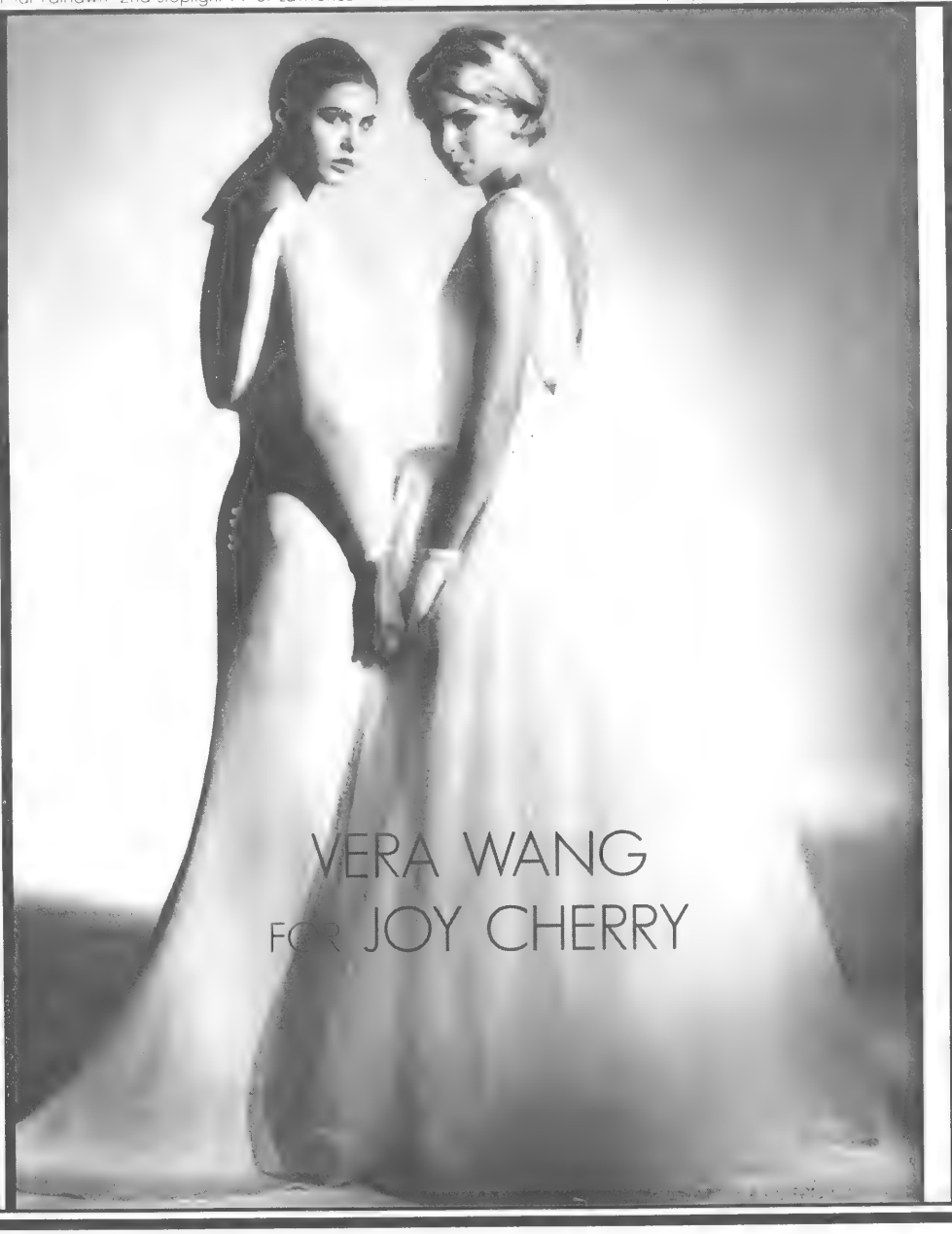

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Beauty SHOP

By CAROL WISE

Special to The CJN

Not just hot but sizzling. Romantic evenings at outdoor cafes, the warm breeze and trees blossoming all tell us that spring is in the air.

Sunlight is so wonderful it almost feels medicinal. When I awake to sunshine, I feel a sense of well being. However, it's time for us to start using a moisturizer with a 15 SPF to protect our skin from those harmful rays that feel so good.

Since your skin is most important to looking your best, you must take care of it and keep it looking young and fresh.

Makeup this spring will be subtle yet well defined. Pink, pink and more pink is definitely the way to go — totally fashion forward. Pink eye shadow, pink blush, pink lips everything is pink. Colors of pink will modulate from dark fuchsia to cotton candy.

It will be fun to have some color after the long bout of brown we have had.

Here are some tips to help you radiate through the spring months.

SKIN

One of the most fabulous experiences I've had in a long time came when I entered Dr. Sammy Sliwin's office at 1188-B Eglinton Ave. W.

Sliwin and his friendly staff greeted me and showed me into a beautifully appointed room where I was to have a Bio Medic MicroPeel beauty procedure — a gentle sloughing off of dry, dead cells on the skin's surface.

"Young skin constantly sheds its outer layer," explains Sliwin. "As one gets older, both from birthdays and from environmental damage, cells don't shed as efficiently. This marvelous new wave treatment smooths and brightens the skin, thus imparting a more youthful appearance."

20 minutes

I was thrilled with the way my skin looked. It felt like silk and appeared healthier.

The whole procedure took approximately 20 minutes. I was given a five-step home treatment program, which I've been using for a couple of weeks. I sincerely recommend the process, particularly at this time of the year as we come through the winter months.

HAIR

A return to the '20s is evident everywhere. Beautiful soft waves curled with hot rollers or a curling iron are in many cases not brushed, just falling softly around the face for a feminine look. Large-barrelled curling irons are now available to give your hair volume and bounce.

BODY/HAND

Even though there is extra moisture in the air, it is important to moisturize and to choose products that are not highly scented.

CHEEKS

Choose a color of blush that is in the rose or pink family. Dust it high on your cheekbones and blend with a soft sponge.

EYES

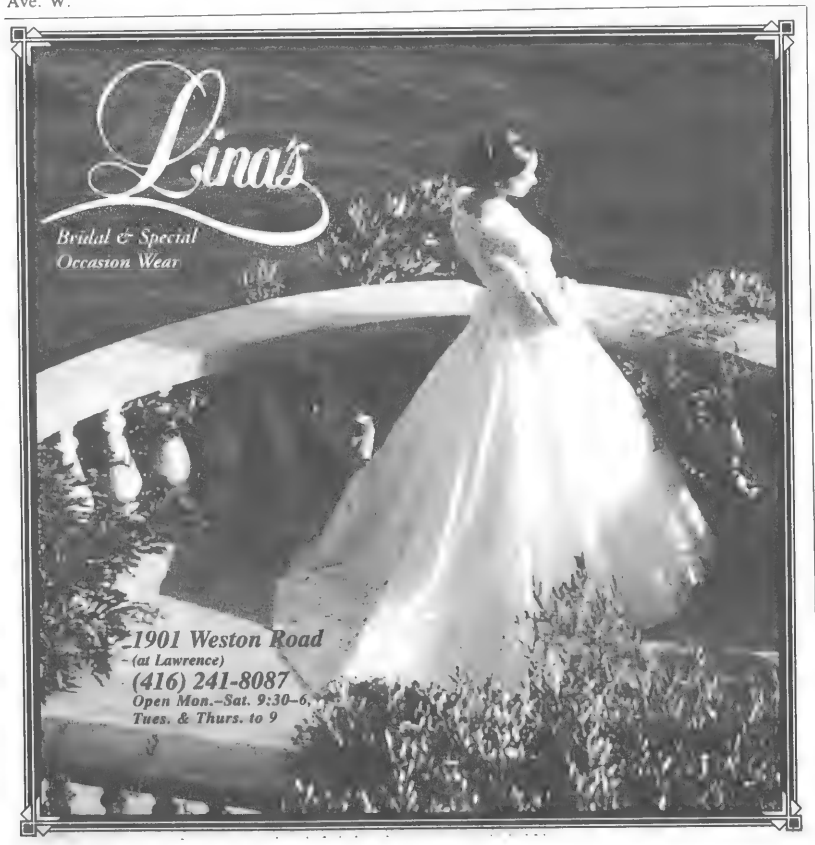
As you remove your heavy, warm clothing, lighten up on your eye makeup as well. Use soft pink tones on your eye lids, beige under your brows, grey or brown in the creases and, of course, lots of cream mascara.

LIPS

Exciting colors of pink will not only enhance your lips but will brighten your whole face. Outline your lips with a matching lip pencil to give extra definition.

BROWS

Brows should be well defined. Use a brow pencil or eye shadow. Be sure to brush brows with either a brow brush or a toothbrush. Brows are to your face, what a picture frame is to your favorite painting, so don't forget them.



Leg treatment without the pain

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

European Touch is the foremost full-service esthetic salon specializing in GHR, a painless method of permanent hair removal. French trained owner, Nadia Danay, brings 20 years of experience and her gentle touch to these treatments.

Danay is knowledgeable about skin and beauty care. She was first introduced to the GHR system of hair removal by a friend, when she found electrolysis unsatisfactory. Her initial reaction upon hearing of GHR was "no pain, no gain," yet she can personally attest to its effectiveness.

As Danay explains, "normally hair is a poor conductor of electricity." The GHR system works with a cream which is applied to the hair; this removes oil, making the hair a better conductor. A tweezer is then applied to the hair and galvanic currents travel from the GHR machine into the tweezer pulling the hair. When the current flows down to the hair follicle, a chemical reaction occurs, which results in lye, a corrosive substance which eats at the hair.

Over a number of treatments, the hair falls out. Since there are three stages of human hair growth — dormant, active, and present — some of the hair will return if not pulled in the active stage. With persistence though, the system can effectively remove all unwanted hair.

Unlike electrolysis, GHR is a completely non-invasive treatment so it poses no health risks and the skin around the affected area does not scar. It is so gentle that one can apply makeup after a GHR session.

Electrolysis is limited by the rigidity of the needle used. If a hair shaft is not straight, the follicle is not reached and the end result is a sharp burn on the skin. The GHR system, on the other hand, is considered a safe and permanent method of hair removal.

European Touch also provides facials, manicures, pedicures, lash and brow tinting and waxing. Bridal packages are available to pamper the bride during the hectic period leading up to the day of the wedding. Service packages and gift certificates are also available.

Nadia Danay

Danay is qualified to administer glycolic acid treatments for skin rejuvenation and acne removal. Her expertise and knowledge are so strong in this area that she trains and supervises those who are new to applying the treatment.

She emphasizes that glycolic acid treatments are not to be taken by those that have used retin-a or taken accutane, or are pregnant or breast feeding. Danay is careful to question people about their medical history before beginning.

Danay is establishing herself as a health aide to those preparing for, or who have just undergone, plastic surgery. With her care, clients are able to reduce swelling and scarring, and possibly recover faster. To book an appointment with Danay, call European Touch, at 416-224-0083.

A Joyful style

Femina by Debra Joy has created a unique environment for buying clothes. Rather than the traditional home shopping party on catalogue buying, a Femina consultant can come to the office, home or beauty salon and display the new pret-a-porter line.

The Femina line is designed by Canadian stylist (H.) Debra, who has discovered a need among women for a controlled, comfortable and private environment.

"People think they need to be Princess Diana and buy haute couture to receive up close and personal service. I've made a promise to myself that Femina by Debra Joy will let every one feel like Princess Di," she says.

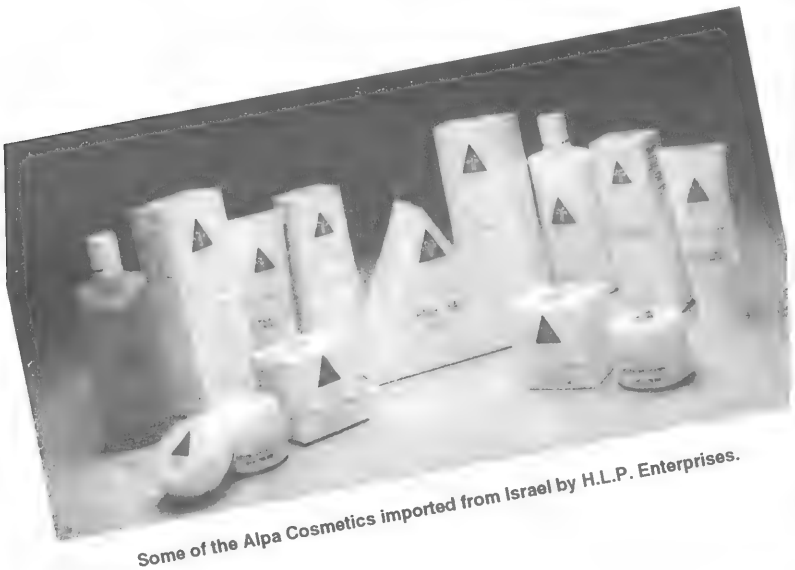
Old styles from the '60s and '70s have become timeless. This ready to wear collection is perfect for women of any age. It is for women who don't like to fuss but want to stay contemporary in a simplified fashion. The Femina line consists of fabrics carefully chosen for durability and longevity.

For her Spring '95 pret-a-porter, Debra has chosen cotton, microfibre, cross dye crepe and novelty knits. All the fabrics used have lots of great texture. Styles consist of pencil pant coordinates with matching tops, vests and a very "now" trench coat. Each bottom is stylized with a "skinny belt" to complete the ensemble.

At the top of the '95 collection, Debra Joy is offering the Novelty Knit, a sure winner. Easy to wear and wash, the Novelty Knit can be worn to the office, out on the weekend, and when accessorized properly, out on the town.

Also new is the Cross Dye Crepe. Three lusciously rich colors include soft emerald, burnt coral and stone. With textured fabrics being the hit for spring, this group will be a hit, even with the most demanding of customers.

The next big number is the Rayon Flax. This style provides a highly sophisticated look, resembling a rich linen, but with easy washing care. The Rayon Flax goes great on its own; with the prints Debra has chosen, options abound.



Some of the Alpa Cosmetics imported from Israel by H.L.P. Enterprises.

Faceology treatments and Dead Sea Products

Two tips for looking good

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

The name Rich and Famous Faceology 2000 evokes a lifestyle. But one needs not be rich and famous to benefit from the treatments.

Owner Barbara Swierczynska can rejuvenate and enhance one's looks, often as a less drastic alternative to plastic surgery.

"Plastic surgery tightens skin, but does nothing with the muscles; things revert. We stimulate and strengthen the muscles," Swierczynska says.

A hand-held instrument stimulates underlying facial muscles while toning and pulling up sagging skin. This improves circulation, accelerates cell renewal and reduces wrinkles. The result is a fuller, more youthful face.

Collagen ampules are also used to replace some of the natural fluids lost to age. Swierczynska, a trained esthetician, says this method is not new; it has been used in Europe for years as a form of rehabilitation for people suffering muscle spasms or who have a partly paralyzed face.

Just as exercising one's body requires ongoing commitment and dedication, faceology treatments must be repeated over a period of time in order to have a satisfactory and lasting effect.

Swierczynska teaches facial exercises after the basic 10 sessions and emphasizes the importance of drinking a lot of water. The treatments, which are painless, are best when performed on the 35-60 age group. They cannot be done on anyone who has a pacemaker or facial implants.

As a secondary or alternate treatment to rejuvenate the skin, Swierczynska provides glycolic acid peel treatments. Glycolic acid is much gentler than other acid treatments, which may discolor or possibly scar the skin. Neostrate glycolic acid is an element found in sugar cane, which helps reproduce collagen naturally present under the skin.

The treatment removes the damaged layer of dead skin, allowing the undamaged skin underneath to rebuild and restructure. This creates the appearance of a healthier, tighter complexion. Glycolic acid peels are excellent for the relief of acne, age spots, photo damage and sun spots.

Swierczynska takes into account clients' age and the condition of their skin before administering any treatment. For more information, call Barbara at Rich and Famous Faceology 2000 416-323-1413.

Dead Sea minerals imported

For those that prefer at-home skincare treatments, an excellent line of products based on the mineral-rich mud and healing salt water of the Dead Sea is now being imported to Canada.

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Produced by Alpa Cosmetics of Carmiel, a leading cosmetic company in Israel, they are imported by H.L.P. Enterprises. H.L.P. owner Book Yakobi became aware of the need for such a product line when, over a period of time travelling to Israel, he found himself bringing back more and more supplies of Dead Sea beauty products for the women in his family.

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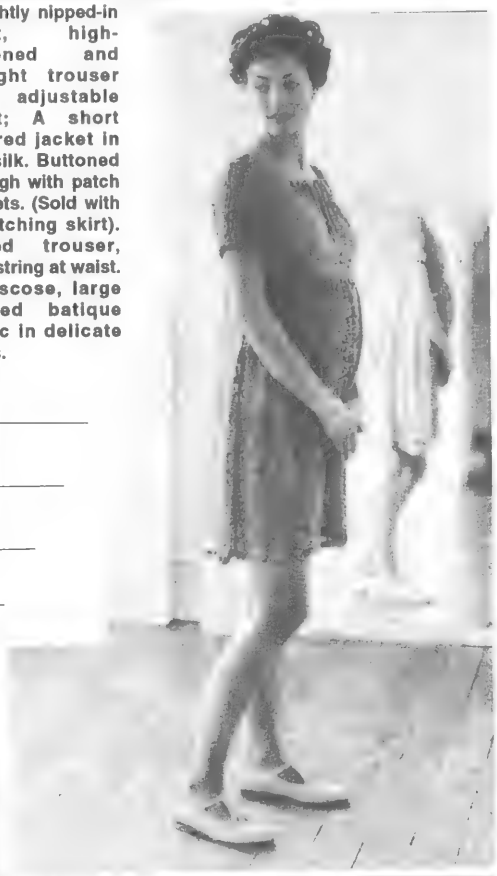

Ellen Somer goes out on a limb for feet

By Sylvia Papernick
Special to the CJN

The paiper meche tree set outside of Our On A Limb is not only a reference to the socks and hosiery sold within but to the treatment provided by owner Ellen Somer.

Somer runs the Avenue Road shop with a stress on customer service and an excellent merchandise selection.

Hosiery, Somer said, is a great and inexpensive way to update a wardrobe. For instance a pair of bright tights can bring new life to a tired outfit.

Out On A Limb carries something for everyone, with hosiery to fit the whole family. Men's socks are available in dress, casual or athletic. Women's hosiery includes full lines of casual and trouser socks, pantyhose, stay-ups, knee-highs, tights and bodywear from such brand names as Danskin, Hue, Aelita, Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein. Aerobic and walking socks have cushioned soles. Somer can meet most any need, she even carries support hose and maternity tights and pantyhose.

Her line of children's tights with names like Filoverde, Mondor or Franzone, is stylish and quality assured. Somer carries a full range of children's sizes from 0-6 months, to size 12-14. Tights are versatile depending on the level of stretch desired and are manufactured in microfibre, Lycra, cotton, cotton-and-nylon and wool-and-cotton-and-nylon.

Many of the imported names in pantyhose can be trusted for quality, style and fit. Filodoro from Italy has been available in Canada four years and offers a wonderful consistency of product. Philippe Matignon, Franzone Ergee and Dim are priced at a reasonable $4.95 and up.

The European lines tend to be more generous with their sizing. Ergee comes in five sizes rather than the standard three, a blessing for those hard to fit.

For spring, the over-the-knee sock is very popular, available in many textures, especially the nostalgic fishnet and micro-fishnet.

Of course Out On A Limb also carries an extensive selection of socks in a wide array of textures, colors and brands such as Hue, Hot Sox, Weekender, and their own 100 per cent cotton label. Hot colors for spring should be banana, kiwi, pimento, aqua and bright fuchsia. Pantyhose will echo these shades in softer colors.

Somer keeps a file on customers so she can notify them when a new item comes in or to give them advance notice of a sale. She will take special orders without a deposit and will take back merchandise for exchange, even pantyhose that don't fit. Gift certificates are available.

Since her store opened last August customer feedback has been excellent. "It's been really positive," she said, the general feeling being a store like this was needed in the area.

Out On A Limb is warm and homey in decor with lots of room at the front for strollers. Even the packaging is unique, with every purchase wrapped in a paper bag, tissue and ribbon. People react to it the same way they have to the store, Somer adds. "Everybody comments on it, it's really something special."

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Comfort is a priority with Mister Leonard's collection

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The story for Spring '95 at Mister Leonard is comfort first. One of Canada's premier manufacturer of affordable, fine fashions for women is set to unveil an outstanding collection of fashion essentials that fit the bill.

Mister Leonard's three beautiful fashion collections emphasize versatility, flexibility and individual expression. The Mister Leonard Collection features suits for career dressing; Leonard Studio offers free flowing dressing for day and evening; and Leonard Sport relaxes with casual fashions for the weekend. They deliver a sensational range of fashion-forward choices for women of all ages and lifestyles.

"We designed our Mister Leonard spring-summer collections to provide realistic fashion solutions for today's busy women," says Lorne Gertner, president of Mister Leonard Inc. "The soft lines and rich textures of our coordinating collections make it easy for women to pull together stylish outfits for every occasion."

Mister Leonard Collection

The designers of Mister Leonard Collection recognize that many women spend a large part of their day at the office. So all-day comfort is a key priority in its exciting range of mix and match embroidered short-sleeved shirts and sleeveless tops, walking shorts, ankle and knee length skirts and long fitted jackets in lightweight gauze, crepe and silk.

The collection develops four exciting themes. Cafe Pales is eye-pleasing in soft green or vanilla scalloped lily crepe jacquard prints; Modern Approach combines structure and sophistication with stylish career coordinates in soft florals and prints; Treasure Isle combines royal blue and brown for a European mood; and Innovative Images lends a tropical feel with light and airy gauze in melon, purple and bronze tones.

Belted, loose, short-sleeved or long, Mister Leonard Collection's warm-weather jackets are easy, relaxed and modern. A single-button melon-colored long jacket with gathered back elastic looks elegant with a flowing long georgette skirt. For day, a short-sleeved, side slit blouse doubles as a jacket.

For skirts any length goes. They're either long and flowing or short and flared. Ankle-length skirts in modern and retro floral prints, leafy designs and paisley prints create a romantic feminine feeling. Add some texture with waffled rayon/cotton blends or light and airy gauze. Take a short cut. A super short 20-inch floral flip skirt looks best with a little knit sweater.

Treasure Isle separates combine royal blue and brown for a European mood.

When temperatures heat up, comfortable walking shorts make an easy choice. Team them up with an embroidered blouse for the office or a beaded T-shirt on the weekend.

Leonard Studio

Who has time for wardrobe changes between work and a night on the town? Leonard Studio's collection of comfortable, relaxed jackets, flowing pants and embroidered shirts and blouses go equally well from work to play.

Leonard Studio presents three groupings: *Ethnic Elements* comes in black, cinammon and paprika, solids, prints and diagonal striped crinkle linen; *Natural Harmony*, has fun with sporty embroidered T-shirts, and casual laundered linen and cotton poplin jackets; and *Bold Contrasts* for the hot summer months goes dramatic in black and white solids, abstracts, circles and stripes.

Leonard Studio's wardrobe basics include classic black jeans with top-stitching, fringed patterned sweaters and crinkled linen shirts. The canvas anorak is a must have on chilly nights and a tie-back duster with front buttons is a safe bet when you just don't know what to wear. Wear it with pants or a long skirt and you're ready to go anywhere.

Pants are hot. Tapered or wide legged, there's a pair of pants for every occasion. Poplin pyjama-styles look great with a pointelle cotton T-shirt and loose five-button jacket. Washable linen pleated pants are a relaxing choice when teamed with a striped shirt over a tone-on-tone embroidered T-shirt. Pleated pants, with elastic waist inserts, are a comfortable option.

Leonard Sport

Leonard Sport is for weekend relaxing. The collection has just the right fashion stuff — from jersey knit tanks and vests to drawstring skirts and dependable denims — to kick back in style.

Mix and match Leonard Sport's three chic collections: *Variety Mix* is a cool choice in denim blues and khaki; *Cote D'Azur* features knit and cotton casual wear; and *Summer Softwear* beats the heat with cotton crinkle gauze with button embroidery and lace pocket details in refreshing shades of melon, steel blue and white.

Head to the country in denim blues or combat khaki. Team a long denim A-line skirt with a pointelle knit vest and hit the trails. For evening, a denim blazer shirt with cuffed sleeves is a natural choice.

Wide-leg pants worn with an abstract patterned cotton sweater look great with a twill drawstring jacket. Have fun with a brightly colored vest over matching geometrical embroidered and applique T-shirts. Drawstring jackets and pants in cotton/rayon "lacoste-style" knitwear are an easy choice for the weekend, while cotton twill shorts and jeans combine fashion and function in leaf green, sea blue, lemon yellow and tangy tangerine.

Spring at Mister Leonard features all the essential pieces you need to refresh and renew your wardrobe. Its three affordable fashion-forward collections deliver a sensational range of fun, versatile, high quality separates that can be mixed and matched for any occasion.

Natural Harmony features a linen appliqué sweater with green cotton poplin pants.

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Ethiopian teen rises to the top

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With the arrival of Soviet immigrants in Israel in the early 1990s, blonde, blue-eyed models began to appear for the first time in magazine and newspaper advertisements and on the country's catwalks.

Then Ethiopians joined the ranks of Israel's growing cadre of immigrant models.

One is 17-year-old Fanny Tasama. A three-year trek by horse and donkey across North African deserts brought her to Israel in 1984 with Operation Moses.

Now, all eyes turn as the dark-skinned, fair-haired beauty strides confidently through the Ashdod shopping mall. Everybody in this rapidly-expanding port town has heard of Tasama, who looks poised to conquer the magazine covers and catwalks of the fashion world.

Striking features

Her striking features have already adorned every local publication, several national newspapers and Israel's largest circulation women's magazine *La'Isha*.

"Some people say I bear a resemblance to [super model] Naomi Campbell," she notes with a chuckle. "But there's only me."

Despite appearances, Tasama's road to success has been anything but easy. She was six when her family left home for the trek across the deserts to Sudan to be airlifted to Israel. Her older sister died en route and Fantisha — she later changed her name to Pnina, then Fanny — became the second oldest of six surviving daughters.

Her father had asthma and could not work, and the family was forced to survive on the meagre salary her mother earned in a factory.

"I've succeeded in getting where I am by redefining myself as an Israeli," says Tasama with a self-assured air. "I've made myself become accepted and never suffered from any discrimination during those difficult early-teenage years.

"Ethiopians have yet to learn how to push for what is rightfully theirs. They accept whatever they are offered with a meek thank-you. That's why they've yet to advance into Israeli society. What the Ethiopian immigrant community needs is its first Israeli celebrity. I'll be happy to become the community's first household name.

"I dream of modeling abroad as an Ethiopian Israeli. I'm proud of my background. But as long as Ethiopian immigrants maintain the mentality of newcomers, they will always remain outsiders."

Tasama, who regularly parties at Tel Aviv hotspots, lives in Moshav Sde Uziah near Ashdod with her 29-year-old boyfriend Avi Hasan, whom she met while modeling lingerie at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

"Even though I no longer live the lifestyle of an Ethiopian immigrant, I'm close to my family and look forward to visiting them at weekends," says Tasama, who admits she rejected the internal family hierarchy.

She does, however, remain loyal to her parents and deeply respects their wishes. "I'll never appear in the nude or in risque poses, it would hurt my mother. But I love to dance and I always steal the show. If others cannot reconcile with my lifestyle — that's their problem."

Tasama has so far resisted approaches from local modeling agencies. "I'm a little confused regarding my future. The prospect of being tied down to a contract scares me, and I have military service in a year to think about."

In the meantime she serves as her own agent, appearing regularly in local fashion shows. Her self-assertive individuality has brought her a long way. Now the leap into national — maybe international — fame beckons.

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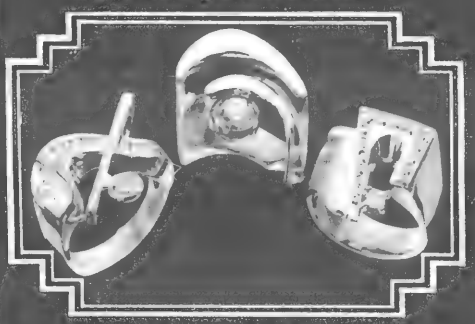

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Alfred Sung launched his Spring 95 Bridal Collection recently with a show at Ritché Couture. Amongst the many new styles are: (left) this simple chiffon wedding gown with flower detail; (centre) silk wedding gowns with embroidered bodices with poet sleeves and scoop neckline (l) and peplum waist with V-back (r); (right) a full tulle skirt, bodice in peau de soie with Austrian crystals adorning the neckline and scattered throughout.

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Alfred Sung's Spring Bridal Collection 1995

On Feb. 22, Ritche Couture was filled with people who came to see the 1995 Alfred Sung Spring Bridal Collection and meet the renowned Canadian designer in person.

A crowd of almost 200 enjoyed the informal fashion show of 30 exquisite styles being modeled throughout the three levels of the Ritche Avenue Road store.

"I love beauty and what is more beautiful to see than a woman on her wedding day?" Sung asks. "There's such liberty and scope in creating for such a special occasion. I can be either subtle or grand in design, lavish in fabric selection and use, and indulgent in details and ornamentation."

Sung's name is synonymous with elegant, understated classic style. His refined styling is evident in sculpted bodices, graceful necklines, and dramatic off-the-shoulder and strapless looks, which are complemented by striking, contoured sleeves and flattering, accentuated waistlines.

His floating skirts rustle from multiple yards of the finest Thai silk, silk essence chiffons, lustrous satins, and shimmering organzas.

Their workmanship and finishing details include ultra-fine French seams, ribbon-bound hems, curled hemlines, pearl edging, Swarovski Austrian crystal accents, and tiny loop and covered button closures.

Widows were married on Thursdays

Strange but true: Jewish nuptial customs

By JANET SILVER GHENT

Throughout history, Jewish tradition has celebrated marriage with special customs. Some are holy, some hilarious.

Although the Bible itself says little about the marriage ceremony itself, the Encyclopedia Judaica provides interesting information on Jewish nuptial traditions from the talmudic period to modern times. Here are a few highlights, some still practised today:

Even in the talmudic era, weddings were celebrated with dancing, dining and a little drinking. And occasionally, revelries turned a bit raucous. One rabbi, Rav Acha, reportedly shocked his rabbinical colleagues by dancing with the bride on his shoulders.

And some medieval commentators said the custom of shattering the glass was designed to inject a note of sobriety into such "unseemly hilarity."

Virgins got the full ceremonial treatment in talmudic times, with a larger ketubah (marriage contract), a grand procession with a hen and rooster at the helm, a goblet of wine, and various games.

Weddings took place on Wednesdays. If the groom decided the bride was not a virgin, he was expected to go before the court, which met on Thursdays, and try to get his marriage annulled.

Widows were married on Thursdays, giving the couple three full days to celebrate their nuptials.

Today many Orthodox Jewish nuptials include a week of celebrations.

During the talmudic period, marriage ceremonies had two parts. The kiddushin, or betrothal, included benedictions and the giving of the ring. But the couple was not permitted to live together until the chupah (canopy) ceremony. With virgins, a one-year interval between the two ceremonies was typical. During medieval times, the two ceremonies were combined.

Bride fed seven times

Throughout Jewish history, communities across the globe developed their own wedding customs. In Eastern Europe, the bride and groom would step on their new partner's foot at the end of the ceremony. The winner of the stomping match supposedly got to dominate the marriage.

In some Oriental Jewish communities, a special ceremony took place the night before the wedding. Only women were invited. The bride's hands were painted with red henna to ward off the evil eye, and the bride was fed seven times during the course of the evening.

The Encyclopedia Judaica notes other customs unique to the Jews of Salonika. During the wedding festivities, the groom would place live fish in a brass bowl filled with water. On the eighth day after the wedding, the bride would jump over the bowl three times and the guests would recite the blessing "May you be as fertile as the fish." When the bride entered her new home, the groom would stand at the head of the stairs, scattering sweetmeats, rice and coins.

During the Libyan ceremonies, the groom would shatter a glass filled with wine, spilling it as a sign of plenty. In the Libyan mountains, most weddings occurred two days after Sukkot. On the second festival day, the grooms participated in a foot race, recalling the verse from Psalm 19: "And he is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course." On the Shabbat after the wedding, the groom was honored at the synagogue.

In Tunisia, the groom was invited to the bride's home on the Sabbath preceding the wedding. Prior to his arrival, a roast chicken was hidden and he had to find it. Five days after the wedding, the bride and groom held a competition, with each dissecting a cooked fish for serving. The groom usually lost, because he got a blunt knife.

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Lundstrom's Resort Collection

This long purple voile chemise, Sultan's pant and tasseled sash, gold "Dr. No" maillot (beneath chemise), travel wallet and slip-on shoes are all part of Linda Lundstrom's exciting new creations including a new line of swimwear for women who have had breast cancer surgery. Lundstrom draws on her own experiences when designing. With a history of melanoma in her family, she is now concerned about protecting herself from the sun. "That's why I began designing clothing especially to help protect the wearer from the sun." The light fabric used in her Resort line prevents 80 per cent of UVA, UVB and UVC rays from reaching the skin. It's also crushable and a week's worth fits in one carry-on bag.

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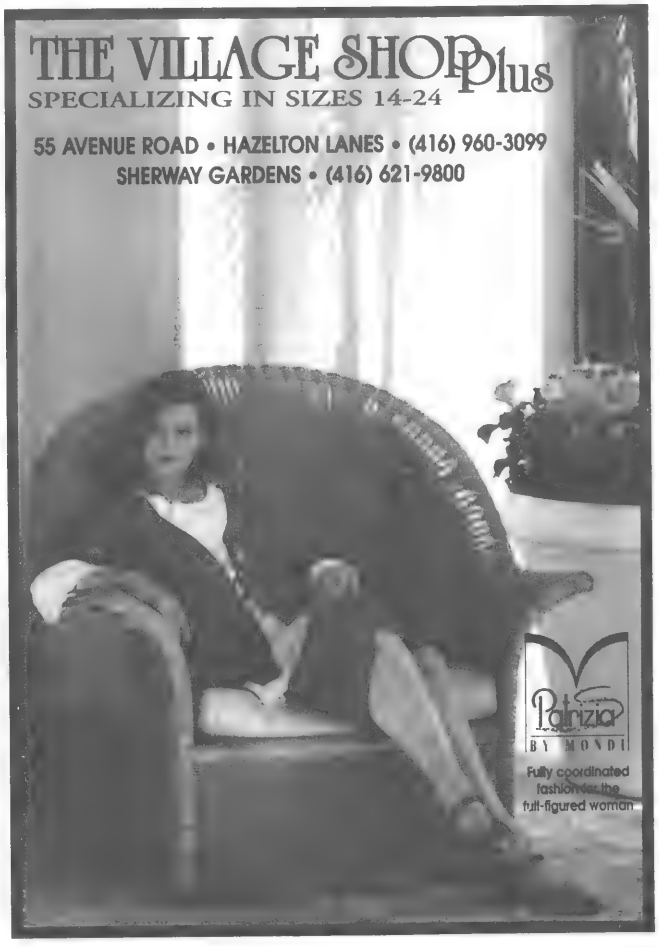

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The Rebbe

Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the seventh leader of the Chabad Lubavitch dynasty was universally known as "the Rebbe". As a result of his dynamic stewardship at the head of the Lubavitch movement for forty-four years, he has been recognized as the one individual responsible for stirring the conscience and spiritual awakening of world Jewry.

The Rebbe was born in 1902, on the 11th day of Nissan, in Nikolaev, Russia. At the age of five he moved with his parents to the Ukranian city of Yekatrinislav, where his father was appointed Chief Rabbi. From early childhood the Rebbe displayed a prodigious mental acuity and advanced rapidly in his studies. His diligence and sharp mind was evident from his scholarly correspondences with some of the leading Rabbis of Europe. In 1929 he married Chaya Moussia, the second daughter of Rabbi Yosef Yitzchok Schneerson the sixth Rebbe of Lubavitch.

Upon his arrival in the United States in 1941 he was appointed to head the educational and social agencies of Lubavitch, as well as the newly formed publication society.

In 1950, after the passing of his father-in-law, who had the arduous task of transplanting the Chassidic court to the U.S.A., Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson ascended to the leadership of the sprouting movement.

His total dedication and concern to reach every Jew was evident by the network of underground institutions established in the Soviet Union, outreach stations from Kiryat Shemona to Be'er Sheva, and Chabad Houses throughout the world. Today there are more than two thousand institutions which were established as a result of the Rebbe's inspiration.

For over four decades the Rebbe's plan unfolded dramatically. No sector of the community was neglected. From day schools and summer camps, to social services for seniors, every segment of the community was included. These projects shared a common objective to heighten an awareness, appreciation and participation in Jewish life.

He expounded the belief that every Jew, indeed every human being, has a unique role to play in the greater scheme of things and is an integral part of the tapestry of G-d's creation. He had an uncanny ability to meet everyone at their own level, from heads of state to small children. His inspiration boosted the individual's self perception and brought to light the hidden wealth of talent within each individual.

As a teacher he conducted countless Farbrengens (Chassidic gatherings) which brought together Chassidim from all over the world and others who were attracted by his warmth and enthusiasm. It was not uncommon to see college students and businessmen sitting along-side Rabbis with greying beards. During the course of a Farbrengen, the Rebbe would explore intricate Talmudic subjects and also find time to address pertinent issues affecting Jewish life. Often the Rebbe's message was beamed via satellite to Chabad Centres around the world. More than 200 volumes of his talks, writings and correspondences have been published to date. His teachings have been translated into many languages including English, French, Spanish, Russian and Italian.

During the course of the Rebbe's 92 years he generated a constant flow of optimism, strength and instruction that continues to inspire world Jewry even after his passing. He taught us that we can do better, that we can bring redemption and rid the world of war, hate and ignorance. "That time is now", declared the Rebbe "we stand poised on the threshold of the promised Redemption, Moshiach is about to come." The ultimate era of peace, harmony and tranquility is imminent. He encouraged us to prepare for Moshiach's arrival through Torah, Mitzvot and acts of goodness and kindness. ***Let's do it!***

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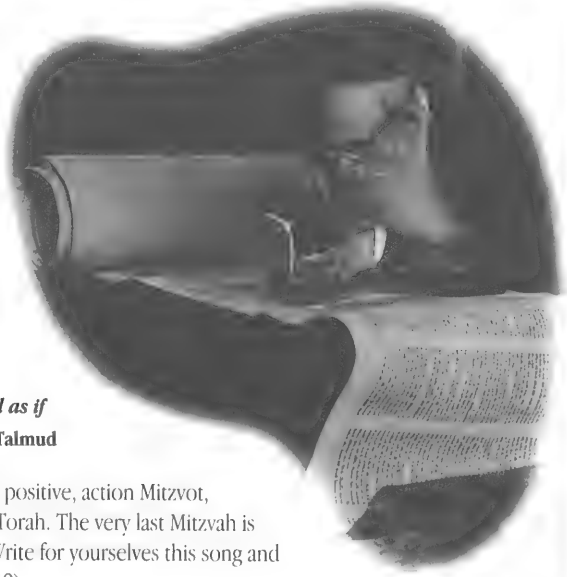

"He who writes his own Torah can be considered as if he received it at Mount Sinai."
Talmud

The 613 Mitzvot which are comprised of 248 positive, action Mitzvot, and 365 prohibitions all find their origin in the Torah. The very last Mitzvah is the Divine imperative to write a Torah scroll, "Write for yourselves this song and teach it unto your children" (Deuteronomy 31:19).

Commentaries note that even one who inherited a scroll is obligated to write his own, since this endeavour would further sensitize him to its significance and importance. Yet, one who is unqualified to write the biblical script in accordance with Halachic specifications, may delegate this responsibility to an expert who will write it on his behalf. Thus, throughout the ages people with a special sensitivity have elected to commission a pious scribe to write a Torah on their behalf. It is usually entrusted to a Shul or Yeshiva where it is read regularly.

Often when a new Torah is being written, the community at large is invited to participate by purchasing letters and words. Our Sages have ruled that through this practice one can fulfill the Mitzvah of writing a Sefer Torah. It is also customary to include loved ones who have departed, as an eternal commemoration.

It is our prayerful wish that our endeavours in fulfillment of the last Mitzvah of the Torah will bring about the conclusion of the Galut so we may witness, without delay, the arrival of Moshiach.

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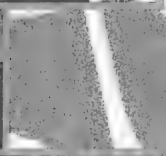

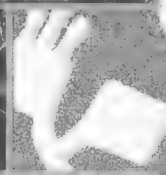

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From these original scrolls, additional Torahs were transcribed, in precise detail, so that not only the words were recorded correctly but also the letters were identical in appearance. In fact, even the spacing between paragraphs and chapters were painstakenly duplicated, for indeed each and every feature was prescribed by G-d.

During the course of history, in spite of dispersion, hardship and human error every effort was made to maintain these exacting standards. Thus, Maimonides in his classic code of law describes how he laboured assiduously to write a Torah scroll cloned with exacting precision to the scroll of "Ben Asher" of Tiberias, whose Torah scroll was known to be perfected and widely accepted as a result of his painstaking efforts.

The Torah which begins with the word Braishis and ends with the word Yisroel constitutes the "Written Torah", while its details, allusions, depth and extension form the all inclusive "Oral Torah."

The Torah scroll from beginning to end, forms one entity, thus should even one letter fade or become defective, the entire Torah scroll is unfit for use, until it is repaired.

Our sages have taught that each and every Jew has a letter in the Torah which corresponds to his soul and his spiritual identity. Furthermore just as each and every letter is an essential part of the Torah, so too, each and every Jew is of utmost importance and constitutes an integral part of Klal Yisroel.

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Syrian peace not imminent: IDF

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel and Syria are unlikely to reach a peace agreement this year, says the head of the intelligence branch of the Israel Defence Force (IDF).

Maj.-Gen. Uri Saguy made the prediction during a six-hour cabinet briefing last Sunday devoted to the IDF's annual assessment of the country's security.

Although Syria is maintaining its general commitment to peace, Syrian President Hafez al-Assad is demanding terms that Israel cannot accept, Saguy told ministers.

Saguy said there are no signs Syria is willing to compromise on its insistence that Israel totally withdraw from the Golan Heights.

Saguy's report came as U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was preparing to head to the region to help jumpstart the stalled talks. Christopher is due to arrive in Israel this Thursday.

In assessing Israel's overall security situation, Saguy said there's little chance that Israel will be involved in a war this year.

However, some ministers drew different conclusions from the report.

"I did not get the impression that Assad is under pressure to reach an accord. Therefore, I am not optimistic about the coming months with regard to peace talks with Syria," said Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur.

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Congress brief annoys sovereignty commission

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Members of the federalist coalition of Jewish, Greek and Italian communities got a relatively polite hearing when they presented their brief to the Montreal sovereignty commisson last week.

But they also had to handle some acerbic questioning from commission chair Marcel Masse and member Camille Laurin, who did not take kindly to accusations that the process is biased and disputed the coalition's right to say it speaks for 400,000 Quebecers.

The brief also said the referendum question should be, "Do you want Quebec to separate from the rest of Canada?"

Max Bernard, community relations chair for the Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region, said in an interview with *The CJN* that the presentation went "about as well as expected.

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U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin during the secretary's visit in October 1994 when talks with Syria were a major item on their agenda. Christopher is expected in Israel Thursday to renew those talks. ***[Israel photo]***

The rescue of Syrian Jewry

'We were buying Jews'

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Judy Feld Carr folds herself into an easy chair in her paper-crammed study, a changed woman, completely comfortable with what she's about to say — something she wouldn't have dared even whisper just a year ago:

"We were buying Jews," she notes matter-of-factly. "And we bribed people at the highest levels of the Syrian administration. We paid between $2,000 and $15,000 (US) per person; more for young, attractive women. Everybody in the Syrian Jewish community knew there were two ways out: either you escaped or you paid."

The untold story

There. She said it.

And now that the long, often agonizing exodus of Syria's Jewish community is all but over, the publicity-shunning Carr can finally open up and reveal how, over the past 23 years, she fought, cajoled, battled and bribed her way into and out of a clandestine campaign that was first dismissed by much of world Jewry as nearly impossible.

Former Chief Rabbi of Syria Avraham Hamra and Judy Feld Carr

Dubbed by the Israeli press as "the mother of Syrian Jews," the driving force behind the relief and rescue of Syrian Jewry can also say something she's been looking forward to for years: this Saturday's Shabbat Zachor, the annual Sabbath when Jews recall the biblical perfidy of Amalek, will be the last dedicated to the rescue of the Syrian community, as has been the case since 1975.

Carr will be guest speaker at the Beth Tzedec Congregation service, where her talk is titled The Rescue of Syrian Jewry — the Untold Inside Story. No doubt there's a good cloak-and-dagger tale in there somewhere. Joining her will be Itzak Shelef, Israel's ambassador to Canada, and Francois LaRochelle, Canada's former consul general in Damascus.

Despite her new openness and a demeanor that suggests a lot of weight has been taken off her shoulders, Carr still plays her cards close to her chest. She won't go on the record about everything that's happened since 1972, the year she became involved with the Jews of Syria and their bitter plight.

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CANADA

Harold Seigel Honored

TORONTO — Geophysicist Harold Seigel was recently inducted into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame in recognition of his pioneering new methods of mining exploration.

Seigel is best known for his line of geophysical instruments marketed under the Scintrex label, a company he founded in 1967.

Over the years, he has been granted 21 patents in six countries, all on developments in mineral exploration technology.

Kerzners Named to JTS

NEW YORK — Joseph Kerzner, a longtime Toronto Jewish community activist, was recently elected to the board of directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), marking the first time in the institution's 108-year history that a Canadian has served on its board.

In a separate development, Michael Kerzner, Joseph Kerzner's nephew, was named to the newly-established board of overseers of JTS's rabbinical school. He is the first Canadian on the 35-member board.

ISRAEL

Aliyah Totals

JERUSALEM — A total of 79,800 new immigrants arrived in Israel in 1994, the country's central bureau of statistics has reported.

That's 2,000 more than came in 1993.

Of last year's total, 68,000 came from the former Soviet Union, 4,500 from Europe and 3,600 from the United States.

Other figures released last week show that 8,579 newcomers came in the first two months of this year.

The total number of olim since December 1989, when the first wave began, now stands at 615,722.

Two New Ministers

JERUSALEM — Two Labor ministers started their new posts at the Interior and Religious Affairs ministries last Tuesday.

The Knesset earlier approved the cabinet appointments of Tourism Minister Uzi Baram to head the Interior Ministry, and Economics and Social Development Minister Shimon Shetreet to head the Religious Affairs Ministry.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had been holding the two portfolios, in addition to serving as defence minister.

Rabin Rejects Proposal

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week rejected a request by Peace Now to dismantle 26 Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

The Peace Now proposal called for the evacuation of 26 of the smallest and most strategically problematic Israeli settlements. The proposal would have affected about 7,000 of the more than 100,000 settlers living in the West Bank.

The group said the settlements had to be evacuated in order for Palestinian self-rule to be extended to West Bank areas.

Rabin reportedly told the group he did not support a Palestinian state, but would agree to a Palestinian entity alongside Israel.

Jew Stabs Arab

JERUSALEM — A 19-year-old Arab resident of eastern Jerusalem was listed in serious condition last week after being stabbed in the back by a Jewish man in the Old City.

A border police patrol later apprehended the attacker, a 24-year-old unemployed resident of Netanya. The man has a criminal background, and told police he did not know the victim.

Lithuania Apologizes

JERUSALEM — The president of Lithuania offered a public apology to the Jewish people for the mass murder of Lithuania's Jews by his country's citizens during World War II.

Addressing the Knesset last Wednesday, the second day of a state visit, Algirdas Brazauskas sought forgiveness for the role his people played in the murder of more than 200,000 Lithuanian Jews.

Several Lithuanian survivors were present during the speech. One of them, former Knesset member Gustav Badyan, was overcome by emotion and was taken to the hospital with chest pains, Israel Television said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset that Israel would hold Brazauskas to his pledge to repeal a blanket pardon given to Nazi criminals in 1991, when Lithuania became independent.

City Unearthed

HAIFA — A Byzantine city with at least two churches has been uncovered here during excavations on the approaches to the Carmel Tunnel.

The Israel Antiquities Authority reported last week that the remains of the city include residential areas, cisterns, oil and wine presses and mosaic floors.

WORLD

Jews Donate Ambulance

QUITO, Ecuador — This city's Jewish community, estimated at 1,000, has announced it will donate an ambulance to be used at Ecuador's border with Peru, where bloody clashes between the two countries broke out in January.

The ambulance will be sent to a hospital in Gualaquiza, a border town.

Muslim March Condemned

JOHANNESBURG — Muslim fundamentalists, chanting "Kill the Jews" and "Death to America," marched to the Israeli embassy in Cape Town last week to protest the killing of Muslims in various parts of the world, including "Palestine" and Bosnia.

Outside the embassy, Israeli and U.S. flags were smeared with red paint and then set on fire.

The South African Jewish Board of Deputies condemned "in the strongest terms" the "racial hatred and intolerance" expressed in the Muslims' chants, especially "Kill the Jews."

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Sovereigntists rebuked over remarks

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Quebec regions of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights and Canadian Jewish Congress were glad to see Bloc Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard react to inflammatory remarks made Feb. 26 by Bloc MP Philippe Pare and Pierre Bourgault, former advisor to Quebec premier Jacques Parizeau.

B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights in Quebec and the constitutional coalition of Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region and the Greek and Italian communities expressed outrage over Pare's comment that immigrants should step aside and let "pure wool" Quebecers decide Quebec's fate.

Bourgault, who resigned as advisor to Parizeau several weeks ago after saying a "dangerous" situation would result if the referendum loses depite a majority francophone vote, spoke at a Bloc meeting and described massive 97 per cent anglophone opposition to sovereignty as "racist."

The coalition called Pare's remarks inflammatory and accused Bourgault of "directly attacking the political and social fabric on which our society is based."

B'nai Brith charged that the two men's remarks "represent the scapegoating approach that so often characterizes narrow nationalist movements."

Bouchard denounced Bourgault's comments and ousted Pare, who later retracted his remarks, from a Bloc-Parti Quebecois committee on referendum strategy.

But Max Bernard, chair of Congress' community relations committee, suggested that Bouchard did not go far enough, since the coalition had also demanded Pare's dismissal from the Bloc caucus.

Bouchard's rebuke "is a good start," Bernard said. "But it would have been better if the audience [where Bourgeault spoke] had booed instead of clapped.

Lucien Bouchard

'That's the price you pay when stupid things are said'

"[Bouchard] said nothing to denounce the statements when they were made."

Bernard said Bouchard should also have called for Pare's resignation.

If that threatened the Bloc's Opposition party status, "that's the price you pay when stupid things are said," Bernard said.

Prof. Stephen Scheinberg, the League's national vice-president, praised Bouchard for "acting quickly" and termed his reaction to both men's remarks, "excellent."

Scheinberg believes Bouchard could not realistically be expected to dismiss Pare from the Bloc caucus because the party would risk losing its Opposition party status.

He said Bouchard reacted "vigorously," and demonstrated that such comments are "unacceptable."

Secretary of State for Multiculturalism Sheila Finestone said in a statement that the two men should clarify their comments. "Canada's diversity is recognized around the world. It is a richness that is reflected in our cultural, ethnic and regional pluralism."

Lawrence Bergman, Liberal MNA for D'Arcy McGee, accused Bourgeault of seeking to alter the debate in the wake of "meager results" obtained by the sovereignty commissions.

"Incapable of demonstrating to Quebecers the advantages of Quebec separating from Canada, he is now attempting to divide the people of Quebec," Bergman said in a statement.

New Maccabi chair sets out priorities

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Raising the level of sports talent, bringing in desperately-needed dollars and spreading the Maccabi message to more countries are the priorities of the Maccabi World Union's (MWU) new chair as it counts down to the Maccabiah Games in Israel in 1997.

But in listing his agenda, Uzi Netanel, who succeeded Michael Kevehazi last year, also seemed to acknowledge that the MWU — the Maccabi movement's governing body — has not completely had its act together in recent years.

Despite its growth in countries like Turkey, Eastern Europe and the C.I.S. and its status as the "strongest and biggest" Jewish organization spread over 60 countries, funds have been scarce and the calibre of athletic talent has declined over the last decade, he said.

"It's a big organization, but there is only a small leadership in Israel," Netanel said. "We need more people, more leaders. This is an international, not [just] an Israeli, organization."

Countries like France, he said, need more involvement.

The United States has previously used Maccabi "sports committees" to get ready for the "Jewish Olympics" but has had no bona fide organization.

Only now are they planning to establish Maccabi USA, modelled on Maccabi Canada.

Netanel, speaking to a group of Maccabi Canada officials and athletes recently, said it was a "stupid mistake" on his part not to have exposed himself to the Canadian operation earlier.

Canada has its own fundraising difficulties with which to contend. But Netanel portrayed Maccabi Canada as unique within the MWU in terms of its structure, commitment and spirit to the Maccabi cause.

Netanel envisioned more international cooperation among MWU nations, such as Canada and the United States working together and helping coordinate other nations' efforts.

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Anti-Semitic incidents reported up in 1994

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The number of anti-Semitic incidents reported in Canada last year grew to 290, a 12 per cent jump over 1993 and the highest number yet recorded in 13 years of annual audits by the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada.

Toronto bore the brunt for the largest number of incidents of harassment and vandalism, registering 50.3 per cent (146) of Canadian anti-Semitic incidents, according to the League's audit.

Montreal reported 54 incidents, about the same as the year before, while Ottawa registered a 16 per cent drop from 43 to 36. Winnipeg reported 15 incidents in 1994, no change from the previous two years, although just last week, the city's only Jewish high school, Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, was daubed with swastikas and slogans. The incident took place the morning after a television documentary on the racist right in Canada was aired.

Other areas of Canada, including British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and the Maritimes, reported fewer incidents against Jews in 1994.

The League found that Ontario outside Toronto and Ottawa experienced a 40 per cent rise in incidents. The League attributed that to "increased hate propaganda distribution in smaller communities ... However, total reports of vandalism in regional Ontario declined by one-third, perhaps because of the greater vigilance in the cities and the creation of [police] hate crimes units."

In compiling the statistics, the League relied on voluntary reports to B'nai Brith offices and lodges, as well as to the police, school officials and the media, said Karen Mock, national director of the League. These probably represent "only a fraction of actual occurrences," she said.

Karen Mock

Incidents fell into two categories: vandalism, defined by acts of physical damage to property, and harassment, which includes hate propaganda, hate mail, slurs and acts of discrimination.

The League reported 92 incidents of vandalism in 1994 and 198 of harassment.

In 1994, hate came off the street and into our schools, homes and computers, said Rochelle Wilner, national vice-president of the League.

The League's audit found that "the computer, utilizing telephone lines, has become the successor to the [telephone] hateline and is presenting a new set of challenges for anti-racists, law enforcement officers and human rights officials ... Both the vastness and the 'culture' of the Internet make [anti-hate] legislation virtually impossible to enforce at present."

The audit reported the white supremacist Heritage Front "opened a bulletin board system in Toronto [that] allows local callers to receive hate messages which range from announcements of meetings to Holocaust denial and other white supremacist propaganda.

"The other type of system is Internet-based ... The Internet allows information to pass freely, unexamined, into Canada. There are message groups, which anyone can access, devoted specifically to Holocaust denial and other neo-Nazi ideologies."

An estimated 30 million homes worldwide are linked by the Internet, said League researcher Richard Berman.

The League called for "creation of a comprehensive policy whereby all hatemongering will be treated equally regardless of mode of broadcast."

Mock urged continued education to counter the effects of anti-Semitic propaganda. While the material may not be easily blocked, by educating teachers and students, young people will be better equipped to resist the hateful messages, she said.

The League also blasted the government of Ontario for failing to prosecute Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel, whose neo-Nazi literature is distributed to 43 countries.

Bullets in mail

"We're in the embarassing position to have the German ambassador to Canada solicit our aid to shut Zundel down," said B'nai Brith president Brian Morris.

Among the incidents reported in the League's annual audit:

- Montreal schools and synagogues were targeted by hatemongers in February and March. Bomb threats and vandalism were "commonplace."
- In March, 14 bullets with an accompanying hate message were mailed to Jewish leaders and organizations in Toronto. No arrests were made.
- Holocaust-denial leaflets were left on cars outside a Kitchener, Ont. theatre screening *Schindler's List* in August.
- In October, a synagogue in Winnipeg Beach, Man. was vandalized with grafitti.
- In November, three Toronto Jewish-owned businesses were painted with swastikas.

Zundel gets airtime in New York

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ernst Zundel is getting more air time in upstate New York, though not, as in the past, via public-access cable TV.

The Toronto-based Holocaust denier was recently interviewed on a 50,000-watt Albany radio station that can be heard in 38 northern U.S. states. He used the platform to promote his view that Jews did not suffer more than others during World War II.

About 70 demonstrators, including Holocaust survivors and war veterans, protested outside of station WGY.

Shelley Shapiro, spokesperson for Holocaust Survivors & Friends in Pursuit of Justice, said she pleaded with talk show host Mike Gallagher not to give Zundel a platform for his views. She declined an offer to appear on air with Zundel.

"The bottom line is that we do not believe in debating Holocaust denial ... There is no debate on the Holocaust. There is no other side."

Gallagher told Albany reporters he brought Zundel on the show to expose him, though both Shapiro and Keith Marder, a columnist with the *Times Union* in Albany, suggested he was after controversy to boost the show's ratings.

Meanwhile, Zundel supporter Jack Wikoff of Scipio, N.Y., has filed a formal complaint to the state Commission on Cable Television after two New York cable television companies decided not to broadcast Zundel's *Another Voice of Freedom* on their community access stations.

The companies argued they are not obliged to air shows presented by non-residents of New York. Wikoff has said he will submit the programs.

Shapiro said she has requested changes to broadcast regulations so that only community residents would qualify under community access provisions. If adopted, that would prevent Wikoff from getting Zundel's show on the air outside his home town.

Vancouver police urged to tackle hate crimes

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Hate crimes demand a special response from law enforcement agencies and civic bodies, says Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region (CJC-P).

In a letter to Insp. Ken Doern of the Community Services Section of the Vancouver Police Department, CJC-P executive director Erwin Nest says the police department has "no sufficient system in place to monitor emerging trends and patterns of hate crimes."

Nest says that "despite genuine and often concerted efforts by various levels of government and law enforcement agencies, hate propaganda and its outgrowth, bias crimes, continue to persist with impunity."

The letter, sent by Nest on behalf of the region's officers, was commenting on a recent report on community policing presented to Vancouver city council. In the report, the police outline plans to expand their system of community-based policing, meant to bring the police closer to the average citizen. Advisory groups are being set up "to create a direct access to the police department at a level where accountability and responsiveness can be assured," says the report.

The letter says Congress, as a community-based agency, is "gratified at the growing desire to move ahead with the concept of community policing," but notes such initiatives are usually the first to be affected by lack of funding.

Congress is calling for "specially focused programs to reduce the number of bias-related incidents of racist and religious violence to keep such incidents from spreading."

Congress said it is willing to participate in the consultative process

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From coast to coast

Fackenheim shines at U of T program

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The doughty 78-year-old philosophy professor is not going gently into the good night.

Emil Fackenheim, who made aliyah 11 years ago, is still a determined and brilliant advocate for Israel, as he proved recently when he gave the keynote address at the symposium celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Toronto.

The sharp-witted professor emeritus at the university was among friends (he helped found the program after all) and was obviously enjoying himself. William Dunphy of St. Michael's College reminded the audience that Fackenheim judged his Phd thesis on Hegel years ago.

In his scholarly address, in the answers he gave to questioners later and in an interview with *The CJN*, Fackenheim revealed he has lost none of the fire that brought a new recognition of the significance of the Holocaust in his 16 years at the university.

The professor, who lives in Jerusalem and teaches philosophy at Hebrew University, has two sons in Israel, and a daughter and grandchild in England.

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In June he visited Toronto for a month and found the city where he spent most of his life a restful change from Jerusalem.

"The Jewish community here is comfortable, too comfortable I believe, and not concerned enough about the Jewish condition in general. I heard a lot of people tell me how glad they were about the peace process but they don't seem to realize how precarious the situation is."

People in Toronto, he said, told him they were worried about violence in the streets. "I wish we had worries like that in Jerusalem."

Fackenheim told *The CJN* he felt the situation in Israel is "very bad. I don't want to blame anyone, I can't blame the government. It's facing a big problem. [But] when Prime Minister [Yitzhak] Rabin was offered the Nobel Peace Prize, he should have said, 'I can't take it. I'll take it when peace has been achieved.' That would have put Yasser Arafat and the nations of the world on notice."

His chief criticism of Rabin is that the prime minister "is playing his cards close to his chest. This may be good for negotiations but it is bad for morale of the nation."

If a vote was held in Israel today on whether there should be a return to the 1967 borders, or whether the settlements since then should be in Israeli territory, the country would vote in favor of keeping the settlements, he predicted.

"When Rabin made a secret deal at Oslo with Arafat and the PLO he went far beyond what he told the Israeli voters he would do. They voted for Rabin, not for Labor."

He said he was "scandalized" that American academic Noam Chomsky, who has defended the right of Holocaust deniers to free speech, had been given a forum in Convocation Hall at his beloved university. "What Chomsky did was to defend the right of someone to yell 'fire' in a crowded theatre."

Asked why some universities are reluctant to keep Holocaust deniers out, Fackenheim replied that "professors are not a heroic lot," and the situation is symptomatic "of the power of the left."

To one questioner he suggested the title of Mordecai Richler's book *This Year in Jerusalem* should have been *This Year in Israel and Back as Fast as Possible*.

He is saddened by the failure of Israeli politicians to speak up for "Jewish dignity," for their readiness to let official visitors bypass Yad Vashem.

Emil Fackenheim: a philosopher's grandfatherly embrace

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer Fred M. Catzman has been researching their origins over the past few years. Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

ROSENSTEIN — MARCHASIN — ROTZACK — FISHER

Barbara Roston, of Willowdale, hits a home run. She submits the names of her four grandparents for solution.

Her paternal grandfather was Rosenstein — "rose stone" — a variety of diamond. His wife was Marchasin, a derivative from the given name Mordechai.

Her maternal grandfather was Rotzach. I suspect it is an emasculation of names like Rodzike, Radzikow, or Rudzica. His wife was Fisher, which probably emanates from Ephraim or more prosaically, a dealer in fish.

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Paul Martin ignores party labels

By STANLEY LAIKEN

It was a good thing that Minister of Finance Paul Martin wore a Liberal red carnation in his lapel as he rose to deliver his second annual budget in the House of Commons on Feb. 27. Otherwise, from what he presented, he might have been mistaken for a Conservative, despite there only being one male Conservative member of the House these days.

FEDERAL BUDGET COMMENTARY

Who ever heard of a Liberal privatizing Crown corporations? In fact, many have suggested the Conservatives themselves should have taken Martin's budgetary approach years ago. A carnation of any other color would smell the same — to borrow and mangle a line from Shakespeare.

Some were quick to suggest that expenditure reductions of 19 per cent over three years did not go far enough. After all, an annual budgetary deficit projected at almost $33 billion this coming year and just under $25 billion next year still adds about $60 billion to the total federal debt burden, now at about $550 billion, with interest at rising rates compounding daily.

By dropping a few zeros and applying a fraction to these numbers, you can think of this in terms of a family's financial situation if it were carrying a $100,000 debt and was planning to spend a total of $11,000 more than it earned, by borrowing over the next two years at today's interest rates.

Others have said that the budget cuts are too drastic and will severely affect social programs and the much discussed social safety net when less of the federal government's revenues are passed to the provinces next year for spending on health, education and social assistance. The last word on this effect will not be heard until the provincial budgets are brought down later this spring. Only then will we see how the provinces react, although they have been given a year's breathing space. Some face elections, which makes increasing visible taxes politically unfeasible.

Generally, it's hard to fault Martin's objective that government should "do what only government can do best — and leave the rest for those who can do better — whether business, labor or the voluntary sector."

What does it all mean? The economic side of the budget, remember, is a set of projections and plans. What happens to your own financial projections in family budgets and plans? Some work out and some don't. Sometimes circumstances beyond your control result in your failure to reach a financial goal and sometimes your failure to control your finances does the same.

Let's look at some of the changes in taxation. How might the proposals affect you? While there were no personal income tax rate increases, the excise tax on gasoline was increased by 1.5 cents per litre. Although it will raise an extra $500 million a year, the cynics will suggest that the increase was set at a rate that could be buried in the normal price fluctuations.

Several changes were made to retirement savings plans. First the contribution limits for registered retirement savings plans (RRSP) and certain registered pension plans were reduced to $13,500 for 1996. From then, the original plan to increase the limit to $15,500 will continue. This change will affect taxpayers earning over $75,000. Of course, this means it will take these individuals a little longer to accumulate contributions for the maximum allowable pension on retirement, but it has absolutely no effect on the gold-plated pension plan enjoyed by members of Parliament.

In the meantime, you may be given the opportunity to contribute more to the Canada Pension Plan after it is reviewed next fall. The budget also proposed reducing the overcontribution that could be transferred to an RRSP without penalty to $2,000 from $8,000. The original $8,000 was probably overly generous.

Effective July 1, the government proposed to increase the rate of interest it charges on late-paid or unpaid taxes by two per cent. This means that if you don't pay your taxes or instalments when they are due, you will be charged four per cent more in interest than the government will pay you on refund amounts owed to you. This concept of tax fairness is understood only by the government.

If you have received Old Age Security (OAS) payments, but all or part of them were clawed back because your income exceeded $53,215, the government will only pay you the amount that won't be clawed back, starting in July 1996. How nice of them to save you the aggravation of cashing the cheque and then having to pay it back with your next tax return.

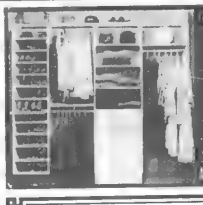
If your portfolio of investments is held in a private holding corporatio instead of personally, you have been benefiting from a tax deferral for as long as the investment income (interest, rents and capital gains) has been left in the corporation. The budget proposes a refundable tax that will remove the deferred benefit you have been enjoying.

If you have used family trusts to hold property for your beneficiaries and to split income with lower-income family members, the tax and advantages that were planned have been rendered considerably less effective.

Finally, the budget proposed to levy a user fee of $975 on each adult applying to immigrate to Canada, starting Feb. 28. The fee must be paid on application and will be refunded if the application is unsuccessful.

On the taxation side, it could have been worse, but then you might have had an opportunity to join a full-scale tax revolt.

(Stanley Laiken is a professor of Taxation, School of Accountancy, University of Waterloo, and the co-author with Robert E. Beam of Introduction to Federal Income Taxation in Canada.*)*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On the budget: Does it enhance life?

By RABBI DOW MARMUR

(Excerpted from a sermon in Toronto on Feb. 25, Sidra: Vayakhel)

With this as background (That life is a gift, not even the one to whom it has been given has a right to dispose of it), let us reflect on current attempts to reduce the fiscal deficit in the country — both federally and in the Provinces — by creating an even greater social deficit everywhere, and particularly when it comes to the preservation of life. The nagging question is whether saving money may lead to the loss of life through inadequate health care or an insufficient social safety net. Nobody in power will admit to it, but can we really be sure? And if we can't, what should our stance be today?

To cut spending on that which makes ours a welfare state has united all the political parties. If they disagree, it is only on the severity of the cuts. They tell us, of course, that essential health care and related services will remain the same. Curtailing social services is said to be a way of avoiding abuse. Can we afford to believe them?

Because our own money is so sacred to most of us, we like to believe them. The thought of paying more taxes to preserve life — our own and that of others — by making sure that good and swift health care and social services are available is so unpopular among the vast majority of the population that it will believe anything as long as it costs less. That is the mood of the country today.

Those who live in big cities and have additional means, or good contacts, are more likely to manage despite the cuts. Those who are poor and live in remote places may not get by. Most Jews live in urban centres and belong to the middle classes. Therefore, most of us tend to be sympathetic to the call for more cuts, less taxes and reducing the deficit. We can all make a good, rational, economic case for this stance, and often we do.

But is that enough?

Should not the Jewish emphasis on life inform our stance in the current debate [on social spending], irrespective of our class interests and political orientation? I am convinced they should, and that's why I have been involved, together with other religious people, urging government not to victimize the weakest. And I am proud that our own Reform [Judaism] movement has lent its support to these endeavors.

As free citizens of this free country, we Jews, like everybody else, must participate in its political life. But that does not mean we must shed our Jewish heritage in the process. On the contrary. To combine our responsibility for the present with our response to the past means to pursue an independent line in matters of Canadian social policy. It should be a line based not on economics, but on compassion for the disadvantaged; not on class interests, but on justice for the weak; not on political allegiances, but on moral criteria. And all of these rest on the Jewish commitment to the sanctity of life, which it is society's task to enhance — at all cost.

In deciding where we stand on an issue, we owe it to ourselves always to ask the question, Does this measure endanger life or enhance it?

Rabbi Dow Marmur is the senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.

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ס'איז איינס פון די מערקווירדיקע דערשיינונגען — אַ פרוי פון ייִדיש-אַרויסאַקראַטישן אָפשטאַם, האָט ווכה געווען צו אַ באַוונדערן ספר אין די כתבי הקודש, צו אַ באַוונדער ספר אינעם תלמודישן טראַקטאַט — און צו אַ ספעציעלן ספר אין דער אגדה-ליטעראַטור.

מגילת אסתר פירט אונז אַריין אין דער ריכקייט און לוקסוסדיקן לעבן פון פּערסישן קעניג אחשורוש. ס'ווערט געשילדערט די גרויס פון זיין ממשלה; ס'ווערט דערציילט וועגן דער ריכקייט און פּאַרשוועגדערישקייט פון אָט דעם קעניג, וועמענס האַרץ איז בלויז גוט, וען ער איז אַנגעטרונקען. עס שווימדלט פאַר די אויגן די גאַלדענע און זילבערנע כלים, די ריכע דיוואַנען, די ווייַנען וואָס וועלן סערווירט ביים גרויסן באַל צו פּיינרן די דרייַ יאָריקע עקויסטענץ פון זיין רעגירן.

אָבער, פּאַרשטייט זיך, אַז נישט דאָס איז דער שרייבער פון דער מגילה אויסן נעווען. עס קומט צום אויבערפלאַך די שרעקלעכע גזירה, דער דערקרעט „צו הרגענען און אומברענגען אַלע ייִדן, יונג און אַלט, אין איין טאָג". וועגן מרדכי האָט דערהערט פון דער דאָזיקער גזירה, האָט ער צעריסן זיינע קליידער, געשריגן נאָך הילף. אָבער די שטאָט שושן, דאָס מיינט מען דער ייִדישער ישוב אין שושן, איז געווען פאַרטרויערט, צעטומלט, פאַרצווייפלט. מרדכי אליין פאַרלירט זיך נישט. מרדכי היהודי, מיטן טרויער-זאַק אויף די פלייצעס און מיט אַש אויפן קאָפּ, ווייל אַפשריייַן די גזירה. און דורך וועמען גלייבט עס אים צו באַקומען דעם שונא היהודים המן? דורך זיין קוזינע, די יתומה אסתר, וועלכע איז געווען געוואָרן אין קעניגלעכן הויף צו ווערן די פּערסישע מלכה.

ער פאַרלאַנגט אסתר׳ס הילף. אָבער וועגן זי קומען צו אַ ביסל צוליב מורא, זאָגט ער איר גאַנץ אָפן: „אויב וועסטו שוויגן, וועט מיט דער ציים אַ דערליכטערונג און אַ רעטונג אויפשטיין פאַר יידן פון אַן אַנדער אָרט. . .". און אסתר, וועגנדיק, אַז ס'איז נישטאָ קיין אַנדער אויסוועג, גיט זיך אונטער צו מרדכי׳ס פאַרלאַנג און שטעלט אויף איר לעבן. אַזוי אָרום טרעפט אסתר אַרויס אין איר הויפּט-ראָלע אַלס רעטערין פון איר פאָלק.

איידער זי איז געגאַנגען צום קעניג, אומגעבעטענערהייט, האָט זי גענומען אַרויסצוגיין „אויפן דריטן טאָג — לייענען מיר — האָט זיך אסתר אָנגעטאָן אין די מלכות-קליידער און האָט זיך געשטעלט פונקט אַנטקעגן דעם הויז פון מלך".

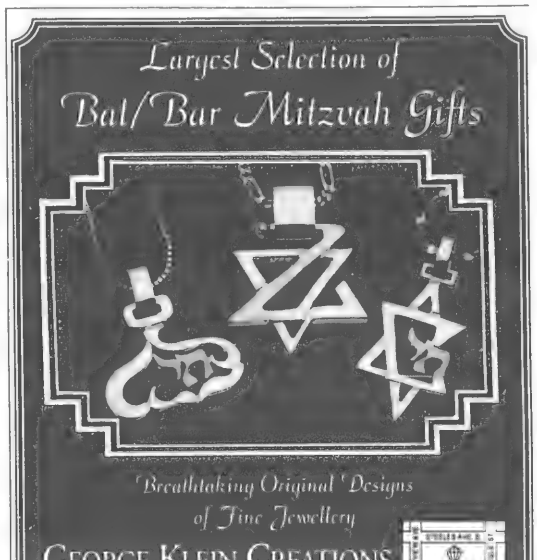
זי האָט עובר געווען אויפן אָנגענומענעם הויף-קאָדעקס, זי האָט אינגעשטעלט איר לעבן. זי האָט פּס אָבער געטאָן, ווייל ס'איז נישט געווען קיין אַנדער אויסוועג. און די סכנה פאַרן פאָלק איז דאָך געווען גרויס און מרדכי׳ס באַפעל און וואַרענונג איז געשטאַנען פאַר אירע אויגן. זי איז געגאַנגען דריסט און מיט בטחון צום קעניג.

שוין זייענדיק ביים קעניג, האָט די קלוגע אסתר אויסגענוצט אַלע מעגלעכע אינטריגעס צו שאַפן אַ שנאה צווישן די צוויי מאַנסביליג, איינער אַ קלוגער רשע, וואָס יאָגט זיך נאָך מאַכט, און דער אַנדערער, אַ נאַריש-שער קעניג, וואָס יאָגט זיך נאָך תווואה און פאַרגעניגנס.

אסתר האָט דאָ געשפּילט אַ נייע ראָלע, אַנציען אחשורושן, רופן אַרויס ביי אים אַן אייפערזיכט אויף המנ׳ען — און דאָס האָט זיך איר גאָר גוט אייגענעמבן. וען דער קעניג איז אַרויס אין שפּאַציר-גאַרטן, איבער-טראַכטן וואָס צו טאָן, איז זי געבליבן אַליין מיט המנ׳ען, געפאַלן אויפן בעט מיט תחנונים. . . און גראָד אין יענעם מאָמענט איז דער קעניג אַריין-געקומען, גענומן די סצענע און געוואָרן אין כּעס, אויסרופנדיק: „הגם לכבוש את המלכה עמי בביתי" — ווילסט נאָך באַצווינגען די קעניגין ביי מיר אין הויז.

און דער פּינאַל איז געקומען, לויט דעם סדר איך דער מגילה: המן ווערט אויפגעהאָנגען; זיינע קינדער מיט אים; מרדכי מיט אסתר׳ן נעמען איבער די פּירערשאַפט; ניט ברירה וועלן אַרויסגעשיקט מיט אַ רוף צו נעמען נקמה אין די שונאים.

מגילת אסתר איז שטאַרק באַליבט געוואָרן ביים פאָלק, ווייל אין דער דאָזיקער דערציילונג וועגן די איבערלעבענישן פון יידן אין בבל-פערסיע, האָבן זיי געוען דעם גאַנצן גלות לעבן, וואָס בלויז אַ דאַנק די שטענדיקע נסים האָבן זיי אַ מעגלעכקייט צו עקזיסטירן.



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Shabbat Zachor

In Hebrew, Zachor is the imperative form of the verb remember. It appears in the Bible, in various derivatives, no less than 169 times. The biblical injunction to remember is not merely a response to collective curiosity. It is a summons to an entire people, a calling which hearkens us back to the beginning of our history and which provides an avenue to an infinite future.

Almost 2,000 years ago, the ancient Sages designated the Sabbath before the holiday of Purim as Shabbat Zachor. Its name derives from the extra Torah and prophetic readings surrounding the commandment "to remember all that Amalek did to you ... and to blot out its memory from under heaven."

The connection between Amalek and Purim is quite direct. Haman, the villain in the story of Purim, is believed to have been a descendant of the Amalekites. Moreover, the villainy which he had intended for the Jewish people of Persia, namely mass slaughter and butchery, was the very evil for which the name Amalek has become synonymous through the ages.

Thus, the Rabbis found it useful to tie the two — Amalek and Purim — together as a sanguinary reminder to the people that we must always actively oppose and stand against the uniquely pernicious evil that preys upon and slaughters "the feeble, the weak, the exhausted and the weary."

Twenty-one years ago, six young Jewish adults from Syria, in the very prime and flower of their lives, were treacherously set upon and murdered as they were trying to "escape" to Israel. The yahrzeit of their murders has been observed on Shabbat Zachor. And the campaign to rescue the remnant of Syrian Jewry, which had been launched in earnest, if in partial secrecy, three years earlier, became the special focus for Jews the world over on Shabbat Zachor.

In Jewish law and in Jewish history, pidyon shvuyim, the ransoming of captives, has always occupied a place of high personal and communal obligation. The fulfilment of this obligation was regarded by the Rabbis as paramount. Money set aside for charitable purposes or even for the building of a synagogue was always allowed to be used to ransom captives. Maimonides even said that the duty to ransom captives superseded the duty of giving charity to the poor.

Today, fewer than 150 Jews remain in Syria. But they remain because they want to. For all intents and purposes, the Jews of Syria have been rescued from the captivity that Syria had become for them over the past half century.

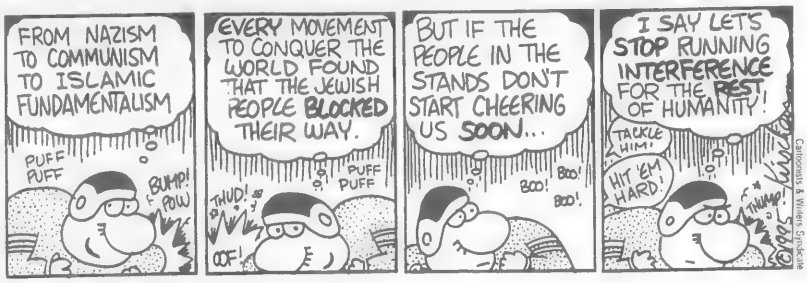
Many individuals played a part in the rescue and in the ransom, literally, of Syria's Jews. But the driving force of the movement, widely acknowledged as such among both the rescued and the rescuers, was Judy Feld Carr. In this issue of *The CJN* she imparts publicly for the first time some of the harrowing details of the story behind the rescue. In reaching out to the Jews of Syria, she walked alongside the spirits of some of Jewish history's other rare and determined individuals such as Rabbi Samuel Aboab, Dona Gracia Mendes, and Sir Moses Montefiore, for whom pidyon shvuyim was also a call to conscience.

The six young Jews were simply trying to find their way to a home in Israel. They were betrayed and butchered. We pronounce their names with reverence.

Kassem Abadi
Farah Sebbagh
Laura Sebbagh
Mazal Sebbagh
Eva Saad
Natan Shaya

May their memories be always for blessing and may their souls be forever bound in heavenly everlasting life.

Dry Bones


FROM NAZISM TO COMMUNISM TO ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISM
PUFF PUFF
BUMP! POW
EVERY MOVEMENT TO CONQUER THE WORLD FOUND THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE BLOCKED THEIR WAY.
PUFF PUFF
THUD!
OOF!
BUT IF THE PEOPLE IN THE STANDS DON'T START CHEERING US SOON...
BOO! BOO! BOO!
I SAY LET'S STOP RUNNING INTERFERENCE FOR THE REST OF HUMANITY!
TACKLE HIM!
HIT 'EM HARD!
THUMP!
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Plea from son of Holocaust survivors

With the coming of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the death camps, and being the offspring of two survivors of the Holocaust, it is hard to put into words the total suffering the survivors endured at the hands of their Nazis captors.

The physical abuse and deprivation was secondary to the mental torment and dehumanization now etched in their minds and with which they must live for the rest of their lives. The liberation of the death camps also marks a time for us to remember the countless millions butchered by their captors, but more importantly, clearly illustrates man's inhumanity to his fellow man.

Those who deny the Holocaust happened, and those who believe that after 50 years we should forgive and forget, are just trying to wash away their guilt. It is easier to forget than to face the reality and magnitude of the dead. Six million Jews and millions of others were exterminated for no other reason than their race, religious beliefs and nationality. To forget is to forget the sacrifice of each and every one of these people. To forget is to make us condone this crime and become accomplices by our own silence. Our silence has already resulted in genocides in both Uganda and Rwanda in recent years.

Let us mark this 50th anniversary not only as the commemoration of those who died in the death camps, but as a renewal to our resolve that this should never happen again to anyone. Then, and only then, can we say we have truly honored the memory of those who perished.

Norman Pinkas
St Laurent, Que.

Ethics concern of Secular Jewish Association

As a leader of the Secular Jewish Association (SJA) I wanted to express my appreciation to Ron Csillag for the article on the SJA's 25th anniversary (*CJN* Feb. 16). He covered a lot of ground and gave a good overview of our organization.

While the article correctly notes the importance of ethnicity and culture to secular humanistic Judaism, it doesn't mention the strong emphasis on ethics which is a fundamental concern of the movement.

Secular humanistic Jewish observances and celebrations of holidays and life cycle events affirm our beliefs, our joy in belonging to the Jewish people and the civilization we have created; our belief in personal responsibility to ourselves and to society; and our faith that human beings have the power to bring about Tikkun Olam.

Karen Levy
Toronto

A challenge to Jewish schools

Re "Parents of disabled call out to community" (*CJN* Feb. 2) by Leila Speisman.

The first four paragraphs of this article are the best I have ever seen in *The CJN* regarding the state of affairs. They clearly indicate that the frustrations are not caused by the child but by the system. The "cry for help" is not for the community to take our children away, to pity us, to extend charity or do a time-limited mitzvah. The message is that our children belong to the community as much as any other Jewish child and should have equal opportunity to participate in it.

They are not our burden (they do have less typical needs to be met), they do not "suffer from" disabilities (they have disabilities), and we love them as much as any parent loves his or her children.

By making genuine efforts to enfranchise those people to whom we, as a community, have not traditionally reached out, we would not only be telling our children and youth that all people are valued as individuals to be welcomed and included, but also that it is we, as a community, who provide the welcome and support, rather than merely tolerate and leave them to their devices.

I am watching with much interest the fight for educational funding. However it turns out, it could still leave certain children out in the cold. We could always find reasons for not being able to do things financially.

Since when was financial difficulty a barrier to whatever the Jewish people were determined to do? I do not need to elaborate on our accomplishments over the decades and centuries. It comes down to how important it is to impart the real meaning of community, regardless of differences among individuals due to abilities and other irrelevant labels. I recently learned of children with behavior problems being taken out of the Jewish schools to go to appropriate programs in public schools. Does our educational system not have educators who are just as capable of learning how to meet the children's needs?

Why do other Jewish families as well as I have to direct our taxes to the Catholic system in order to access educational settings where our children can be with peers who are good role models, where they have teachers who understand how to help our children learn?

If the Jewish community is concerned about continuity, intermarriage and assimilation, it must begin to deliberately set up environments which do not chase people away. As Irving Abella has said: "We must try to build a Jewish community that is not simply concerned with survival, but one that is creative and attractive to our children, a community with substance and content, a community that stresses not only memory and remembrance, but other important values of our tradition — social justice, equity and compassion."

Jewish content in schools is important. But just as important is the day-to-day humanity we want our children to experience and live. We need to teach them that everyone is welcome — whether disabled, elderly, or married to a non-Jewish partner.

The public school system is in the process of gathering examples of exemplary practice in integrated education for students with exceptionalities. I hope the Jewish educational system and places of worship will not let us down by failing to pay attention to the importance of this aspect to our people. Remember Hillel: *If not now, when?*

Carla Gringorten Baudot
Toronto

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Perspectives

The rescue of Syrian Jewry

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But the word "rescue" — for so long verboten — is now uttered openly, as is the matter of bribery of top Syrian officials. How high in the iron-fisted administration of President Hafez al-Assad were palms greased? Carr balks. "At the highest levels. That's all I can say."

What she can say is that bribes — baksheesh in the vernacular — were only paid for poor members of the community and only for those who sought Carr out. "I was the last resort," she says. "When a family needed to get out and didn't have the finances, they knew who to contact. But they had to find me, and that wasn't easy. They couldn't call me; that would be the kiss of death. No one knew my last name or where I lived. I was 'the lady in Canada' or 'Mrs. Judy.'

"But there were various ways of contacting me. They had to be told to get in touch with somebody who would get in touch with somebody else, and so on. Sometimes a member of a family would come out for a visit and speak to people in New York. Some people even came to Toronto."

In fact, she adds jokingly, "Who's sleeping over tonight?" became a frequent refrain in the Carr household, as young Syrian Jews passed through, en route to New York or Israel. "And that was despite direct warnings not to visit me," Carr adds.

One expert has called her efforts "a kind of underground railroad." Carr estimates that her personal involvement led to the rescue of between 2,000 and 2,500 Syrian Jews.

Not bad, she allows in a rare moment of self-aggrandizement, for a trained musicologist with no background in pidyon shvuyim — redemption of the captives.

But her interest was kindled in 1971, when she and her late husband, Dr. Ronald Feld, were horrified by a *Jerusalem Post* story about 12 young Jewish men killed by land mines while trying to escape from Syria. The Felds were active in Soviet Jewry.

But their energies were soon diverted to the Arab world after they discovered that Syrian Jews were locked away in a closed and oppressive land. There was no telephone service to Syria and mail was carefully screened.

Nonetheless, the Felds managed to make contact with Rabbi Avraham Hamra in Damascus, who sent back a wish list of religious books and supplies. Communications, achieved through telegrams, were handled with the utmost care, since Syrian Jews were under constant surveillance. A code was established, based on the Old Testament and the book of Psalms, to convey information on the community's status and confirm that packages had arrived. Parcels contained Haggadot, volumes of the Steinsaltz Talmud, teaching aids, tefillin and tallesim, even wedding gowns.

Then, personal tragedy struck. In 1973, Ronald Feld died suddenly, leaving a 33-year-old widow and three young children. That same year, Carr established the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation. A similar fund was set up at Beth Tfiloh Congregation in Baltimore in 1985.

Over the years, the two funds collected more than $1 million, used at first to send the books and supplies (including baksheesh for postal and customs officials), and later to pay for airline tickets and the graft it took to obtain passports, exit visas and other documents.

The funds also helped ease the misery of Jews imprisoned over the years, paying for personal items like soap, shampoo, clothing and medicine, as well as buying off guards and the occasional judge.

Family matriarch Badria Baslo (seated) was rescued by Judy Feld Carr, as were most of her kin. They now live in Jerusalem. [Orah Buck photo]

Carr's first rescue was in 1974: a young man with a heart problem, who went through Lebanon to Israel, where he died after surgery. Then came the 1978 rescue of a rabbi from Aleppo, who was treated for cancer at Toronto's Mount Sinai hospital, and then made aliyah. He died in Israel a few weeks after arriving, but not before being reunited with his 97-year-old mother.

The pace of rescues picked up considerably through the 1980s, which saw the arrests and torture of several Syrian Jews on charges of espionage, treason and visiting Israel. Emigration for Jews, whose every move was monitored by the feared secret police, was strictly prohibited, although some travel was allowed, provided exorbitant bonds were posted. Mail and telephone calls were censored and passports were (and still are) stamped "Moussawi" (Jew). The sale of property was forbidden.

Oddly, the Nazi-like measures did not apply to the practice of Judaism. Jews were permitted to attend synagogues, children went to Jewish schools (although they were supervised by Muslims) and kosher meat was available.

Carr is proud to note that through the years, not one cent of the Feld funds went to pay salaries or overhead, and no money was ever taken from United Jewish Appeal or from the Israeli government, which offered help. Publicity was kept to a minimum.

The ruins of the Aleppo synagogue. Reconstruction was halted years ago.

A public face to the campaign has been provided by Canadian Jewish Congress's National Task Force for Syrian Jews, which Carr heads. She used Congress' clout to lobby Canadian authorities. In 1991, 14 members of Parliament and senators formed a working group dedicated to free emigration for Syrian Jews. Carr also has high praise for Canadian diplomatic officials, in both Ottawa and Damascus, for the roles they played.

U.S. organizations have not sat idly by. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee estimates it channeled some $10 million in relief aid to Syrian Jewry, before ending the assistance last year. Other groups did likewise, and despite its name, the New York-based Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jews did not conduct actual rescues. In a recent interview, council director Gil Kahn said that area was reserved solely for Carr: "She has devoted her life to it."

Her devotion has helped to save the remnant of a community that dates to biblical times. Syrian Jewry numbered 15,000 in 1948. By 1992, it was 4,000; today, there are fewer than 150 Jews left. Assad has promised they can leave whenever they wish but Carr feels most will remain behind, afraid or unwilling to start anew somewhere else. About half of all emigres have settled in Israel; the rest in Brooklyn, with a smattering in France, England and Mexico. Rabbi Hamra, who became Syria's Chief Rabbi, arrived in Israel last October. With him was his 14-year-old daughter, Judy.

The Feld fund has not closed, though. Carr says there are still some poor Jews in Syria who need aid or plane tickets.

These days find Carr in New York and Israel, attending simchas of those she helped rescue. Always, she's introduced as "Mrs. Judy," and tears of joy are invariably shed during reunions or first-time meetings.

"I'm not being melodramatic," Carr says, "but I cannot believe when I look back on 23 years that I knew how to do this, how I understood the neshamah (soul) of these people without having met them, how they came to trust the name of somebody they didn't know. How could a man who never met me leave his child in my house and then return to Syria? The only time I know of this happening was during the Shoah, when children were left with a stranger. How did this happen? It's almost astounding ..."

Chronology of events

1947: Arab rioters destroy all synagogues in Aleppo, five Jewish schools and most of the city's Jewish-owned property.

1949: The Damascus synagogue is bombed and the city's Jewish Council declared illegal. Some 6,000 of Syria's 15,000 Jews opt to flee, a clandestine exodus that would end in 1951.

1953: Bank accounts of Jews are frozen.

1956: The Suez crisis triggers random arrests and torture of Jews.

1958: A decree that Jews may emigrate on the condition their property is transfered to the government is soon cancelled, and trials begin for those who helped Jews leave.

1964: A law is passed prohibiting Jews from traveling more than five km beyond the limits of their home towns.

1967: In Qamishli, 57 Jews are murdered by mobs. Anti-Jewish riots in Damascus and Aleppo follow Israel's victory in the Six-Day War.

1970: President Hafez al-Assad comes to power. Life eases somewhat for the country's 4,500 Jews. They may attend university, own telephones and drive cars, but are barred from emigrating.

1971: Twelve Jews trying to escape are killed by mines. The news travels to the West.

1973: Judy Feld Carr establishes the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation.

1974: Four young Jewish women and two young men trying to escape are betrayed by their Arab smugglers and murdered. Their yahrzeit is observed on Shabbat Zachor.

1977: Assad permits about 350 unmarried Jewish women to leave.

1987: Jewish brothers Eli and Selim Swed are jailed for allegedly visiting Israel. In 1991, they are sentenced to an additional 6½ years. The Sweds, who became cause celebres in the West, are released in April 1992 and leave Syria two years after that.

1992: Assad relaxes travel restrictions for Jews, following pressure from the U.S. in the wake of the Gulf War. In six months, over 2,500 Jews flee as tourists, leaving behind homes and businesses, before the doors close again in October.

1993-1994: Jews continue to trickle out, and most head to the Syrian Jewish emigre community in Brooklyn.

1994: Syria's Chief Rabbi Avraham Hamra arrives in Israel.

1995: The exodus of Syrian Jewry is declared complete. A handful of Jews remains: five in Aleppo, two families in Qamishli and about 130 individuals in Damascus.

— R.C.

Opinions

Things weren't always the same

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

While the Bible, in the book of Koheleth, tells us that we should not glorify the past as having been better than the present, there are some things that deserve grateful remembrance.

In my recent change of residence, I had occasion to review the past while going through boxes of old correspondence and other yellowed papers. In doing so, I came across some old envelopes, all of them dated 1937.

I had written a series of articles for the Berlin Jewish community newspaper and had described what it meant to be a newcomer to the United States. At the time, I was a rabbinic student at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati.

The articles brought responses from all the over world, and although the writers did not have my exact address, the post office somehow managed to find me — I am not quite sure how. I was not then a rabbi with an address you could look up in the newspaper, but a student living in the dormitory of the college.

But here is an example of the ingenuity of the Cincinnati post office. A letter came from a refugee who had made it to Tientsin, China, and who had read my article in the Berlin Jewish community newspaper. He was a Dr. Bernhard Silverstein, living at 85 Meadows Rd. in Tientsin. (Perhaps there are some readers of *The Canadian Jewish News* who may remember him.)

Contemplating this and similar pieces of postal ingenuity, I wondered what the post offices in Canada or the United States would do with such a missive today. Actually, I didn't wonder at all.

In fact, I had an interesting contretemps with the Canada Post Corporation. It went back a few months and unfolded as follows: One day I received an urgent call from the University of Berlin asking me why I had not responded to their invitation to give the convocation address. I confessed, truthfully, that this was the first time I had ever heard about it. Said the caller: But we wrote to you many weeks ago. I replied that the letter had not arrived, and we took it from there.

I did receive the letter eventually. It was delivered to me on Nov. 16, and had been sent from Berlin by express post on Sept. 23.

Ordinarily I let this kind of thing pass by as one of those matters which are best forgotten. However, I had suffered some embarrassment on the occasion, and so had the university. So I took pen to hand and wrote to the Canada Post Corporation in Ottawa, setting forth what had happened.

A few weeks ago I received the following response:

"Thank you for your letter regarding a letter mailed from the University of Berlin on Sept. 23 and delivered to you on Nov. 16, 1994.

"I apologize for the embarrassment you have experienced as a result of this unfortunate incident. I surely recognize the importance of timely and consistent mail delivery. Unfortunately, express post is not a traceable item and we cannot determine the cause of the delay or where it occurred. Please accept the enclosed booklet of stamps as a gesture of good customer relations."

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In sorting out my mailbag, I came across a relatively new publication (or so I assume). It is called *Jewish Women's Forum* (JWF) and is published in Toronto. The journal sets forth its mission as follows:

This publication is for all Jewish women. JWF aims to provide an open forum for women across the spectrum of Jewish society. We believe that by acknowledging and respecting the diversity among us we can create a strong community. When we applaud all our parts we will be more unified.

The Jewish Women's Forum seeks to encourage women to realize their potency in both their private and public lives and to envision themselves as initiators of positive change.

We decry violence, hatred and destruction. We promote respect for life. Our goal is to play a role in creating a shift from a patriarchial society to a partnership society.

The articles in the sample issue I received were thoughtful and varied; and they certainly covered the entire spectrum of Jewish religious life. I wish the publishers well.

Children reflect life

By Jack Chisvin

They stare at us from behind the TV screen — children with distended bellies and glazed bulbous eyes, emaciated beyond recognition — a fleshless hand held out silently pleading. They are without hope. These harrowing pictures stir our conscience and haunt us. But there are other children, not of our world, who affirm life, and I have met these children.

The pyramid, built by an ancient civilization, is located a short drive from Mexico City. Even in the cool air at that altitude, the climb to the top was exhausting. Reaching our destination, we were greeted by two young boys selling antiquities. "The real McCoy," they assured us. As my wife caught her breath and was mentally converting pesos into dollars, there was silence, which they mistook for haggling. Sensing a lost sale, they immediately cut the price in half. Who could resist the bargain even if the carvings were plaster imitations?

The Aegean Sea was running high with man-made flotsam all about us. As the steamer rode the crest of each wave, we could see the white cube houses stacked on the hill of the distant island. Disembarking, we walked the lonely beach. After we had walked for over an hour in the shimmering heat, we were overcome by thirst. The corrugated iron refreshment booth, run by an operator not yet in his teens, couldn't have been more strategically located. I have paid less for a bottle of good wine than I had to pay for his tacky drink. That entrepreneur didn't need any lessons in economics — he knew the laws of supply and demand.

South of Eilat, the Red Sea takes a bite out of the Sinai coast, forming a deep fjord. The scow landed directly on the desolate desert where we were to examine Nubian etchings. The wind, ceaselessly blowing for centuries, eroding the rocks into grotesque shapes, sounded like a weeping child. The little Bedouin materialized out of nowhere, a black dress loosely draping her thin body, red hair covered with dust. As if on cue, cameras were raised to take her photograph. At this gesture, she started out-howling the wind. We chose to ignore her. From what appeared to be a rock, he uncurled, ramrod straight, a high-powered rifle on his shoulder. It didn't take us long to interpret the child's demands: "American dollar" — the price for permitting us to photograph her. The man's presence ensured that we understood.

Every conceivable conveyance fills the streets of Bangkok with noise and foul air. Wending our way through the teeming throng we spotted him, darting in, out and around people. A uniformed boy scout, who would have made any mother proud, travelling a planned course. Inevitably our paths crossed. He saluted and in a sing-song voice, repeated the scout's pledge while handing me an autograph book. The minimum "donation" for my signature was 200 baht. I gave him 20. Surprising profanity and obscenities emerged from his mouth. He caused such a row that I feared we would be attacked for child molesting. We quickly negotiated a settlement for 100 baht and lost ourselves in the crowd.

Children everywhere are a reflection of the world in which they live.

Boy scout

Time is not on side of peace

By Yechiavahu Arnon

In October 1991, former U.S. president George Bush managed to convene the Madrid Peace Conference, but he failed to advance the cause before he left the scene, together with two other protagonists of the occasion, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and then Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Shamir.

In Madrid, the PLO was disguised as a nameless component of the Jordanian-Palestinian team, but it took the stage in Oslo two years later, recognized by Israel.

There was no American stage management, but President Bill Clinton was eager to host the signing ceremony on the White House lawn. On the list of his priorities, the Middle East often changed place with other international trouble spots. Now, when the peace process is barely alive, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher is here trying to reanimate it, with particular emphasis on the Syrian-Lebanese sector.

What went wrong? First of all, the Oslo timetable for the implementation of the agreement with the Palestinians, indispensable for the intended psychological breakthrough, was ignored. The seduction of peace was of short duration and ceased to motivate many of its supporters to press hard for progress. Islamic terror and Israeli counter-measures still dominate the scene in Southern Lebanon, where clashes are on the increase.

In Gaza, on the other hand, extremists are now more controlled by the PLO than before and the partial closure of the area helps to better screen the smaller number of Arabs who seek employment in Israel. But this measure has increased penury and frustration amongst the tens of thousands who are not allowed in.

While frequent Israel-PLO contacts maintain a semblance of continuity in spite of the crisis, the open Syrian-Israeli negotiations have been discontinued, leaving every observer to guess whether secret contacts are still going on and what results, if any, are to be expected. The one encouraging event during the long months of stalemate and diminishing hopes remains the conclusion of the peace treaty with Jordan. But it will only prosper in a more benign regional environment, of which there is no sign at the moment.

Who is to blame? The key here is terror and indeed, public reaction to its savagery left the government little choice but to slow down the whole peace process with the PLO. Many Israelis accustomed to holding Yasser Arafat responsible for not curbing Hamas terror tend to forget their own mighty security apparatus was not all that successful in controlling it when Israel alone ruled Gaza.

Oslo timetable

Had the Oslo timetable been implemented as planned, the Israel army would by now have been absent from the densely populated Arab centres, and an elected Palestinian authority would be in place and its ability to maintain order tested. The initial idea was that for the duration of the autonomy period, joint Palestinian-Israeli security would guarantee peaceful coexistence in the territories, interspersed as they are with Jewish settlements.

But the scheme was doomed to failure from the very start. Though at the time it seemed correct to avoid the highly emotional issue of a Jewish presence in the massively populated Arab West Bank and leave all options open for ulterior negotiations, the one logical step would have been to at least slightly modify the map of that Jewish presence to maximize its security.

In the inflamed climate of the territories, the opportunities for ethnic friction should have been reduced if an atmosphere of conciliation was to be encouraged. But this same political climate is also the cause of the present paralysis in the negotiations. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his partner Arafat, both subjected to severe internal pressures, are equally unable to maintain the momentum of peace upon which their political survival and regional detente ultimately depends.

They are both in a hurry to score convincing points with their respective public opinions but are wasting precious time by raising expectations that cannot be fulfilled and blaming each other for the impasse. By losing their grip on their confused constituencies, they are further reducing the chances for their partnership to succeed. Though neither is openly abandoning the peace process, they are both endangering its progress. Each leader is expecting the other to deliver more than he can.

Still, their partnership, uncomfortable as it is, is irreplaceable in the present Mideastern reality. While the international community takes an interest in the stranded peace process, it is unwilling to intervene effectively, either financially or politically, should the parties fail in their own efforts to reach understanding.

Those who close their minds to the crucial role of an Israeli-Palestinian solution in a regional settlement risk repeating old mistakes. As the public here will soon be distracted by the fireworks of the primaries for the next general elections, realism will again be subordinated to populist slogans, leaving little room for wisdom to prevail. And in the meantime, time is running out.

Features

Einstein Archives are priceless

On the 40th anniversary of Albert Einstein's death, Sheldon Kirshner visited the Einstein Archives in Jerusalem.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

On his only visit to Palestine, in 1923, the great physicist Albert Einstein (1879-1955) expressed the wish that the Hebrew University be the custodian of his private papers.

Nearly 60 years passed before they were finally given to the university. But today, the Einstein Archives, with 45,000 catalogued items, is reportedly the largest repository of its kind in the world.

Composed of documents, letters, manuscripts, books, diaries, monographs, lecture notes, poems, clippings, photographs, film footage, records and medals, the archives were brought to Israel 15 years ago from Princeton University, with which Einstein was associated following his emigration from Germany.

The Einstein Archives had been in the care of Einstein's friend and trustee, Otto Nathan, and Einstein's secretary and co-trustee, Helen Dukas. But after arduous negotiations, the trove was transferred to the Hebrew University's National Library, thus fulfilling Einstein's wish and bolstering its own burgeoning collection.

The curator of the archives, Ze'ev Rosenkranz, is a diffident 33-year-old Australian historian who made aliyah in 1981 and assumed his present position in 1989.

Ask Rosenkranz what the most priceless piece in the collection is and he responds without skipping a beat.

"The original, hand-written draft of the general theory of relativity," he says, referring to the theorem which helped catalpult Einstein into the stratospheric ranks of science.

As Rosenkranz will tell you, the archives keep expanding, acquiring upwards of 1,000 new items annually. Recent acquisitions include a 1952 letter to the Israeli ambassador in Italy in which he denies a newspaper report that he is partial to pork; several letters from Einstein to the American Association of University Women on behalf of three Jewish refugee academics from Germany and Austria; and part of a photographic collection containing family photos and portraits.

As might be expected, even from so austere a figure as Einstein, rather eccentric letters pop up.

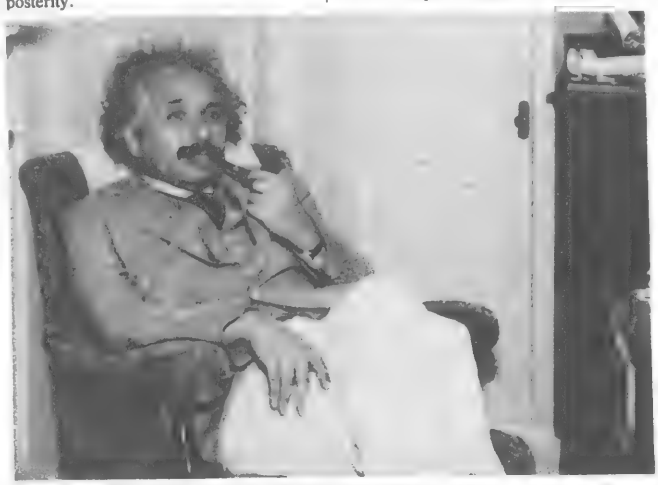
There is a request for Einstein's right shoe; a suggestion that he ought to cut his unruly shock of hair "so you can look better"; and a missive arguing that romantic love is a function of gravitation. (To the latter, Einstein replied that "falling in love was not the most stupid thing that people can do, but gravitation cannot be held responsible for it.")

Ze'ev Rosenkranz.

The archives are broadly divided into scientific and non-scientific manuscripts and correspondence.

The heart and soul of the scientific manuscript collection is from the year 1905, when he published four revolutionary articles on the theory of relativity, Brownian motion and the photo-electric effect (for which he was cited when he won the 1921 Nobel Prize for physics).

Unfortunately, none of the pre-1914 manuscripts are originals. "Einstein probably threw them away," says Rosenkranz, who previously worked at the Central Zionist Archives. "He wasn't thinking of posterity."



Albert Einstein in his prime.

Einstein's scientific correspondence, which begins in the early 1900s and ends at his death, is addressed to such luminaries as Max Planck, Niels Bohr, Werner Heisenberg, Enrico Fermi, Leo Szilard and Erwin Schrodinger.

To Rosenkranz, the most interesting of these letters, addressed to Heisenberg and Schrodinger in the 1930s, deal with the field of quantum mechanics. "On this issue," Rosenkranz observes, "Einstein became increasingly isolated."

Not all his letters revolve around physics. Einstein ruminated about nationalism, the rise of fascism, Zionism, pacifism and the plight of European Jewish refugees fleeing Nazism. And in a light-hearted vein, he wrote about his holiday plans.

The letters, Rosenkranz believes, reveal "a very lively person with a sense of humor and wit, but also a compassionate person critical of human nature."

Among the most pungent letters are those which espouse reconciliation between Germany and France after World War I. "Einstein was a sort of ambassador-at-large for Weimar Germany."

Einstein's non-scientific correspondence was conducted with people like Sigmund Freud, Bertrand Russell, George Bernard Shaw, Thomas Mann, Walther Rathenau and Upton Sinclair.

Rosenkranz is particularly intrigued with Einstein's exchange with Freud, in which they discussed the nature of war. The letters were later published in several languages.

Not surprisingly, the archives are in possession of a number of Einstein's letters that are off-limits even to scholars. Highly personal, they touch on his relationship with his first wife and sons and on his extra-marital affair with Betty Neumann, one of his secretaries.

By contrast, Einstein's letters dealing with his views of Zionism are anything but controversial.

Einstein was introduced to Zionism in Prague, and in time he made the acquaintance of Chaim Weizmann (1874-1952), the prime mover behind the 1917 Balfour Declaration, the long-serving president of the World Zionist Organization and the first president of the state of Israel.

In 1921, Einstein accepted Weizmann's offer to accompany him on a tour of the United States to raise funds for the nascent Hebrew University and to buy land in Palestine.

Two years later, in February, he visited Palestine for 12 days, registering his impressions in a diary that is now in the collection of the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York City. (The Hebrew University has a copy.)

Einstein was impressed with the kibbutzim, not only because he supported the idea of Jews returning to the land as farmers but because he regarded collective settlements as the apotheosis of the Zionist dream.

He was less enamored of the Jewish politicians he met, thinking they were leaving too many stones unturned in the quest to reach an accommodation with the Arab population of Palestine.

"He deeply believed that Jews had to be ethical with the Arab minority in Israel," says Rosenkranz. "That would be proof of the legitimacy of Israel's statehood. One can imply from his letters that he thought that Israeli Arabs were second-class citizens."

While in Palestine, Einstein delivered a lecture at the Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus. Subsequently, he was appointed to its first board of governors and named chair of its academic committee. Till the end of his days, he never lost interest in the university. In fact, on the eve of his death, he participated in a fundraising campaign for a new campus on Givat Ram.

Before he left Palestine, Einstein was made an honorary citizen of Tel Aviv by its popular mayor, Meir Dizengoff. In Haifa, where he planted a tree, Zionist officials implored him to settle in the Yishuv. "His heart said yes, but his mind said no," says Rosenkranz.

Although Einstein abhorred nationalism, he supported the creation of a Jewish spiritual centre in Palestine which he hoped would reinforce the cultural identity of Jews in the Diaspora. Before 1948, he opposed Jewish statehood. But with the establishment of Israel, he resigned himself to its existence.

In 1952, after Weizmann's death, Einstein was offered the presidency of Israel. But he declined, claiming he lacked "the natural aptitude and the experience to deal properly with people and to exercise official functions."

Mideast Analysis
By Sheldon Kirshner

Iraqi expertise

When Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, setting the stage for the 1991 Gulf War, the world media turned to Amatzia Baram.

He appeared on American, European and Japanese TV and radio, including CBS, CNN and BBC, and he was interviewed by, among others, the *New York Times* and *London Times*.

Last October, when Iraq dominated the headlines once again by manoeuvering its army perilously close to Kuwait's border, the media called on his expertise once more.

A Haifa University historian, Baram is in high demand as an analyst because of the depth and breadth of his knowledge. He is apparently one of only two Israeli scholars who specialize in Iraq (the other is Ofra Bengio of Tel Aviv University).

Baram, 57, is also courted by the Israeli government, being a member of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' advisory team on Middle Eastern affairs. As well, the U.S. government and its agencies have used him as a consultant.

Originally a Kfar Menachem kibbutznik and a science teacher, Baram switched course in 1971 when he took up Middle Eastern studies at the Hebrew University. He zoomed in on Iraq because it was relatively neglected as an academic subject. Israeli historians tended to focus on contiguous Arab countries such as Syria, Jordan and Egypt, leaving Iraq — a distant regional power — out in the cold.

Baram, who also lectures at the Israeli National Security College, wrote his doctorate thesis in 1978 on political thought and practice in Iraq under the ruling Ba'ath party.

Since then, he has written one book — *Culture, History and Ideology in the Formation of Ba'athist Iraq: 1968-1989* and edited *Iraq's Road to the Gulf War*. In addition, he has churned out a steady stream of monographs on Iraq's development.

Baram is of the view that Iraq remains "on the backburner" of Israeli intelligence priorities. As a result, he said, the Israeli government was "absolutely shocked" by the extent of Iraq's pre-Gulf War nuclear program. "We knew only a small part of what Iraq had."

Not being able to travel to Iraq and absorb impressions on a first-hand basis, Baram acknowledges that he is at a disadvantage. But Baram — and the three graduate students he supervises — are able to keep up with current trends by reading five Iraqi daily newspapers, which arrive several weeks late.

Judging him from a distance, Baram believes that Saddam Hussein rejects advice which runs counter to his own inclinations, a flaw which may prove fatal in the future. Baram believes that his regime is not threatened at present, but that it could be if food rations are eliminated.

Baram scoffs at the idea that Israel and Iraq can come to terms while Saddam Hussein is in power.

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Silence

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And twenty-one souls ascended to their God
Sacrificed by hate on the alter of their lives.

The silence was filled by the cry of the wounded.
The silence was torn by the tears of their parents.

Twenty-one who were taken, and with them, many more,
The price of our existence paid for with their lives.

But in our hearts, the hope
That we'll never have to hear
The silence of such hatred,
The cry of the wounded,
Or the parents burning tear.

And may it be Thy will that they will be the last
to ascend thus to Your side.

by Segal Taggar, 17, Moshav Avichayil, Israel

This poem was submitted by Mrs. Mina Aspler of Montreal. The poet is her granddaughter.

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI ELY BRAUN

On Shabbat Zachor (Shabbat of Remembrance) we read from two Torahs. Shabbat Zachor is named for the special Maftir (Ovarim 25:17-19) read from a second Torah scroll on the Shabbat preceding Purim.

Hearing this reading is a mitzvah aseh (a positive Torah commandment), obligatory as law for all adult Jews. The Torah tells us to "Remember what Amalek did unto you by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt ... that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heaven; thou shalt not forget."

Maimonides sees three commandments in this reading, two positive and one negative: To blot out the memory of Amalek and to remember what they did to Israel, as well as not to forget the evil done by Amalek.

A perplexing question arises when we look at the emphasis on remembering Amalek. Midrash Tanchuma on Parshat Ki Titze says, "The L-rd said to Israel: Be very diligent in remembering those two remembrances which I wrote in the Torah ..." How ironic it is that the only reference to Amalek are the 39 times in 37 verses of the Tanach. No ancient Near Eastern documents refer to the Amalekites. Were it not for our biblical references, the world would not know of Amalek. Yet we are told to blot out his memory.

Nachmanides, in his commentary on Deuteronomy 25:17, has one of the answers to this puzzle: "The correct interpretation (of fulfilling 'remembering Amalek' through the spoken word) appears to me that the verse states you are not to forget what Amalek did to us until we blot out his remembrance from under the heavens, and that we are to relate it to our children and our generations, saying to them, 'Thus did the wicked one do to us and therefore we have been commanded to blot out his name.' "

It appears that from time to time in the course of human history, a descendant of Amalek arises. If we do not remember Amalek we will become his victim. The Amalekite is the enemy not only of Israel but of G-d's teachings.

Rashi explains G-d's declaration of war on Amalek by pointing out that whenever Amalek is present, the human acknowlegement of G-d is diminished (his proof text is the abbreviation of G-d's throne as well as G-d's name in Exodus 17:16).

The Midrash tells us that Amalek not only attacked the weak and the stragglers who marched behind the people, but through deception was able to call out the spiritually weak Israelites from within the security of the cloud of G-d. The Amalekites deceived these weak Jews into believing there was great success and profit available outside the realm of G-d's laws; the end result was the loss of everything, including their lives.

"Remembering" as my teacher would say, means remembering the events of the past. "Not forgetting" is recognizing our own potential victimization if we abandon the ways of Hashem.

Twenty years ago, Beth Tzedec Congregation in Toronto initiated the first Shabbat for Syrian Jews, on the first yahrzeit of the deaths of six young Jews from Damascus who were killed trying to escape. Since that date, many congregations have commemorated Shabbat Zachor as a time of remembering these young Syrian Jews: sisters Mazal, Laura and Farah Sebbagh, their cousin Eva Saad, Nathan Shaya and Kassem Abadi, as well as the Syrian Jewish community. Today, Syrian Jewry has found its freedom; all but 150 have left for Israel and the West.

Let us all remember and never forget.

(Rabbi Ely Braun is the spiritual leader of congregation Beth Shalom in Ottawa.)

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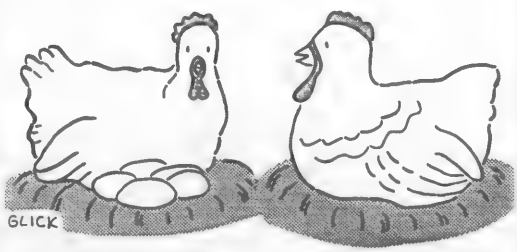

"Your eggs are lovely. They should only give you lots of nachas."

WISDOM OF THE AGES

Money lost,
nothing lost;
Courage lost,
everything lost.

Yiddish proverb

Jewish Life

'I cannot remain silent'

I am writing this article in response to my frustration at a recent event. A few months ago I attended a lecture on Judaism and Homosexuality given by a prominent Toronto rabbi.

The following is an overview of what the rabbi said at the lecture:

In Orthodox teachings and beliefs there is no such thing as a Jewish homosexual — which is news to this Jewish lesbian. Nowhere is homosexuality mentioned in Halachah (Jewish Laws); its omission proves that there are no Jewish homosexuals.

GUEST VOICES

Homosexuals are to be considered persons whose desires are in opposition to the Torah, and therefore homosexuality must be considered an abomination. We as homosexuals are deviants who have strayed from the fold. It seems that Judaism does not accept that a person is born homosexual; therefore, our behavior can and should be changed;

It is the behavior and not the person that is wrong; therefore the Jewish community should not ostracize the homosexuals, but rather should help them;

The homosexual is expected to make a sincere effort to change. This can be achieved with a proper Torah foundation and by controlling one's desires.

The heterosexual Jewish community, then, finds itself walking a fine line of condemning the homosexual act but loving the person.

I went to this lecture with an open mind, and in my trust and innocence hoped that I would be welcomed. I was the only woman who spoke. I told the rabbi I was a Jewish lesbian, and with respect, I wanted him to know that contrary to his beliefs I do not have a "genetic problem." I was shouted at by the congregation and virtually dismissed by the rabbi.

Some people have told me that although this was not a positive experience, I should find some solace in the fact that at least there is now a dialogue. As well, I was urged to appreciate that the Orthodox community is being forced to think about homosexuality. But that is no longer good enough for me. I cannot remain silent.

I find myself in an uncomfortable position where I am questioning my own religion. This is certainly not a new phenomenon, for many before me have had their own religious teachings held up to scrutiny. I am firm in my convictions, but am also concerned that my feelings will be misconstrued. We exist in a society that feeds upon hatred, anti-Semitism, intolerance and prejudice, and I do not want to feed that hatred and destruction.

I am a Jewish lesbian whose religion and spirituality is a very important aspect of my life. I was not just born Jewish; I have also come to realize the importance of Judaism in my adult life. I do not have any easy answers, just many questions and concerns and hope for the future.

There is very little dialogue or questioning, and certainly no encouragement of thought and mutual respect from the Orthodox Jewish community regarding Jewish gays and lesbians. We can no longer sit around and simply accept this behavior while countless Jewish homosexuals live a tortured closeted life, or even worse choose to commit suicide.

And what about all the Jewish gay or lesbians who have found their way out of the closet only to find that they are not welcome as their true selves in many congregations?

This problem is not exclusive to the Orthodox community. We are not welcome as "out" proud gays and lesbians in many traditional Jewish congregations. True, there are alternative congregations, but many Jewish gays and lesbians want to be an active part of the entire Jewish community.

Alternative Jewish gay and lesbian organizations are wonderful and necessary, but gays and lesbians should not have to face exclusion from the more traditional congregants solely because of their sexuality. I am not naive enough to believe that religious intolerance of homosexuality is the only issue facing the Jewish homosexual community. But it is certainly an issue, when countless Jewish homosexuals feel they must abandon their religious and spiritual roots because they believe there is no place for them.

I have great respect for rabbis and Judaism as a whole, but I cannot resign myself to accept that I must live on the margin of my own religion. We are a strong, gifted and diverse group that have so much to contribute; to lose this is nothing less than a tragedy.

I leave you wondering who I am. I am your mother, your daughter, your niece, your sister, your neighbor, your cousin; I am your friend.

(Out of respect to members of her family who were concerned over possible personal repercussions from this article, the author asked to remain anonymous.)

Young Israeli makes impact in St. John's

By JOEL JACOBSON
Special to The CJN

HALIFAX — Efrat Tzadik saw her first snow last November at the age of 22.

"I was so excited, people laughed at me," said the young Israeli, who is spending her first winter in Canada as an "areva" in St. John's, Nfld.

She probably won't see another Newfoundland winter because she will return to Bar Ilan University next fall to complete her degree in sociology and anthropology.

The one-year experience, "living differently and seeing other things," she said, has enabled Tzadik to have a Jewish cultural impact on the small community of St. John's.

Since she arrived last Sept. 1, Tzadik has been teaching Hebrew to five children's and two adult groups per week, doing outreach programs in St. John's public schools and organizing Jewish community holiday parties.

"There were 50 people at the Chanukah party which is a lot for that size [50 synagogue members] community," she said.

"Efrat is certainly contributing," said Claire Salama, who has lived in St. John's since 1985, and is the Newfoundland representative on the Atlantic Jewish Council board. "She's not a trained teacher, but of all the teachers and shlichim we've had, she has taken the least time to get activities rolling. There are certainly no complaints from the children. They are very happy to go to Hebrew school."

Salama said Tzadik has organized women's programs and teaches adult education classes.

Tzadik, a resident of Kfar Yona near Netanya, saw an advertisement in her university newspaper for a World Union of Jewish Students program, decided it might be interesting, applied and was accepted.

"During our training, they asked what kind of community we would like to go to and I had the chance to go to Newfoundland or Connecticut. But Newfoundland was confirmed, while I would have had to do more interviews for Connecticut, with no guarantees. I took Newfoundland."

During her outreach programs, she has made presentations on Judaism, the Holocaust, Israel today and Israel of the past. "The non Jewish students don't know much about Judaism or Israel. They know the country's hot and there are camels, and I've answered questions like How long does it take to eat an ice cream in Israel?, Do you ride a camel?, What kind of clothing do you wear? and What kind of houses do you have?"

She's helped the school children understand a bit more and even guided high school students through discussions on the Mideast peace process, the development of the Jewish calendar and her two years in the Israeli army.

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From coast to coast

Arafat seen as unreliable

By MAURICE LUCOW
Special to The CJN

VANCOUVER — Yitzhak Rabin shook hands with Yasser Arafat — a man who simply cannot deliver, said Hirsh Goodman, editor of the *Jerusalem Report*.

Speaking at the recent annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, Goodman said that, as the head of a government, Arafat will neither allow elections nor permit a free press.

The Palestinians, he charged, have been preoccupied by a Palestinian diaspora from Tunis. "The kids who threw rocks during the intifadah are now in the police force," he said.

Goodman said Palestinian frustration is unbelievable because of the occupation by Arabs from outside of Gaza and the West Bank, who have no regard for the Palestinians in the territories.

He said 800,000 Palestinians are living in "abject misery" and unless they get economic benefits from the Rabin-Arafat accord, there will be no peace.

No economic development will take place in the territories until the promised foreign aid is delivered, he said, and until Arafat lets go of total authority.

As for Israel, he said, it is "a country that invented a T-shirt that says 'why be happy — worry.' "

He said there is much to worry about. There is danger in taking a bus to work or sending the kids to school "in an atmosphere of crazed lunatics who are prepared to die, to blow themselves to bits, to take you with them.

"You never know when they're coming and where they are coming from."

When Israel was at war with Arab neighbors, "we understood the situation and we could grapple with it. But the daily tension of living with this new situation makes Israel a very tense country."

Even though terrorism is a world problem of major proportions — militant Muslims have attacked in New York, London and Argentina — "we in Israel feel the insecurity," he said.

Turning to the Israel economic situation, he said the country is in great shape but "the little man on the street like me is not feeling the real benefits. Some people have become very rich ... But there is a discrepancy in the whole economic picture."

Goodman said many in Israel are critical of Rabin's leadership. "He seems confused, and constantly changes his mind."

Israel is also concerned about the increasing assimilation in the Diaspora. Goodman said his newspaper's demographics show United States Jewish population should be up to 13 million by now, in view of the heavy immigration at the turn of the century, but is only at about six million. He claimed that only 500,000 homes in the United States are "identifiably Jewish."

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From coast to coast

About 50 boxes containing $50,000 worth of clothing was recently shipped to Romania to help the country's Jewish population. Seen here are (from left) Lissie Strauss-Sanders, Daniel Fine and Joyce Eklove getting the shipment ready for transport. [Paul Lungen photo]

Romanian Jews receive needed winter clothing

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two Ontario Jewish organizations are coming to the aid of Romania's Jewish population, shipping $50,000 worth of new winter clothing to the East European community.

The clothing includes boots, sweaters, overcoats and other apparel to help the estimated 14,000 mostly elderly Holocaust survivors cope with cold weather.

The Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress and the women's campaign of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) cooperated in amassing the material and trucking it from Toronto to New York. There, it will be added to other clothing bound for Romania and shipped under the auspices of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

The JDC approached Jewish leaders last December to ask for their cooperation in the venture, said Congress spokesman Daniel Fine. The JDC, which provides assistance to Jewish communities in need around the world, was aware that Congress had sponsored a mission to Romania in 1990 and had maintained contacts with the community there.

Federation, Congress help out

It was also aware that Congress and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto had airlifted clothing and pharmaceuticals to Bosnia on three occasions, Fine added.

Congress approached the UJA, the Federation's fundraising arm, and the women's campaign used its contacts to locate the clothing. Congress provided the logistical support.

"The women's campaign wanted to get involved in a humanitarian effort," explained campaign associate Lissie Strauss-Sanders.

"It's a privilege to be part of this," said Joyce Eklove, co-chair of world Jewry and international affairs for Congress, Ontario region. "As community workers, this is our raison d'etre. If we don't respond, we're not doing our work."

Clothing was donated by the Adath Israel Sisterhood, Roots Canada, Gaytown Sportswear, John Strauss, Dylex, Abe Glowinsky, Avmore Shoes, David Gold, Warren Kimel and Golden Bay Sportwear.

Warehouse space was donated by Joel Greisman.

Institute for Jewish Learning revived

TORONTO — The Institute for Jewish Learning has been revived at the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

A new course list will be available soon, offering programs that run from May 1 until June 15.

"The courses represent the diversity of Jewish thought," said Marlee Pinsker, the institute's new coordinator. "The Bathurst Jewish Centre is everybody's home."

Pinsker, a veteran Jewish educator, is enthusiastic about the quality of the teaching staff, who were all polled about topics they would like to cover.

Dr. David Newman, a visiting professor from Israel at York University, will be leading classes on the evolving map of the Middle East, and how boundaries could be redrawn as a result of the peace process.

Former institute instructor Selma Sage will look at the biblical, moral and historical claims of the Jewish people to the land of Israel.

Prof. Michael Mandel of York University will give a course on Jewish Music Through the Ages. Mandel is the son of Max Mandel, a Yiddish singing star in the early days of radio.

Dr. Rena Zeidman, the Chair of Jewish Studies at Queen's University in Kingston, will examine the works of Israeli author S. Y. Agnon; U of T philosophy instructor Michael Kigal will analyse the Book of Job; Toronto rabbi Avraham Plotkin will offer his insights into Jewish mysticism; Adele Reinhartz, an associate professor of Biblical Studies at McMaster University will trace the behavior of some biblical personalities; and Marlene Pinsker will teach a course on helping parents and teachers to create a Jewish world for children.

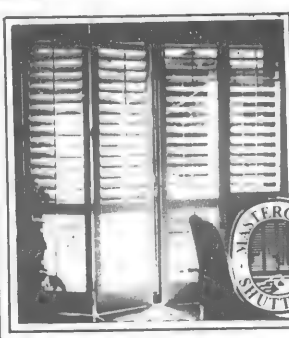
All of the courses will cost $50 for four weeks and sufficient enrolment will be required. They are open to anyone, "without prerequisites," Pinsker said.

For more information call 416-636-1880, ext. 352.

CORRECTION

The article, "Israel does not produce refugees" (*CJN* March 2) states: "Since 1990, Israel has absorbed over 300,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union." The correct number should have been 500,000 immigrants.

The CJN regrets its error.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From coast to coast

25th year of Jewish studies program marked

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A dazzling array of world renowned academics joined several hundred members of the Toronto Jewish community recently to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Toronto.

"This augurs well for the future of the program," said university chancellor Rose Wolfe.

Giving the occasion a special impetus was the establishment of a Chair of Jewish Studies, supported by the Shiff family and other benefactors, and the Shoshana Shier visiting professorship established by the Shier family.

The two gifts will establish the University of Toronto as a leading world centre for Jewish studies in the next 25 years, said program director Prof. Libby Garshowitz.

Among the celebrants were some of the 847 students who take courses in the program, like Natasha Greenberg and Adrienne Simic, who set up a display of Jewish literature with help from members of the Jewish Students Union.

"I am amazed at the strides you have made here in Jewish Studies," Montreal-born David Roskies told *The CJN*.

A professor at the Jewish Theological Seminary and one of the

Rose Wolfe

major speakers at the celebration, Roskies is an expert in the modern Jewish return to folklore and fantasy.

A message from arts and science dean Marsha Chandler thanked the Toronto Jewish community for its generous support of the program.

The willingness of Israeli authors to confront diverse themes such as feminism, the status of Sephardi Jews and the status of women was discussed by Prof. Arnold Band, director of the Centre for Jewish Studies at UCLA. He also spoke of a twin element in Jewish cultural creativity, the explosive growth of Jewish Studies programs in the United States and Canada.

An address by Prof. Isadore Twersky of Harvard University underscored the neglect of rabbinic literature, highlighting the reasons for this neglect and its intellectual consequences.

Justice Menachem Elon, an ordained rabbi who recently retired from the Supreme Court of Israel after 16 years, gave a paper on The Living Halachah: Jewish Law in Contemporary National Israeli Life.

Presiding at the sessions were William Dunphy, professor emeritus at St. Michael's College; Donald Carr, publisher of *The CJN*; and Rivanne Sandler of the university's Department of Middle East and Islamic Studies.

Commentaries were given by religion professor Kenneth Green, Joseph Shatzmiller of Duke University, law professor Ernest Weinrib, Garshowitz and Sharon Green, a Jewish Studies Program teacher.

Programs continue to expand

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Jewish studies programs at the University of Toronto (U of T) continue to improve and expand.

York University's Centre for Jewish Studies, inaugurated six years ago, has grown quickly under its founding director, Prof. Sydney Eisen. Eisen left this position recently but will remain at the centre as coordinator of special projects.

Michael Brown, a professor in York's Division of Humanities and Hebrew, has been appointed as new director.

The centre has done much to advance the teaching and study of Judaica at York, and recently initiated the first course in Canada in Sephardic Studies. New courses this year include Jewish Law, Judaism in Canada and Canadian Jewish History. The centre offers courses in Classical Jewish Learning, Canada-Israel Relations, Holocaust Studies, Contemporary and Medieval Jewish Thought, Jewish Communal Public Policy, and Jews in Film, Sports, Recreation and Leisure.

Interdisciplinary studies are important at York, Brown said. Jewish studies are part of the overall program of religious studies and students are encouraged to combine their Jewish studies courses with courses in other fields.

The unique Jewish Teacher Education Program at York, which trains teachers for Hebrew day schools or public schools, is a two-degree program jointly offered by the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Education, in cooperation with the Toronto Board of Jewish Education. Brown said this is the largest program for day school teacher trainees in North America.

Study at Israeli university

Along with educational methodology and Judaic studies, students receive on-the-job training; many study for a year at an Israeli university as part of their program.

Students who successfully complete the Teacher Education Program receive a bachelor of arts degree, usually with a major in Jewish studies, a bachelor of education degree, an Ontario Ministry of Education and Training certificate and certification by the Toronto Board of Jewish Education.

Courses at York cover the Jewish experience from biblical times to the present day. Some courses are given in Hebrew.

The Jewish Studies Program at the U of T, created in the late 1960s, provides instruction in the various aspect of Jewish culture from antiquity to the present. It offers courses in Hebrew, Yiddish, Aramaic, Syriac and Greek, as well as literature both in the original texts and in translation, Jewish history from the biblical period to the present, and religion, philosophy and sociology.

U of T undergraduate programs prepare students for such fields as library science, the rabbinate, government and diplomatic service, teaching and Jewish communal services. The centre offers postgraduate studies in some aspects of Jewish studies.

Libby Garshowitz, director of the Jewish Studies Program and a professor in the Department of Near Eastern Studies says an increasing number of students are enrolled who have Jewish studies as their specialty.

She notes that a new course was introduced this year, The Jewish Experience, which deals with 2,000 years of Jewish history, literature and civilization.

The Jewish Studies Program is now in the process of interviewing applicants and reviewing applications for the new chair in Jewish Studies which was recently established by a gift from the J. Richard Shiff Family, as well as other donors. The chair will also become the director of the multidisciplinary Jewish Studies Program, which offers courses in a number of departments.

The recently established Shoshana Shier Distinguished Professorship will enable the university to invite an internationally recognized scholar to the program.

A new course to be offered in 1995-96 will be a one-semester fourth-level history course on Polish Jewry.

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From coast to coast

JSU director reaches young Soviet Jews

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Rabbi Michael Skobac, 41, left Toronto at the end of January to speak at an Aish HaTorah conference in the former Soviet Union, he undertook a personal mission to locate someone to counter Christian missionaries there. In fact, he hoped to train his own counterpart to do the work he does here in his spare time.

The director of the University of Toronto's Jewish Student Union had been asked to give four three-hour seminars on Christian missionaries at an Aish HaTorah conference outside St. Petersburg.

The conference, the first of its kind, drew over 200 young Jewish adults from far-flung reaches of the republics.

One of the rabbi's most gratifying moments was his meeting with a Russian Jewish student who had left Christianity after hearing a Russian translation of one of his audiotapes on countering Christian missionaries.

Rabbi Skobac had visited the Soviet Union only once before, in 1990, as director of the New York-area branch of the counter-missionary group Jews for Judaism. He and four others met with Jewish community leaders in Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) to inform them about the tactics of Christian missionaries targeting Jews for conversion in the Soviet Union.

Their efforts had "a limited impact," he said, partly because many of the leaders they trained emigrated soon after.

Christian missionaries today pose "a tremendous problem" in the former Soviet Union, said the rabbi during a recent interview.

Last May, in Moscow alone, over 5,000 Jews converted to Christianity at a messianic Jewish festival organized by Hear O Israel Ministries, an American group, said the rabbi. Five hundred Jews attended the first meeting for the resulting Hebrew Christian congregation, and subsequent festivals were held in Minsk and Kiev.

American-organized Christian festivals are heavily advertised and offer tempting freebies such as T-shirts, food, comradeship and entertainment, Rabbi Skobac said. "A lot look at it just as a good time, but they open the door to these people, and a lot of [the Jews] are spiritually starved."

The task Rabbi Skobac set for himself this year was daunting. To find at least one English-speaking person with good interpersonal skills and a strong Jewish background who could spend a minimum of 10 hours a day with him during his week-long stay — and who wasn't planning to emigrate imminently — was "an extremely arduous process."

Three weeks of trans-Atlantic phone calls in the wee hours yielded no solid leads, but shortly after his arrival at the conference, Rabbi Skobac's luck turned.

He was directed to a St. Petersburg psychotherapist whose name Rabbi Skobac prefers not be made public. The man is in his mid-30s and has been religiously committed for over 10 years. To Rabbi Skobac's delight, he already had an interest in "responding to the missionary threat" and had taught himself a great deal about Christianity.

"He was almost someone waiting for this to happen," said Rabbi Skobac enthusiastically.

The two men spent 10 to 12 hours a day studying reams of material, including a set of 12 tapes on How to Answer a Christian Missionary prepared by Rabbi Skobac for Jews for Judaism in 1990.

Rabbi Skobac hopes his protege will be able to train others to help him deal effectively with the formidable geographic area involved.

Even in North America, there are only about half a dozen people experienced in counselling Jews who have converted to Christianity, said Rabbi Skobac. In Canada, he and Julius Ciss, director of the Toronto-based Jews for Judaism, are the only two.

Rabbi Michael Skobac discusses Christian missionaries with students from the former Soviet Union at an Aish HaTorah conference held last month near St. Petersburg.

"Typically, most rabbis know very little about Christianity, and it's difficult to communicate with someone unless you know what they believe," said Rabbi Skobac, a graduate of Yeshiva University who has studied the issue for the past 20 years.

His own interest was sparked when, as a student at Illinois' Northwestern University who had a nascent interest in Judaism, he felt "deceived" after going to a "Torah study" session which turned out to be run by Christian missionaries.

The purpose of counter-missionary work is to explain how Christianity is not consistent with Judaism, Rabbi Skobac said. He expects that the psychotherapist will adapt some of his educational and counselling materials to better serve the Jewish community in the former Soviet Union.

"I really felt that I left something there that will be able to be effective."

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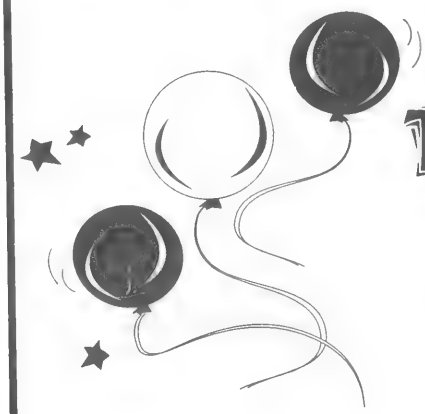

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Himel remains optimistic about prospects for peace

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Despite recent violence in Israel, including the January suicide bombing at Beit Lid which killed 21 Israelis, television journalist Martin Himel, 39, is decidedly optimistic about the prospect of peace in the Middle East.

He likens the peace process to a marriage, cautioning that "to make a marriage work...involves compromise and understanding."

Hope of a better life is the antidote to Islamic fundamentalism, he believes. "If people in Gaza are given hope, then the fundamentalists will have a much more difficult time convincing people to blow themselves up," he told an audience of over 300 last week.

Benefits of the peace process are already visible, new business deals with Arab countries and Israeli tourism to Jordan being two examples, Himel said.

The Toronto-born Tel Aviv bureau chief for Baton Broadcasting was in Toronto to speak at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue at an event co-sponsored by the CHAT Alumni Association and Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, New Leadership division.

He is an alumnus of both the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) and the Hebrew University, where he received a BA in Economics and International Relations in 1978.

The university also served as his introduction to Arab perceptions of Israel. Initially astounded to hear Arab students call Israel a police state, he participated in heated student dialogues which "raised a lot of question marks" about the complexity of the political situation.

As a Middle East correspondent since 1980, including a 10-year stint for CTV, Himel has witnessed and reported on a broad spectrum of events including the Lebanon Civil War, the intifadah, the Persian Gulf War, and the PLO-Israel peace talks.

He has not participated on any one side, such as serving in the Israeli army, he noted. Not having made aliyah "in an official sense," his status is that of a Canadian journalist working in Israel. His wife, Inna Shapiro, is an Israeli journalist who made aliyah from the former Soviet Union almost 20 years ago. Their children are Israeli.

Martin Himel

Does Himel have to work at being objective? "Always," he told *The CJN* in an interview. "I don't believe there's such a thing as complete objectivity, but you try to get at it.

"I've taken a lot of flak from audiences and editors," he said. "People are people. We're not perfect. [I've seen media] anti-Israel bias and anti-Palestinian bias. I've gotten letters calling me a self-hating Jew and letters calling me a Zionist agent."

While he strives for journalistic objectivity, Himel admits to having been touched emotionally by the Washington signing ceremony between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan, both of whom he had covered on previous occasions. "Both men have been through so much turmoil. It took a lot of guts for everybody to make that moment happen."

Rabin is the first name to come to mind when Himel is asked who he most admires. "He's a real human being. When soldiers are killed, he takes it very personally. He can be difficult and autocratic, but he has very few facades. I respect him."

Even if the right-wing Likud party forms the next Israeli government, Himel is convinced that the peace process will continue. "There is no other choice," he said.

"Palestinians know that if they play their cards right, East Jerusalem will be their capitol, provided they come to terms with...living with the shidduch partner," Himel said in his speech. "I'm not saying this will happen today or tomorrow, but the change in atmosphere could definitely lead to that situation. It may sound outrageous today . . . that's peaceful co-existence. Israelis want not to have to look over their shoulders every minute."

He added that changes wouldn't be made "at the price of self-extinction" and noted that East Jerusalem, although under Israeli control, is a separate entity from the rest of the city with a distinctive Palestinian character.

To achieve real peace, Himel believes it will take "patience, hope, and a desire from both sides to really work at it."

Book to mark liberation

TORONTO — A special souvenir remembrance book is currently in production to honor the 50th anniversary of liberation and Holocaust remembrance — a community commemoration.

The committee compiling the data to commemorate the 50th anniversary requires photos representing Jewish family life cycle events which took place during the period from the liberation of Auschwitz to the establishment of the State of Israel. These events include weddings, brit milah, bar mitzvah celebrations and holiday photos taken from January 1945 to May 1948.

The deadline for photo submission is March 15. The committee will decide which photos will be used for the souvenir remembrance book. All photos submitted will be returned.

The book will include personal messages in memory of loved ones or communities that perished during the Holocaust, a liberation section allowing an opportunity for people to find and reunite with other survivors, archival photos, and other pertinent information.

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Sports

Toronto teens to play hockey for Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ten Toronto teens, equipment bags in tow, recently boarded a jetliner en route to a hockey tournament in Lithuania.

The 10 are expected to form the nucleus of Israel's national junior team playing in its first-ever international junior competition.

Sponsored by the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), the tournament is geared for developing teams in the hockey world, along with the host Lithuanians. Israel will compete with the likes of Lithuania, Turkey and Croatia in the IIHF's C pool, Group 2 while Group 1 includes "Yugoslavia," the Netherlands and Bulgaria.

The infusion of Canadian-based talent onto the 22-man Israeli roster is designed to give the team some credibility, said Oded Orgil, one of two representatives of the team for North America.

It will make the team more competitive and enhance the learning experience for the Israeli-based skaters, he said.

Orgil, a member of Israel's senior national team, said all the Canadian-based boys are eligible to play because they either hold an Israeli passport or have a parent born in the Jewish State.

Most of the Canadian ringers are of Midget AA calibre, though two play in AAA leagues, he said. They were selected after several tryout camps were held in the Toronto area. Orgil said greater effort will be made next year to expand the talent base to other Canadian and American cities.

The Canadian contingent departed on March 1 for Birstanas, about 100 kilometres from the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, where they will meet their teammates from Israel and practise in a pre-tournament camp. After eight days of training, they will head for the town of Elektranai where the tournament will be held from March 11 to 17.

Most of the Israeli-based team is made up of Sabras, supplemented by four or five Russian-born players, Orgil said. They will be coached by Toronto-born oleh Mike Rubin and Mark Talesnick, a native of Kingston, Ont.

It's expected the team will play Canadian-style hockey, Orgil said. That doesn't necessarily mean they'll try to run the European opposition, but at an average size of 5 foot 10 and 170-175 pounds, "they're not going to be manhandled."

Making the trip from Canada are Ran Oz, 17, a Sabra skater who has played with Israel's senior national team and who is now playing with the Toronto Midget Marlies. At over 6 feet tall and about 220 lbs., Oz is expected to anchor the defence.

Others on the team include centre Yaron Orgil, 16; rightwing Mark Joseph, 17; goalie Avi Gleeck, 17; defenceman Jason Shiff, 17; defenceman Simon Levine, 16; centre Brian Friedman, 15; defenceman Ronnie Kuperberg, 16; winger Ely Oosterhuis, 17; and defenceman Jason Goldberg, 17.

Moti Orgil, Oded's father, will accompany the team as equipment manager.

For Goldberg, playing for Israel is turning into an unexpected bonus this hockey season.

"I always had a strong feeling for Israel," the Grade 12 CHAT student said. "To play for your country is not something everybody can do. This is a once in a lifetime experience, something that people can only dream about doing."

Clad in their blue-and-white warm-up suits, the Toronto-based segment of the Israeli national junior hockey team prepares to fly to Lithuania for a tournament. Seen here are (top row, from left) Oded Orgil, Jason Shiff, Avi Gleeck, Ran Oz, Ely Oosterhuis, Moti Orgil; (bottom row, from left) Brian Friedman, Jason Goldberg, Mark Joseph, Yaron Orgil and Simon Levine.

Goldberg, five foot 11, 165 lbs., said he learned about the tournament in December when his coach with the Thornhill Selects, Sam Joseph told him that Israel was looking for skaters.

He made the cut after the first evaluation session and worked his way onto the team after the second.

A self-styled "heads-up defenceman" who can move the puck and rack up his share of assists, Goldberg said he's not sure what to expect in international competition played on the larger European rinks. But he says he's looking forward to donning Israel's colors and making new friends in Lithuania.

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If brunch in the garden appeals to you, you may well want to investigate Byzas (pronounced "Bee-zas", short for Byzantium), where John and Dean Kekkas, those indefatigable restauranteurs-par-excellence of *Christina's* fame, have started a reverse phenomenon: putting the garden into brunch.

CEOs love Byzas' spacious booths for private and discreet business lunches. For information and reservations, call (416) 778-1100.

The subtle touches of greenery and refinement that floriate Byzas' dinner menu are also in evidence in the Saturday and Sunday brunch the Kekkas brothers have introduced to accommodate their growing clientele.

Particularly popular among business and professional people, the dining room is flanked by booths and benches which allow formal and informal meetings to be conducted in complete privacy, while still affording a view of the entire dining room and the bustling Danforth outside. Indeed, so much business is now conducted in the dining room that Dean has advised his waiters to make sure they're "picking up menus and not somebody's legal contract." But those who prefer to leave the office at the office need not worry, for here you'll be served not with papers but with the most exquisite and fanciful Greek/Mediterranean fare imaginable.

The menu does a madcap hopscotch across sunny southern Europe, with pit stops in Italy (for fabulous pasta and pizzas), Greece (for melt-in-your mouth rack of lamb and "Greek" salads with a deliciously atypical twist), and France (for edible flowers and herbs to add colour and flavour to your love affair with food). Add a quick dash to the middle East (for hoummos, baba ghannouj and pita) and a jumbo jet ride to the American midwest (for Black Angus striploin), and you have the ingredients for a highly pleasurable soirée.

The menu boasts a proliferation of organically grown greens, and the "green" theme extends to the water used to prepare your food and poured into your glasses: it's "absolutely, 100 percent" pure due to Byzas' reverse osmosis filtration system — a Toronto first, according to Kekkas. (In order to be the "last word" on the Toronto dining scene, you need a lot of "firsts", and Byzas has them in spades).

Ideal for special occasions, the restaurant seats up to 200 people and provides a striking setting for wedding receptions, bar mitzvah parties and the like. Indeed, from the moment you enter you're enveloped by an extraordinary ambience that starts with the massive terrocotta mural designed by South African Jewish artist Lynn Fisher and continues into the main dining room, where white-linenned tables dot a vast honey-coloured floor trimmed in molasses brown, with sculptured okra walls and ceilings propped by rust-coloured romanesque columns.

From Thursday to Saturday you'll be serenaded by a violinist, guitarist and accordianist; at other times, the state-of-the-art sound system will bathe your auditory senses in Dr. Zhivago, Fiddler on the Roof and other favourite strains. Both the live and recorded music are kept at soothing levels.

World-class cuisine, reasonable prices

Though Byzas goes to the head of the class in appearance and culinary excellence, prices are considerably less than at many other outstanding restaurants. A full dinner for two with appetizer, main course, dessert and a couple of glasses of wine from their extensive wine list can run you well under $100 including taxes and tip, but for as little as $7.95 you can order a pizza that's a complete meal in itself. At this price, you'll find the portion you're given dwarfs that offered in many other popular eateries, while conceding absolutely nothing in imagination, taste, and freshness. "Freshness is an absolute", says Dean. "No MSG, no chemicals, no preservatives, no frozen prepared foods. All our sauces are made from scratch." Armed with this mandate of freshness, creativity (which Leif Kravis and Gustavo Maurelli spare no pains in ensuring that your meal lives up to expectations.

The freshness fanaticism extends to the desserts, which are prepared daily on the premises (with the exception of the ices and ice creams) by Pasty Chef Cassandra Bateman. If the regular menu spoils you, the dessert menu will positively ruin you. Anyone counting calories is well advised to steer clear of the dessert menu entirely, for once you're eye-deep in *Chocolate Torte, Crème brulée, and Tiramisu*, you're "done like dessert." The *Tarte tatin* (a carmelized upside down apple tart with dark rum *crème Anglaise* and warm caramel sauce) is absolutely divine and does contain a few calories, but who's counting? For a few less calories but an equally potent punch, try the Pears Poached in Red Wine with spiced Red Wine Sauce and Honeyed Mascarpone Cheese.

Not just your basic brunch

The Saturday and Sunday brunch offers generous portions of your traditional favourites served with the same elegance and panache that characterizes the dinner menu. "Just because it's breakfast is no reason to skimp on presentation", says Dean. From Eggs Benedict to Eggs Kiev to *Eggs Byzas* (poached eggs on a pita with grilled eggplant and a fresh basil Hollandaise) to steak and eggs, all brunch dishes are served with roast new potatoes and a mixed green salad. If you just want a bagel with lox and/or cream cheese, you'll find that fresh and delicious too. Side orders include lamb sausage, Italian sausage, toasted English muffins, and other scrumptious fare.

Byzas is open seven days a week, Sun.–Thurs. 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Fri. and Sat. 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Lunch is served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., dinner from 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday brunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Sports

Kimelman joins Canadian hockey teachers in Israel

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Canadian contingent of instructors in Metulla's Canada Centre recreational complex has grown to five, enough to ice a line and take on the Israeli junior team in a recent hockey scrimmage.

Jason Kimelman, David Reine and Jeremy Blumes have recently joined Kitchener-Waterloo native Jeff Budd and Torontonian Jonathan Graff as on-ice instructors at the wildly popular northern Israel hockey rink built with the financial help of Canadian Jews through the United Israel Appeal.

The young men recently teamed up long enough to administer an 8-0 drubbing to about half of the Israeli-based national junior squad prior to the team's departure for Lithuania. The tournament there will mark Israel's debut in international junior competition.

In Metulla, the Canadians spend much of their day teaching Israeli kids the how-to's of skating and hockey.

Kimelman, 19, had been in Metulla only about a week when he spoke to *The CJN* by telephone, but already he was raving about his time there. "It's the greatest experience I've ever had," he said.

On the ice at 10 a.m. and sometimes not off until 11:30 p.m., Kimelman, Reine and Blumes teach the Sabras everything from lacing up their skates to the functions of all that bulky hockey equipment.

The three young Canadians live rent-free in an apartment inside Canada Centre. They get a modest monthly allowance for living expenses.

Kimelman said he learned of the volunteer program through his uncle, Louis Reznick, who visited Metulla two years ago and met Mayor Yossi Goldberg. Best friend Reine came with him.

Jason's mother, Linda, admits to being concerned about her son's stay in Israel. It was four and a half years ago that daughter Marnie was killed on a Tel Aviv beach by a terrorist pipe bomb.

"I'm very happy for Jason. I'm not so happy for myself but I think it's [important] to put his feelings first," she said.

"It was courageous for him to go. It took him a long time to decide to go to that place. He was very ready, very passionate about going.

"It was important to Marnie. She loved being there and going there ... I think it's part of his healing process. I think he'll come to some form of peace there."

As for Jason, he says he doesn't feel in danger. "I'm having the time of my life. This place is amazing. They treat us so well. It's just great."

Reine echoes many of those sentiments. Reine and Kimelman played for York Mills High School's hockey team for three years. Before that, they skated for MTHL squads.

Now they're helping first-time skaters and seeing them improve. "It's a good feeling helping out," Reine said.

Blumes, a Calgary native, came to Metulla after completing a kibbutz ulpan program that began in September. Last fall he learned Israel had five mini-rinks. Eventually he heard about Canada Centre, contacted Budd, visited the rink and decided to stay on as a volunteer.

The boys' tour of duty ends in May.

Jason Kimelman

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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Thursday, March 9

PURIM CLASS

Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz explains the customs of Purim, 8 p.m., Aish Hatorah Thornhill, Promenade, Suite 303, followed by a class on the weekly Torah portion at 9 p.m. Cost $5.

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

School Ties will be screened, 8 p.m., Philip Smith Atrium, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Brief commentary by **Richard Rotman** before the film.

EAST END PURIM PARTY

Hebrew Heritage Program welcomes alumni, members of the Danforth Shul, east end community and friends to celebrate Purim, 6-8 p.m., Withrow Public school gymnasium. Costume parade, Megillah reading and much more. Call **Barbara**, 463-3930 or **Janet** 461-9589.

Friday, March 10

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Saturday, March 11

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Judy Feld Carr, will be guest speaker at the John and Molly Pollock annual lecture, during the Shabbat Zachor Service at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., 9 a.m. She will speak on The Rescue of Syrian Jewry — the Untold Inside Story. **Cantor Jo Amar** will be guest cantor. Public invited.

Sunday, March 12

PURIM FAMILY PROGRAM

Bring the whole family to a fun, educational Purim primer including arts and crafts, hamantaschen, the Purim story and more, 2-4 p.m., Aish Hatorah Thornhill, Promenade, Suite 303. $6 per family. Call 636-7530 to register.

THE LESSONS OF PURIM

JEP/Ohr Somayach presents **Rabbi Shmuel Klein**, who will speak on Finding Relevance in a Modern World, 8 p.m., Torah Emeth Jewish Centre, (Viewmount Shul) 1 Viewmount Ave.; $5 admission includes light refreshments. For information call 785-5899.

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Beth Sholom Brotherhood and Sisterhood, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. present their annual Purim party, noon-3 p.m., featuring entertainment, games, refreshments, clowns and balloons. Prize for each child in a costume.

Monday, March 13

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Unmasking Purim, humor and the flip side of life with **Rabbi Mitch Mandel**, 8 p.m., Aish Hatorah Thornhill, Promenade, suite 303. Admission free. Call 636-7530 for information.

JUDAISM AND ABORTION

JEP/Ohr Somayach concludes the three-part series by **Professor Elliot Melamet**, who will speak on Judaism and Abortion, 8 p.m., Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Learning, 2939 Bathurst St. Cost, $7. To register call 785-5899.

MYSTICISM AND CHASSIDISM

Theme of the joint Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am continuing education series with **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum** is Leaders of Jewish Mysticism and Chassidism. Topic, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue is Rabbi Nahman of Bratzlav: The Tormented Master.

GIFT DONATION

The Schaffran family, from left, Alan, Jill, Lindsay and Jordan are seen with Fran Sonshine, president, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO. The family was recently honored by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO after Lindsay and Jordan contributed all gifts received in honor of their bar and bat mitzvahs to the organization. Jordan donated to Ethiopian students at Hofim and Lindsay to the Children's Rehabilitation Centre at Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Israel.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Rabbi Avraham Plotkin will speak on The World to Come 10-11 a.m. From 8-9:30 p.m. **Chana Weisberg** will discuss The Fire of the Altar that Burns Within our Heart. All classes at The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Register, 905-889-6066.

PASSOVER HAGGADAH

Rabbi Moshe Stern, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation continues his in-depth analysis of the Passover Haggadah for men and women, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Haggadot provided. No charge. Call 787-1631.

Tuesday, March 14

KEHILLAT SHAAREI TORAH

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks, Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. will discuss Purim, Why we do what we do, 8 p.m. Call synagogue office, 229-2600 for details.

Wednesday, March 15

ANSHEI MINSK PURIM PARTY

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OHR SOMAYACH PURIM

Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. invites the public to attend its 6:45 p.m. evening service. At 7 p.m., **Rabbi Mordechai Becher** will give an overview of the story of Purim and the Megillah reading will begin 7:30 p.m.

Come in costume to Ohr Somayach's Purim party, 9:30 p.m., Sisterhood Hall, Bais Avraham Yoseph of Toronto. $5 admission includes refreshments, music and entertainment. For reservations and information call 905-886-5730.

Thursday, March 16

FAMILIES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. in the Enkin Boardroom. For more information call in confidence 763-9111.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

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JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Parenting the Difficult Teenager begins March 22; One Marriage: Two Religions begins March 22; Adult Children Losing a Parent begins March 28. For more information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

GALA MELAVA MALKA

JEP/Ohr Somayach presents its 18th anniversary Gala Melave Malka, March 25, 8:45 p.m., Torah Emeth Jewish Centre, 1 Viewmount Ave. For dinner tickets, $120 per couple, and journal ads call 785-5899.

INCEST SURVIVORS

Jewish Family and Child Service will be conducting a group, beginning March 28 for women incest survivors. For information call **Karen Wynnychuk**, 638-7800 ext. 806 or **Gail Solish**, 905-882-2331, ext. 25.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. is taking registration for summer courses for adults, teenagers and pre-teens in beginners, intermediate and advanced conversational Hebrew. Morning courses are on Mondays, May 29-August 28 and evening courses run Tuesdays, May 30-August 29. Promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions. Instructor for beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, founder in Toronto of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching Hebrew. Call 787-0197 for information.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Synagogue Shabbat Study Luncheon, Saturday March 18 following services, features **Dr. Reuven Robbins**, director of education and youth, Beth Tzedec, who will speak on Quasi Jewish Communities Around the World. Reserve no later than Tuesday, March 14. Call 781-3511.

PURIM CANDIES

Jordana-Yamit chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is selling kosher candy trees attractively arranged in a mug for only $12. Free delivery. Call **Carol** 499-9534 or **Margi**, 905-731-4227.

DENNIS WALDMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Dennis Waldman Foundation for Jewish Education is accepting applications for the Waldman Scholarship, awarded to a student graduating from a Jewish high school program, who is going on to a university or yeshivah — or to a student graduating from a public high school, who intends to pursue a course of Jewish study. Applications, due April 28, are available at many schools or through Solursh, Feldman & Partners, 2 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 1800, North York, M2N 6C1. For more information call **Dr. N. Waldman**, 635-9765.

FASHION SHOW & BOUTIQUE SALE

Vendors sought for Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood's annual Spring Fashion Show and Boutique Sale, Wednesday, April 5, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Call **Gloria Kurtz**, 633-6999.

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Women living in Burlington, Hamilton, Mississauga and Oakville and looking to do something meaningful as Jewish women, connect with the Jewish community and share new experiences. Call **Eva van der Sluis**, 905-681-8039 or **Eileen Jadd**, 630-9313 for information.

HEBREW CLUB FOR THE BLIND

Volunteers sought to assist members at meetings of the Hebrew Club for the Blind, held once or twice a month. Call **Jack Mudryk**, 905-731-7567.

VALLEY PRESCHOOL

Applications being accepted for The Valley Preschool, 7015 Leslie St., Thornhill (formerly JCC Valley). Pintsize/Nursery, 18-30 months of age, two or three mornings a week; Nursery, turning 3 by Jan. '96, two. three, four or five mornings a week. Call **Lynn Cone** or **Wendy Preskow**, 905-889-0813.

DIABETES RESEARCH

Diabetes Research Unit, Mount Sinai Hospital seeks people ages 40-75, with non-insulin dependent diabetes who have never been on insulin or are on maximum oral pills but have unsatisfactory blood sugar control, to participate in a research program involving a new rapid acting insulin analog called Humalog. Call 586-8776 or 586-8775 for information.

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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L'IMAGE FASHION SHOW

Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue of Toronto Sisterhood presents L'Image — The Fashion Show, Monday, March 20. Boutiques 7 p.m., promenade 8 p.m., boutiques 9:30 p.m. Couvert $25. Space still available for some vendors. For tickets call the synagogue office 905-886-3810, the Sisterhood hotline 905-771-6711 or **Judy Machtinger**, 979-2688 days or 905-886-6802 evenings.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

The New Israel Fund of Canada seeks volunteers to help with a variety of office duties including telephone work, typing, filing, envelope stuffing and stamping. Call **Marsha Slivka**, 515-0507.

IMPACT OF DIVORCE

Jewish Family & Child Service offers a workshop to discuss typical reactions and feelings of children, impact of parents' coping style on children's adjustment and general dos and don'ts, March 8, 7:30 p.m. For registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

TEACH ENGLISH IN ISRAEL

Yad beYad, run under the auspices of the Canada Israel Forum, seeks volunteers to teach conversational English to recent immigrants in Israel. Teaching experience not necessary, training provided. Program runs in two-week sessions starting July 2 or July 16 and includes adoption by a local family, social events and a complimentary weekend in Jerusalem. Prices start at $1,400. Call 445-4554 or 481-1568.

VISIT AND DIAL-A-FRIEND

Volunteers needed by Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living to visit lonely or isolated people in their own homes or to telephone homebound seniors. Training and support offered. Call **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112 for information.

MARDI GRAS BALL

Reena Foundation presents its first annual Mardi Gras Ball, Sunday, March 26, 8 p.m., Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, featuring entertainment, music, casino, silent auction, Cajun food and prizes. Tickets $45 in advance, $55 at the door available at all TicketMaster outlets or by calling TicketMaster 870-8000. Portion of costs are tax receiptable. For more information call 787-0131.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Keep up your Hebrew in a fun and easy way (ulpan method) with **Yael Lev**. Spring courses, beginning March 27 also include daytime and evening classes designed for parents with children in day schools. Three levels, beginners to advanced will be held at Beth Tikvah, Kehillat Shaarei Torah and Bathurst Jewish Centre. Call Yael at 225-6151.

ORDER OF CANADA

Joseph Rotman, who played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Rotman Institute of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, was recently appointed to the Order of Canada. Rotman, chair and chief executive officer of Clairvest Group Inc., was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Toronto last year and recently endowed the Faculty of Management, a gift which played a role in the construction of its new building, scheduled to open late this year.

for seniors

City of Toronto Public Health dental services, 2398 Yonge St. provides free dental care for Toronto resident seniors (small fee for dentures). For information or to make an appointment call 392-0907 or 392-0908.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is holding a Purim luncheon featuring entertainment, Monday, March 13, 12:30 p.m. Reservations being taken for five-day Washington trip April 30-May 4, including kosher meals, health insurance and all entrance fees. The Buffalo trip, June 13 includes shopping, kosher lunch and two-hour cruise through the canals and locks. Future trips include Artpark July 19 and August 8; Stratford, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is holding a Purim dance Sunday, March 12, 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the community centre. Members $4, non-members $5. Saturday dances in the clubhouse, 7-10 p.m. Members free, non-members $1. Spring fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. includes new clothing, cosmetics, jewelry, collectibles, baked goods and household items. Free admission. Book now for $5 local day trip, April 6. On March 20 a variety show features the Metro Toronto Police Chorus, 7:30 p.m., $1 admission. Movie, Wednesday, March 15, 2 p.m., *Mrs. Doubtfire*.

Funtime Travel is seeing *Oh Canada Eh* in Niagara Falls, Thursday, May 11. Trip to tulip festival May 16-19 is selling fast. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On March 13, **Mr. Dehari** will conduct a reading from Hebrew literature. A Purim dance with live music, Israeli snack, wine and hamantaschen will take place Saturday, March 18. Members $8, non-members $10. For tickets and information call 661-4689.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2 for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Working Together for Change is a group for women over the age of 55 who have been or are in relationships that hurt. Learn how to understand your situation better in a supportive and caring environment. Call in confidence, **Sheila Zane** or **Sharon Zeiler**.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Staying Safe, Thursday, March 16, 1:30 p.m. Two constables will discuss safety on the street, protection in the home and avoiding fraud. Admission free.

Healthy Cooking with **Sharon Zeiler** will discuss how to make Passover a healthy and tasty holiday, Tuesday, March 14, 1:30 p.m. Register with **Sandra** at the Wellness desk.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. On March 15 there will be a Purim party with **Andre Furs** and **Rochelle Kasproyino**. Call **Anna**.

Friendship Circle for people 55+ and on their own — Purim party with **Lisa Shain**, Thursday, March 16, 2 p.m. Call Anna.

Beaches will be screened, Sunday March 12, 2:30 p.m.

Purim party with **Cobi Chai** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**, Wednesday, March 15, 1:30 p.m. Members $4, non-members $5.

Craft sale featuring knitted goods, wooden toys, handmade by volunteers, Promenade Mall, community booth, Monday, March 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Proceeds to Bernard Betel Centre.

at the JCC/BJC

Purim Carnival at Bloor JCC, Sunday, March 19, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. features Yiddish folksinger **Faye Kellerstein**. Admission, $5, includes all tickets and entertainment. Children in costume get a bonus prize.

NAVI PLAY

Grade four students at United Synagogue Day School, Bayview campus, recently performed the Navi play for parents. The music, dances and scripts depicted the students' studies in Shmuel I. Seen are Dan Segal (standing) as Elkana and Erin Kleiner as Hana.

ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Israel Cancer Research Fund's recent RPM party raised over $16,000. From left, Mitchell Korman, chair of the Young Associates; City TV's Brona Brown and Bruce Witchel.

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"MAZEL TOV" were the words of the month as three Registry couples recently celebrated their weddings, reported Rob Singer the Registry's director. "Our goal is to have a wedding a month and with thirty three couples dating steadily at the moment, we hope to reach that illusive plateau in the very near future."

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For friends and family who wish to invest in a loved one's romantic future then the Registry gift certificate program is for you. Gift certificates are available in denominations of $50 and $100 and are redeemable for new or existing memberships. Now you can take a direct approach and give the "perfect" gift to someone you love.

When it comes to meeting people the Jewish Singles Registry is in a class by itself. Whether it be for friendship, a relationship, or even marriage, now is the perfect time to give them a call and to become part of Toronto's largest Jewish dating service. For more information or to become a member please call 416-398-7068.

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Currently, Living Realty Inc. is featuring a magnificent home at 33 Wentworth Ave., North York. Situated on a 140' x 314' acre lot, this home backs onto the scenic Don River ravine. With 12,000 square feet of living space plus a totally finished lower level, it would particularly suit anyone who likes to entertain on a grand scale.

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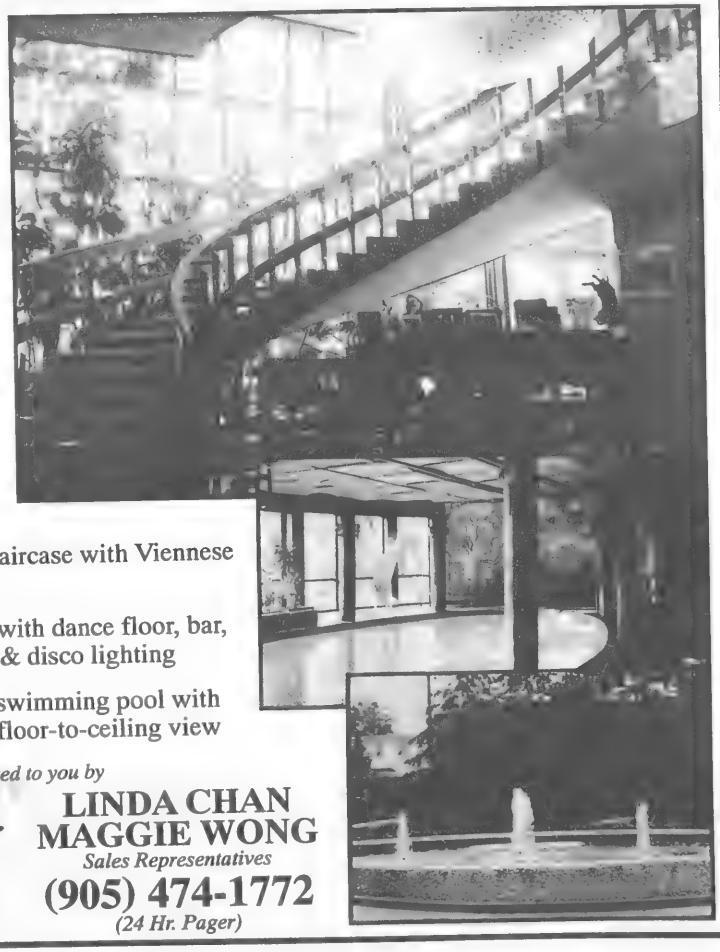

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Located just 1 km north of Highway 7, and next door to the Richmond Hill Country Club, the Residences of Teefy Point combine easy access to the city with privacy in a park-like setting. Evergreens in the ravine provide year-round greenery. The landscape plan calls for extensive planting of large trees; the berm at the entrance to Teefy Point will also be planted with trees.

The landscaped gardens at the rear are private and enclosed, and open on to the ravine. Ideal for a family, this development includes a play area for children, visitor parking, and two wheelchair-accessible parking spaces.

These Residences are attached condominium townhouses in neo-classical Georgian style, with 12-inch cornice moulding to accent the roofline, extensive trim, porticoes and wrought-iron railings in front. Each house is 2,800 square feet, on three levels, with the Georgian style maintained inside as well as out.

The ground floor has a two-car garage in front, a powder room, and a "great room" with 8'6" ceilings which opens on to the garden in the rear. The main floor has a living and dining room with 10' ceiling, and a sunken kitchen and family room with an 11'9" ceiling. On the second floor are three bedrooms with 9' ceilings, and two baths. Staircases are open, adding to the spaciousness of the design.

Noise transfer between houses is greatly reduced by 2" separation betwen all demizing walls and floor structure on all levels, and by the use of "silent floor" truss joist framing on the first and second floors.

There are three basic house plans. The builder, Alan D. Gordon Design-Build, will also sit down with the purchaser and custom design any aspect of the interior from walls and bathrooms through to finishes and tiles, with the changes invoiced to the purchaser at builder's cost.

For more information on the Residences of Teefy Point, call (905) 709-0880 anytime, and ask for David Sandness. David is on the site Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m., and Monday to Wednesday from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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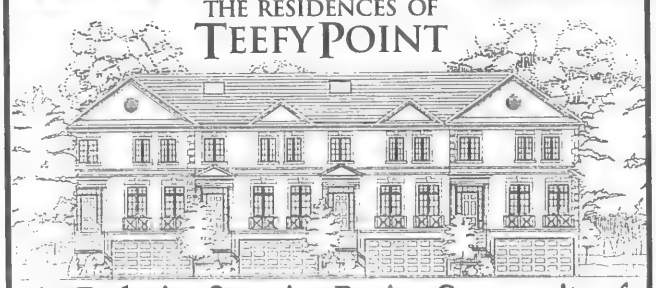

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From coast to coast

Jewish social worker wins Yukon dog sled race

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

WHITEHORSE, Yukon — A former Jewish Toronto social worker who has been living here for almost 18 years won the recent annual 1,000-mile Yukon Quest dog sled race from Whitehorse to Fairbanks, Alaska. The prize is $15,000 US.

Frank Turner, 47, broke all records for the race, making the gruelling trip in 10 days and 16 hours, beating the previous record set in 1991 by five hours, and coming in ahead of this year's runner-up by 50 minutes.

Frank is the son of Andy and Peggy Turner of Victoria. He works in Whitehorse as manager of social development for several First Nations bands. His wife Anne, who teaches at Whitehorse College, is also formerly from Toronto. They have two daughters, a son and a granddaughter.

Turner raises and races dogs as a side line and has 38 dogs, mainly Siberian Alaskan Huskies. He ended the race with 12 of the 14 dogs he started with for the long trek.

Rules of the race require the mushers, as they are known, to have at least six dogs at the finish line in Fairbanks. Often dogs are too tired to complete the trip, but most of Frank's 55-pound Huskies came through in great shape, he reported.

Shortly after arriving in Fairbanks at 4:40 a.m., Frank phoned his parents in Victoria to tell them excitedly that "I'm the first Jewish guy ever to win the race."

Anne, reached by phone in Fairbanks by *The CJN*, accompanied her husband, driving a "dog box" motor home, which she described as "a little hotel" complete with a booth for each dog, plus food and cooking utensils to feed the animals and themselves. The Turners slept in sleeping bags, despite the 50 to 60 degrees below zero weather "and we loved every minute of it." She said the dogs run best at 20 to 30 below.

The rules required that only Frank could drive the sled and they moved along the snow-packed road at about 12 miles per hour. A 36-hour layover midway was mandatory, and there were three other short breaks. "These were for the benefit of the dogs, not necessarily for the musher," Anne pointed out. Frank often ate while he was mushing.

This was the 12th Yukon Quest and Frank has entered every one, finally winning this year. He told the *Whitehorse Star* newspaper: "This was the only year I thought, with the dogs I had, that winning might be in the cards. Winning has never been a motivation for me. It's never been a personal goal."

He added that "I truly enjoy being out there with the dogs and the relationship you have as part of a team. It's the mutual dependency that's special. You depend on the dogs to get from one place to another and the dogs are dependent on you to take care of them, feed them and not run them too long — and massage their shoulders if they're sore."

Many mushers thought Turner and his dogs were "too nice" to win the tough race. Anne said this was because "Frank babies the dogs too much. He takes very good care of them."

Contestants leave Whitehorse at two-minute intervals and each is clocked to determine the winner. Turner raced on the old Klondike and Alaska highways, sometimes using other roads. Yukon Rangers and their counterparts in Alaska break the trail so the contestants can't get stuck in snowdrifts.

Anne told *The CJN* that although the prize money is substantial, the race cost them between $14,000 and $20,000. However, they were helped by some local sponsors.

Asked about Jewish life in Whitehorse, Anne said there are a few Jewish families here in business and in the professions, and they get together for the High Holy Days and other Jewish occasions. But there is no synagogue or community centre.

The Yukon Territory is part of the Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region but Congress does not have a record of the Jews who live there.

Singles Events

Singles events is an advertising feature of *The Canadian Jewish News*. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates, or to place an ad, please call Sharon at 422-2528.

Large Masquerade Purim Night in Hava Negila, 8:30 p.m. Tickets at door $20, including full dinner with appetizer, Hamantaschen and coffee. 739-7371.

AYJA presents a hop'n boppin time at the Crockodile Rock, 240 Adelaide Street West (Adelaide & Duncan) on Sunday, March 19, 1995 at 8:00. Cover $10. Proceeds to the Reena Foundation. More info 416-760-4149.

General Mayhem presents Singles Party on Saturday, March 18, at Bow and Arrow Pub, 1954 Yonge Street. For tickets, call Rich at 905-731-3876.

Single Party and Dance every Friday at Dynasty Place, 55 Sovereign Court, Woodbridge (Highway 7/Martingrove). **The Social Connection , 905-851-7559**

Vancouver Negev Dinner set

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

Naomi and Dennis Frankenburg

VANCOUVER — Dennis and Naomi Frankenburg, one of Vancouver's most respected couples, will be the honorees of the Jewish National Fund (JNF) annual Negev Dinner, to be held April 25 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The guest speaker will be Canadian Maj.-Gen. Lewis MacKenzie, who was chief of staff of United Nations troops in the former Yugoslavia from 1992 to '93.

Born in England, the Frankenburgs married in 1947. Four of their children were born in Manchester; the fifth was born here after the family emigrated in 1959.

Two sons are Israeli citizens and fought in Israel's wars; the eldest of the Frankenburgs' 11 grandchildren will soon join the Israeli army. The couple frequently visit Jerusalem, where they have an apartment.

Since their arrival in Canada, Dennis and Naomi have been actively involved in the community, at both local and national levels.

They have long been supporters of the JNF. Dennis was president of the Vancouver Division and has served on the national board; Naomi is currently national vice-president.

Naomi has also devoted much time and effort to Hadassah-WIZO. In 1991, she was responsible for bringing the national Hadassah-WIZO conference to Vancouver for the first time.

Proceeds from the dinner will support the JNF's Tirat Zvi reservoir in the Beit Shean Valley in Israel. Built in 1992 near the kibbutz of the same name, the reservoir extends over 25 acres and has a capacity of 132 million gallons. The water is used for irrigation and fish cultivation, which, according to JNF, is the kibbutz's most profitable industry.

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From coast to coast

Israeli figure skater's story to air on CBC

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Dale Burshtein attended the 1992 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, she and those around her were charmed by Israeli figure skater Michael (Misha) Shmerkin.

At the opening ceremonies he was a one-man team carrying the flag of a country with a climate better suited for summer shorts than winter sports. Later, in competition, Shmerkin delighted the audience with his humor and ability.

Burshtein, a CTV producer at the Olympics, thought Shmerkin's story would make great TV. Now, three years later and working with Insight Production Company, she's put Shmerkin's story on film. His story will air on CBC on Monday, March 13 on the magazine-style program *Skate*.

To compile the five-mintue segment, Burshtein travelled to Metulla, Jerusalem and Germany. It was in the Canada Centre in Metulla, on Israel's border with Lebanon, that Shmerkin's near-moribund career got a kick start.

A native of the Soviet Union, Shmerkin, 24, and his family made aliyah in 1991. In a land of palm trees and sandy beaches, Shmerkin thought his skating career was over.

As a youth, he was one the best young skaters in the Soviet Union. As he got older and better, he ran into a glass ceiling above which anti-Semitic bureaucrats would not let him rise.

To further his career, Misha's mother even went through a phony marriage ceremony to an ethnic Russian in the hopes her son would no longer be considered a Jew.

Living in Israel, Shmerkin approached Metulla Mayor Yossi Goldberg and convinced him to back his efforts to represent Israel in international competitions.

Married on the ice

Skating is so much a part of his life that Shmerkin even got married on the ice at Canada Centre. Combining tradition with his avocation, he smashed the empty wine glass with his skates.

Burshtein also filmed at the Western Wall, where Shmerkin once placed a note asking God to allow him to represent Israel at the Olympics. And she followed him to Oberstdorf, Germany, where he trained for the upcoming world championships.

Misha Shmerkin

Burshtein said Shmerkin's story will fit nicely with *Skate*'s format of personality profiles and behind-the-scenes looks at the world of figure skating. His story has universal appeal and Shmerkin himself "captures the support of just about anybody who meets him. His story is about heritage and deep roots in Jewish culture. His dedication, modesty and charm appeal to everyone," she said.

In addition to her *Skate* profile of Shmerkin, Burshtein, a native of Winnipeg, is preparing a 15-minute "presentation video" for the United Israel Appeal (UIA). Canada Centre, Shmerkin's home rink, was constructed with contributions from Canadian Jews sent by the UIA.

The UIA arranged financing for Burshtein's venture with Jay Firestone, a former vice-chair of Alliance Film, underwriting much of the cost. Lufthansa provided free transportation.

UIA president Gerry Halbert said last year Metulla, with a population of 6,000, hosted 500,000 visitors, most of them attracted to Canada Centre.

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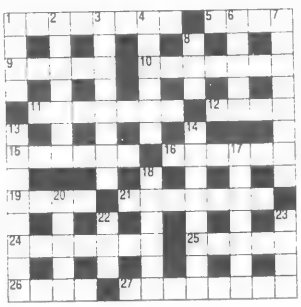


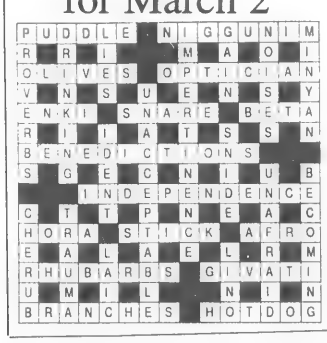
ACROSS

1 Found in charoset
5 Aleutian island
9 Israel the country has one
10 Swaddle
11 Silly
12 Philistines settled here after a defeat by the Egyptians
15 Absolve
16 Pope Clement VII helped Solomon - evade the Inquisition
19 Assistant
21 Smears
24 Louis XIV offered this famous philosopher a pension which he refused
25 Heckle
26 Despise
27 Eaten during Shavuot

DOWN

1 Should be fed before one eats
2 Reeking
3 Shofar may be made from the horn of this animal
4 This port on the Black Sea was once a great Jewish center
6 Flag meaning keep clear
7 Custom in 8th and 9th centuries involving a hen being waved over family heads and then given as gift
8 Short for Abraham
13 Tribe whose emblem was sheaves
14 Brother of Judah who was appointed high priest
17 Israeli collective
18 To happen to one
20 Flood
22 Abraham's nephew
23 Advantage

Answers for March 2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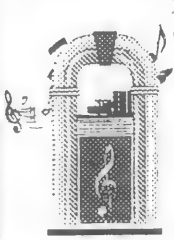

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Palestinians want pre-1948 land back

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Palestinians do not recognize the 1917 Balfour Declaration that favored a Jewish homeland or the 1947 partition plan, and demand the right to return to land they consider conquered.

Those are the main points of an official booklet produced by the Palestinian Authority (PA)'s Information Ministry entitled *Palestinian Refugees and the Right of Return*.

Likud Knesset member Ze'ev Begin distributed the English-language booklet to MKs last Tuesday, a week after he disclosed a similar booklet on Jewish immigration.

Begin called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to shut down the ministry, which operates in Ramallah in contravention of the Oslo agreement restricting PA offices to Jericho or Gaza.

"The 1947 resolution on the partition of Palestine came only to complement the unjust laws and military orders enacted by the British Mandate government. The Palestinian people didn't accept the Balfour Declaration at any time," the booklet says.

Meanwhile, the foreign ministers of Israel, Egypt and Jordan and a PA official are to convene this week to discuss those Palestinians who fled the territories after the 1967 war.

The March 7 meeting is to take place in Amman.

The Israeli embassy in Amman confirmed that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres would be taking part in the talks, which will address the fate of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians who fled their homes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip after the Six-Day War. Discussions on Palestinian refugees from the 1948 war are not scheduled.

The meeting will be the first of its kind since the signing of the Oslo accord. In that agreement, Israel agreed to discuss Palestinian refugees from 1967, but did not commit to how many it would allow to return, or when.

ANCIENT ROME REVEALS JEWISH PAST

Seen opening the new exhibition at the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem, are (from left) Archbishop Andrea di Montezmolo, the Apostolic Nuncio in Israel; Dr. Eli Borowski, formerly of Toronto, founder and chief benefactor of the museum; and Prof. Elio Toaf, chief rabbi of Rome. The exhibit covers 600 years of Jewish history in Rome. [Israel photo]

Syria on U.S. drug list

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Despite Syrian requests for leniency, the Clinton administration is continuing to punish Damascus for manufacturing and exporting illicit drugs.

As expected, the U.S. State Department's annual report on drugs lists Syria as one of five states not in compliance with United Nations treaties banning narcotics.

The International Narcotics Control Strategy Report was released here last Wednesday.

States on the list are immediately cut off from most categories of U.S. assistance, including foreign aid, according to Robert Gelbard, the assistant secretary of state for international narcotics and law enforcement.

In addition, the United States must vote against any loans to the country from multilateral development banks, Gelbard said.

In Syria's case, the move is largely symbolic because it receives no U.S. assistance or aid of any kind.

The other four countries on the list, which also were denied certification last year, are Afghanistan, Iran, Nigeria and Myanmar, formerly Burma.

Lebanon, also known for exporting drugs, received a more sympathetic assessment. The administration granted Lebanon a "vital national interest" waiver, keeping it off the list despite its role in heroin production.

Syria had asked for a similar waiver during bilateral talks with the United States last year, said White House spokesperson Michael McCurry.

The Syrians "felt that what they had done to control poppy cultivation warranted a certification," McCurry said. "Our view was that there were additional steps the government of Syria could take to control heroin production in areas in which Syria either influences or controls."

The State Department also expressed reservations about Syria's cooperation with drug producers.

Although the Syrian army has taken some measures to control production in areas under its control, such as the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon, the efforts fell short, said the State Department report.

Blame cast for missing Arad

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — "Arab culture" and the refusal by Western countries to use economic influence against Iran are preventing the return of missing Israeli airman Ron Arad, Israel's deputy defence minister told the Knesset last Wednesday.

Mordechai Gur was responding to questions on German press reports of new evidence that Arad is being held in Iran [*CJN*, March 2].

He denied that Israel has received any new information on Arad, whose jet was shot down over Lebanon in October 1986, but said the government believes he is alive.

"There are two main obstacles to achieving results. One is found in the internal, Arab, Persian, Muslim culture which is less sensitive to human lives and is prepared to play with them," Gur said.

Gur said there is also a problem at the international level, where "large countries with flourishing economies are not prepared to use their influence in this direction. It is also almost impossible to get the Western world to put a real embargo on Iran."

He said all information on the matter, no matter its source, is being checked.

Earlier last week, a senior German envoy brought no new information on Arad to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's foreign policy adviser, Joachim Betterlich, met with Rabin to plan Kohl's June visit here, but Arad's fate was also discussed.

German officials have made clear that Arad is the subject of a German-Iranian dialogue.

Senior Israeli officials have voiced displeasure that Bonn agreed last year to a major rescheduling of Iranian debt, charging the move eased the economic crisis in Iran.

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The Week in Israel

Feb. 27:

• The press reported that Israeli, Palestinian and U.S. officials held a special meeting in Jerusalem to discuss the establishment of seven to nine industrial parks in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

• Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin met with Tawfik Catili, a judge of the Nazareth District Court, to discuss the latter's candidacy as Israel's Ambassador to Finland.

Feb. 28:

• Israel and the PLO formally requested Norway to organize a roster of international observers to monitor elections in the territories. The press in Norway reported that a "force" of approximately 400 persons would be necessary.

Mar. 1:

• The IDF and the South Lebanese Army attacked a Hezbollah stronghold; three Hezbollah fighters were killed.

• The identity of the former head of the General Security Services was disclosed to the Israeli public upon completion today of his term of office. He is Yaacov Peri.

Mar. 2:

• Prime Minister Rabin turned 73 years old today.

• CNN reported that Israel and Syria were making progress in peace negotiations based upon the concepts of fully demilitarized zones in the Golan and the exchange of ambassadors. Both Israel and Syria denied the reports.

• The Temple Mount was closed to tourists until Sunday morning as a precaution during the celebration of Id al-Fitr, the holiday marking the end of the month of Ramadan. The Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron was closed to tourists until Friday afternoon.

Mar. 3:

• President Weizman travelled throughout the north of Israel visiting Arab villages in honor of Id al-Fitr.

• Former Chief of Staff Ehud Barak officially resigned from the army today thus enabling him to enter government as early as June. When asked whether he intended to pursue politics he responded by saying he was satisfied to continue with his studies in the United States. However, sources in Israel's Labour Party consider it very likely that Mr. Barak will be offered a key governmental post in the summer.

Sinai visit more than economics

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

NUWEIBA, Egypt — Every month thousands of Israelis spend a weekend abroad. They go to a place where waiters speak Hebrew, where the shekel is as acceptable a currency as the dollar, and where the Hebrew daily *Yediot Aharonot* is sold in newspaper stands.

This home away from home is Nuweiba, the Egyptian coastal resort some 90 kilometres south of Eilat.

Some remember Nuweiba for its next-door neighbor, Neviot, a Jewish settlement dismantled by Israel when Sinai was returned to Egypt in 1982. But for most Israelis, especially those who came of age in the 1970s, Nuweiba conjures up memories of lazy days spent along desolate beaches where no one but Bedouin roamed.

From Bohemian to bourgeois

"When you found two trees close enough together you would tie a blanket between them and that was your hotel for the night," recalls one Israeli.

Today Nuweiba, like much of the Sinai coast, has been transformed into a bustling tourism strip with highways, hotels, a shipping port and a nearby airport. And the Israeli youth who used to frequent the once bare coastline have, like their peers in the West, gone from Bohemian to bourgeois.

"Nowadays I wouldn't stay in a place that doesn't have an en-suite bathroom and shower," admits Effi Solev, a 30-something bookkeeper from Tel Aviv, who recalls dreamlike pre-army days spent on the beaches of Sinai.

On this trip, her first since Sinai was returned to Egypt, she is staying in the five-star Hilton Nuweiba, one of dozens of hotels that has sprung up along the Red Sea coast of Egypt.

The Hilton is popular among Israelis, in part, because it is included in various package deals offered to Visa credit card holders. Most of the specials include three nights at this sprawling hotel, bed and breakfast, lavish buffet dinners, one day of sightseeing in an air-conditioned bus with a tour guide, and a ride from the Taba border crossing to the hotel and back. All of which makes this a holiday for those seeking comfort and convenience rather than a rugged encounter with nature.

It is, to be sure, an uneventful vacation. But in this cosy atmosphere, it is easy to overlook the quiet evolution that has taken place in Nuweiba — an Arab city whose residents make every effort to welcome Israelis.

The first time I notice this is in a restaurant, when an Israeli woman, speaking English with a thick Hebrew accent asks for an omelette. Without batting an eye, the Egyptian waiter asks her — in fluent Hebrew — whether she'd like it with tomatoes or cheese.

Another Israeli woman goes into a newsstand in the hope of finding an English-language publication to read. She emerges with the Hebrew *Yediot Aharonot* and a big smile. "They even take Israeli currency."

During dinner at the hotel, an Egyptian entertainer sings a Hebrew song and is rewarded by a burst of applause from the audience. Later, the evening's entertainment features a magician whose name is not Ahmed or Ali, but Eitan. He is obviously an Israeli — something which prompts the giddy Tel Avivian sitting next to me to begin chanting: "Eitan, Eitan, he's one of ours," until her friends hush her.

During a visit to the town of Nuweiba — where close to 5,000 Egyptians now live — a small group of Israelis enter a clothing shop. The owner, anxious to show off his linguistic skills, speaks to them in Hebrew and tells them about his visit to Israel. Within minutes they are engaged in a fierce argument. Not about politics, but about a subject that seems to evoke even greater passion: which restaurant in Israel serves the best hummus?

For Israelis, used to hiding their passport, language and nationality in many places, these gestures mean a lot. "It's nice to be in an Arab country and feel no different than any other tourist," says Ittai Eren of Tel Aviv.

It makes good business sense for Egyptians to cater to Israelis who make up a large part of the tourism market in Sinai. But this contact has an impact that goes beyond economics.

Israelis feel accepted and welcome

"Before I began working here, I imagined all Israelis as soldiers," one Egyptian employee tells me. "But now I see that they are not that different from us," he says, smiling at a pot-bellied man in swim trunks who is playing with his children near the pool.

Israelis have no illusions about feeling at home in Cairo or in other parts of Egypt that have been gripped by growing Islamic fundamentalism. They can visit there, just like they can visit Jordan — but they don't feel completely at ease in either place. In Sinai, however, they feel accepted and welcome. In this peninsula where Arabs and Jews fought three wars, Israelis now find an oasis of ordinariness that is as refreshing as water in a desert.

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Family Matters

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The Law of Babysitting

PART 3 OF 6 *(continued from Feb. 23 issue)*

Insurance liability. If you leave an older child alone with younger children to babysit, then you'd best have a good homeowners' insurance policy. In the event that a child negligently starts a fire, flood or other accident that leads to property damage to your home or to neighbouring dwellings, then the normal homeowners' insurance policy will cover such damage up to the maximum of your policy limits. The only way the insurance company could attempt to escape from having to pay for damages and escape liability is if it could prove that the child had deliberately caused the problem; i.e. by intentionally setting a fire or causing a flood.

It is my information that in such a case, it would be very difficult for the insurance company to prove that a child intentionally caused such a fire or flood. Intent is apparently very difficult to prove, especially when children are involved.

However, although any property damage to one's home and contents or to one's neighbouring premises would be covered in such circumstances, the picture changes dramatically when people are injured or die. The definition of an "insured person" in most homeowner policies apparently includes members of the policyholder's family. For this reason, if the policyholder's child accidentally and negligently injures another child during a fishing expedition, then the policyholder's insurance company would have to pay for the injured child's damages. However, since the definition of an "insured person" includes the members of the policyholder's family, then in the event that a child even accidentally or negligently causes an accident which leads to personal injury to himself or to any other members of his family, then the company's policy does NOT cover liability to that child or any other members of the family within the home. It does, however, cover liability to third parties who may be in the home or in neighbouring dwellings that are injured as a result of the child's negligent conduct, even if the parents had left an older child alone in charge of the household.

There is no policy of which I have become aware in which a particular age is noted under which a child cannot be left alone. However, common sense dictates that the child be mature and sufficiently experienced to deal with problems as they arise and to respond to emergencies by telephoning the appropriate authorities.

In short, a parent who leaves younger children with an older child takes a serious risk that insurance will not cover any injury to any member(s) of the parents' family in the home in the event of an accident, although injuries to non-family members or to property will be covered in most cases.

MARCH 23 ISSUE: The age of "maturity" defined.

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Syrian terms unacceptable

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"As a result of this survey, we, the Palestinians and the Syrians need to take decisions shortly to end the stalemate," Immigration Minister Yair Tzaban said.

However, ministers said progress on peace would not ensure an end to terror.

"We know terror is a continuing worldwide phenomenon, certainly a Middle Eastern phenomenon," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid declared. "I don't know a single person who deludes himself into thinking that terror will stop."

Saguy devoted some of the briefing to Iran, which he said is still trying to build up its nuclear potential. He said Tehran may be able to acquire a nuclear weapon within three years, if it can buy components abroad.

As for the Palestinians, Saguy and other intelligence officials told cabinet that PLO leader Yasser Arafat has been doing more to curb terrorism than in the past, but it is not enough.

The officials said Islamic fundamentalist terror is still a threat to Israelis.

Despite obstacles in negotiations for extending Palestinian self-rule to the West Bank, the officials said Arafat has no alternative but to continue with the peace process.

The issue of terror came to the fore again Saturday night, when Israeli and Palestinian security officials came under fire near the Jewish settlement of Netzarim in the Gaza Strip.

According to Israeli officials, the Israeli and Palestinian security teams were fired on by unknown assailants from a nearby orchard.

Israeli and Palestinian forces returned fire. Usama al-Borno, 41, a Palestinian school principal who was driving his car near the junction guarded by the two groups, was caught in the crossfire and killed.

Hundreds of Palestinians attended Borno's funeral Sunday amid threats from the Islamic Jihad that Israel would pay for his death.

It was not clear whose bullets killed Borno, and Israeli officials promised an investigation.

Meanwhile, Israel Television reported that Arafat had requested a meeting with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres this week to help set up a summit with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in order to discuss the state of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

The request comes in the wake of a warning by Peres that Israel could suspend talks if Arafat does not crack down on terror.

"If he is too weak to do that, or lacks the will, why should we negotiate with him at all?" Peres said in an interview with the German weekly *Der Spiegel*.

Also, Rabin has decided to further ease the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The closure was imposed after the Jan. 22 double suicide bombing near Netanya.

He authorized 3,000 more permits to be issued to married agricultural and industrial workers, ages 30 and older. That brings to 18,000 the number of permits issued, compared to 30,000 before the bombing, in which 21 Israelis were killed.

Zhirinovsky meets with Saddam

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MOSCOW — In a visit to Iraq earlier this month, Russian ultranationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky met with President Saddam Hussein to discuss the creation of a coalition between Orthodox Christians and Muslims that would combat the West.

"For three hours we discussed world and local problems very deeply" in addition to "relations between the Orthodox Russian community and the Muslim community," Zhirinovsky told the media.

Also during his trip, he signed an agreement of cooperation between his Liberal Democratic Party and Iraq's ruling Ba'ath Party.

He was accompanied on his three-day trip by a 50-member delegation, including 20 Russian parliamentary deputies.

Congress brief annoys commission

'The process is backward'

[Cont'd. from page 1]

"I don't feel we got a warm welcome," he said. "They wanted to give us some tough questions, and we gave them some good answers."

The challenges began as soon as the coalition finished its presentation.

A clearly-annoyed Masse defended the hearings as being open to "all points of view," and said they were not a forum for "propaganda."

He also wanted to know how the view of 400,000 Quebecers could be so "homogeneous."

"I wish you had been here for the last three weeks to see how difficult it is to speak for 400,000 people," Masse said.

Bernard responded that the coalition has the mandate to speak for its communities, "the vast majority of whom are federalists.

"We don't for a moment doubt the integrity of the commission or the commissioners," he continued, "but the process is backward" in declaring Quebec sovereign in its draft bill without giving Quebecers a chance to be informed about all the possible repercussions — both pro and con — of sovereignty.

Laurin defended the process, suggesting that the Parti Quebecois' plans to work towards sovereignty were known when Quebecers democratically voted the party in.

Yes, replied Bernard, but while a political party can be partisan, "a government can't."

When Masse said the coalition was willing to live with the consitutional status quo, Bernard held up the Bloc Quebecois' presence in the House of Commons as proof that the political system can evolve.

One commissioner asked if the coalition thinks Quebec nationlalism is xenophobic and intolerant.

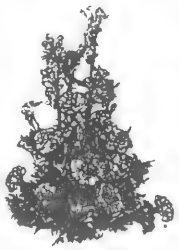
Bernard quoted Bloc leader Lucien Bouchard's own definition of nationalism in reply: building a society that is "open, democratic and committed to tolerance and pluralism."

Prior to the coalition's presenting its brief, another group purporting to represent 30 Quebecers "of diverse origins," including Ghila Benesty Sroka, the editor of the *Tribune Juive*, spoke out in favor of the sovereigntist option.

Sroka was also slated to appear March 3 before the commission with Jewish businesman Paul Nathan as part of a group of pro-sovreigntist Jewish community members Sroka said she is forming.

Sroka told *The CJN* that the group, called the Rassemblement des juifs pour l'independence, plans to form a committee and organize a conference next month to demonstrate that "all Jews are not federalists.

"The establishment can not speak for all of us," she said.



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Virtual reality comes to life for entrepreneurs

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — These days you can fight aliens without a shred of courage, just by putting on a hi-tech headset and becoming immersed in an interactive video game.

You don't just manipulate images on a screen, you feel like you're in the game, in this case *Zone Hunter*. You become an urban warrior, battling aliens in a fight to the finish to save the earth in a deadly race against time.

Sounds exciting? This is the world of virtual reality, the latest technological development in interactive video entertainment. And it is the hottest trend in entertainment, say three young Toronto entrepreneurs who have staked their careers and their money on the growth of the virtual entertainment market.

David Berger, 29, Joe Kriger, 42, and Philip Share, 29, are the co-owners of Holo-Deck Adventures Inc., a company which distributes commercial entertainment units in Canada and operates a chain of entertainment centres in Canadian and American theme parks. The co-owners told *The CJN* that when all their virtual units are fully installed this spring, Holo-Deck will be largest operator of virtual entertainment centres in North America.

By the end of April the company will be nine times the size it was a year ago. Founded in January of 1994, Holo-Deck took delivery of its first machine last March.

The principals approached Paramount Canada's Wonderland about setting up the machine on the premises and succeeded in getting a revenue-splitting arrangement whereby Holo-Deck supplied and maintained the equipment and the park provided the space and staff operators.

The equipment was an instant hit. "There were line-ups for the machine from day one," Berger said. At the end of 1994 Paramount signed a contract to build a 750-sq.ft. joint venture virtual reality centre to accommodate four machines for the 1995 season. At that time Holo-Deck also signed contracts with three U.S. theme parks.

The five machines allocated for the U.S. will raise the number of machines owned and operated by Holo-Deck to nine, a $500,000 capital investment, Kriger said.

The cost of a single machine and software package is $75,000. Theme parks don't have the money in their budget to purchase the equipment so many operators are opting for revenue sharing plans, Berger said.

Holo-Deck's latest coup is a joint venture with the Ontario Science Centre. The company will be setting up three machines there during March break to give visitors exposure to this technology.

Berger sees this exhibit, which will run from March 13 to 26, as an opportunity to promote the new technology. While virtual entertainment units have been in Canada since 1988, the more technologically advanced Virtuality 2000 series, which operates on CD Rom and a 486 computer, was not available until last winter.

Berger said he began following the development of virtual technology in 1989 after reading an article about a flight simulator made by W Industries, the British-based company which manufactures the Virtuality 2000 series.

He had no trouble convincing Kriger, his partner in an electrical and plumbing business, to branch out into the virtual entertainment business. Kriger said the product appealed to his consumer needs. "I asked myself if that was something I would try. If you like it, you figure there's got to be something there. That's a first step."

Berger also asked longtime friend and former business partner Philip Share to join the venture. The two men co-owned a tanning salon when they were named two of 100 top young Canadian entrepreneurs by the *Financial Post* and the Royal Bank in 1985. Last fall Share left his job as a database analyst at Sun Life to work at Holo-Deck. "It was scary when I left my full-time job," he said.

Toronto entrepreneurs (from left) Joe Kriger, David Berger and Philip Share, have fun testing the Virtuality 2000 Series of virtual reality games. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

At the end of 1993, the principals of Holo-Deck moved on incorporating the company and coughing up the cash to purchase their first entertainment package. "We decided it was time to take the plunge," Berger said.

"We said 'Either it works or we'll have the most expensive Nintendo game on the block,' " Kriger said.

This fall they intend to open a virtual entertainment centre in Toronto, the first of its kind in North America. Holo-Deck will begin developing its own software, and by next spring plans to have 16 theme-park virtual entertainment centres.

Reading papers said key to getting ahead

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Reading the newspaper every day is an essential step in getting ahead, York University students were told at a career development seminar sponsored by Jewish Student Federation.

"Being knowledgeable is the way to go, and reading the newspaper gets you there," said Ira Gluskin, president and CEO of the investment firm Gluskin, Sheff and Associates.

"It is amazing how many successful business people do not have a strong formal education. Studying for a profession does not guarantee anything. It is good training but has little tangible benefit. You have to have drive and you have to have knowledge," he said.

Gluskin, who developed an international reputation as one of Canada's leading securities analysts while working with mutual funds, co-founded Gluskin Sheff in 1984 with Gerald Sheff. The firm now manages in excess of $1 billion in investments. He is also active in community and cultural organizations, writes a newspaper column, and helped bring the recent Barnes Exhibit to the Art Gallery of Ontario.

He told the students that most people have some money "but fritter it away because they never learn what to do with it. They do not realize they can learn a lot about managing money by reading the newspaper. You can read about the Superbowl and about current events, but take it a step further and get a sense of what is going on in the business world."

Gluskin said his firm looks for someone willing to work 24 hours a day, with basic computer skills and the ability to retrieve information quickly and efficiently. "We are not necessarily looking for people with heavy quality education but rather people who are bright, have drive and demonstrate they read the newspaper and really know what is going on.

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Business & Finance

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Israel's Stock Index Declining

JERUSALEM — With world money markets reeling in the wake of the collapse of Britain's Barings investment bank, the problems on Israel's stock exchange seem like small potatoes.

But for the government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, troubled by waning support for its peace policy, the steep and ongoing decline in Israeli share prices is a major headache. In early March, Israel's leading stock-price index stood at 146 points, about the same level it was at three years ago. The same index topped 230 points just 10 months ago.

The drop has not only affected share prices, it has also spilled over into the country's provident funds and savings funds, eroding the savings of hundreds of thousands of ordinary people who do not play the market and believed that their nest eggs were safe.

The provident funds, known in Israel as Kupat Gemel, represent the investments of Israeli workers, with matching investments often provided by their employers, in bonds and other financial instruments.

Unlike Americans investing in pension funds, Israelis are able to withdraw from provident funds before retirement age.

After a lengthy Cabinet meeting last week, the government issued a strong statement of support for its own bonds, which form the bulk of the assets of the major provident funds. The Cabinet statement, coupled with intervention by the Bank of Israel, arrested the downward drift of bond prices. Nonetheless, thousands of small investors are believed to have sold their holdings in these funds, with many more planning similar moves in the days ahead.

Market analysts predict that if this market continues, bond prices will continue to tumble.

Arabs Step Up Boycott

WASHINGTON — Despite promises to stop adhering to the Arab boycott of Israel, Saudi Arabia and other Arab nations have stepped up some of their boycott activities, according to the U.S. Commerce Department.

At the end of September, the Gulf Cooperation Council, including Saudi Arabia, vowed to stop complying with the secondary and tertiary boycotts of Israel. The secondary boycott blacklists companies that do business in Israel. The tertiary boycott bars companies from doing business with other companies that do business in Israel.

From October to December, however, Saudi companies filed a total of 399 boycott-related requests from U.S. companies, compared to 365 the previous three months, according to figures released recently by the Commerce Department.

The five other Gulf council countries are Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman and Qatar.

Although overall activity among the Gulf countries declined in the most recent period, the number of boycott-related requests that mostly blatantly violate anti-boycott legislation increased. These requests, known as prohibited requests, actually ask companies to take actions that would violate the anti-boycott regulation, such as demanding that a company not use a blacklisted firm.

Israel Attending Cairo Trade Fair

JERUSALEM — For the first time in nine years, Israel will participate in an international trade fair in Cairo later this month.

About 40 Israeli firms are scheduled to attend. In 1986, the last time Israel attended, the fair was marred by tragedy. Terrorists attacked a car of Israeli diplomats, and an Israeli Embassy staffer was killed.

Israel planned to send a delegation to the fair last year, but cancelled after the Hebron massacre. Some 40 countries are expected to take part in the gathering.

RECEPTION HIGHLIGHTS ISRAEL BONDS

State of Israel Bonds recently hosted a reception of the brokerage community highlighting the benefits and opportunities of Israel Bonds as a new RRSP investment. Guest speaker John Bitove, president of the Toronto Raptors basketball team provided insight into the marketing strategies involved in launching the new NBA franchise.From left: Paul Bates, president Pothmeor Corporation; Debra Thuet, chair of Israel Bonds RRSP Advisory Committee; and John Bitove. [Arnold Machtinger photo]

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Fisher Fremont Travel Ltd.

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Over the past 32 years Sara Pachter has made travel arrangements for thousands of tourists bound for Israel.

"I have taken four generations to Israel in my career," she said.

A group tour specialist for **Fisher Fremont Travel Ltd.**, Pachter recently escorted her 121st group to Israel.

The energetic travel consultant attributes her success to her enthusiasm about Israel — her favorite destination. "You have to be enthusiastic or you're not successful."

Pachter and Fisher Fremont Travel are highly regarded by those in the industry, particularly Israel tour operators and hotels. "They all want our business," she says. "This is a reputation that is enviable."

Many of her clients come to her at the recommendation of friends or relatives who have been on one of her tours.

One of the advantages of travelling with a group is cost, but Pachter stressed that the cheapest tour is not always the best one.

"Price is not necessarily the reason people should choose one agency over another. How they're running tours is most important," she said.

People who select an agency on the basis of cost alone risk disappointment with their accommodation or other aspects of the tour when they arrive in Israel, she said.

She advised consumers to pick an agency for its reputation, its past performance and the quality of its services.

Fisher Fremont Travel is a general agency that sends its clients, whether on business or on holiday, to destinations around the world.

Safari tours

"We have someone in our office who specializes in every area," said Pachter. The safari tours to Kenya are especially popular.

For Pachter, working as a travel consultant is more than a job. She shares this attitude with other consultants at the agency. "It's a love of doing what I'm doing," she said. "Everyone in the office is the same way."

Pachter became a travel consultant in 1962, after years of volunteer work with Holy Blossom Temple, Mount Sinai Hospital and community organizations, including B'nai Brith Women.

"I went into the travel business because I was good at it and was good at dealing with the public,' she says, "and because I worked in the community and people knew my name."

Currently, she is a member of the board of State of Israel Bonds, Women's Division.

She regularly talks to community groups about Israel and the Far East.

Married with four children and three grandchildren, Pachter said travelling to Israel is way of life for her family. Her husband Harry and her children have been tour leaders. Her 21-year-old granddaughter, Jennifer Ross, will soon leave Canada to study at Tel Aviv University for six months.

"She has been to Israel many times," Pachter said, "and I knew it would rub off on her so she would take some education in Israel."

Phone number left out

On page B6 of last week's Spring Fashion Supplement, a phone number was left out in the story headlined "A Joyful style." The phone number for Femina by Debra Joy is 416-598-0980.

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Arts

New Chatelaine editor broadens reach of magazine

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — As the new editor of *Chatelaine* magazine, Rona Maynard presides over what she calls "Canada's biggest kitchen table."

Chatelaine has one of the highest circulations of any periodical in Canada and has been read by women from coast to coast for 66 years.

"We're read by one in four English-speaking women in Canada," says Maynard. "That's quite a platform. No other women's magazine has quite the penetration that we have."

As Maynard sees it, *Chatelaine* is a vast forum in which women across Canada may share their stories, both personal and professional, and in which important issues receive timely treatment, often before they reach the front pages of daily newspapers. Like a kitchen table, it is the place for lively, spirited discussion about everything from sex to assisted suicide to the school system, she says.

"We're the only women's magazine around that can say to its readers, 'You are reading us today on the subject of child support taxes, just as your mother read us in the 1950s on the subject of family violence, and just as your grandmother read us in the 1920s on the subject of the treatment of household servants.' That was quite a hotly debated issue in those days."

Chatelaine's new editor is the daughter of the late writer and broadcaster Fredelle Maynard, who wrote *Raisins and Almonds*, a memoir about growing up Jewish on the Prairies. Her father was Max Maynard, a landscape artist from British Columbia. Raised in New Hampshire, she won numerous fiction-writing competitions as a child and had her first byline in *Ladies' Home Journal* for a short story when she was only 15.

Maynard came to Toronto in 1969 to study English at the University of Toronto and married a Torontonian in 1970. Since then, she has had an illustrious career as a freelance writer for *Maclean's*, *Report on Business*, *Canadian Business*, *Chatelaine* and other publications. She has also been a departmental editor at *Maclean's*.

Typically, *Chatelaine*'s February issue ventures into discussions of timely new issues and profiles, even as it embraces traditional topics for women. As well, monthly departments provide recipes and product information.

"People sometimes ask, 'Why do you still have recipes and beauty and fashion tips?' We believe that for a lot of woman, these are an important means of self-expression ... I'm often asked whether I am a feminist, and my answer is that I'm committed to equality for women, from the boardroom to the bedroom. But we believe very strongly that our readers live in a world that includes men and children. They want well-rounded lives and we're here to help them get what they want.

"We want to set the agenda," she says. "We're entering times of tremendous social change. We want to be right on the front lines of those changes, and to tell each reader what's ahead and what she should do about it."

Maynard also want to "broaden the reach" of *Chatelaine* with more cutting-edge medical stories, more political profiles, more personal stories of women's lives from across Canada.

Chatelaine editor Rona Maynard

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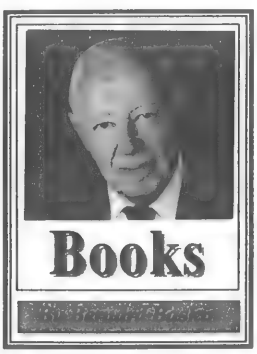

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Women Of The Word: Jewish Women & Jewish Writing Edited by Judith R. Baskin, Wayne State University Press $18.95 (US) paperbound

Modern secular culture offered Jewish women in Europe, Israel and Latin America unprecedented and exciting opportunities for self expression, which they began to explore at the end of the last century in poetry and prose, in Hebrew, Yiddish and other tongues.

The essays in this companion volume to the editor's well-received previous work, *Jewish Women in Historical Perspective*, differ widely in both subject matter and style.

All are scholarly and readable, and enlarge the reader's awareness of the diversity, richness, boldness and importance of women to Jewish writing in the past and today.

Judith Dishon makes clear in her essay on images of women in medieval Hebrew literature that while some of the texts praise women for their loving concern, fidelity, piety and self-sacrifice, most depict women as vengeful, seductive, treacherous and cunning.

These unpleasant portrayals — all the work of men — were sometimes intended as satire or humor, and often borrowed from biblical and rabbinic literature. Dishon writes that it is regrettable these stories and sayings created an overwhelmingly negative stereotype of women in medieval Hebrew writing that reinforced earlier, similar traditions, and remained a feature of subsequent Jewish literature.

Shmuel Niger's 1919 essay *Yiddish Literature and the Female Reader* concludes with a depiction of Gluckel of Hamein, one of the extraordinary Jewish women of the Renaissance.

Gluckel herself chronicled her many-sided life from her birth in 1645 until five years before her death in 1724 at 89. Thanks to the matches "she arranged for her 12 children, she came to know and be connected with the Jewish elite of various cities and countries across Europe," Niger writes.

"Her memoirs describe these people, as well as the turmoil, upheavals, and movements of her time, providing a wonderful historical source on Jewish life at the end of the 17th and beginning of the 18th century in Germany, France, Denmark, Holland, Austria and Poland."

Anzia Yezierska was one of the first American Jewish immigrants who chose to write English prose rather than Yiddish poetry. Laura Wexler depicts this gifted author as torn between her Old World loyalties and the demands of an alien culture. What was demanded from her was "historical amnesia," a conscious forsaking of the past.

In a groundbreaking essay, Sara Horowitz shows how the experiences of women Holocaust survivors have been marginalized. She relates the searing experience of a pregnant woman in the Buchenwald concentration camp, who was lined up with 6,000 fellow inmates and told "whoever is pregnant is going to be hanged ... Here's a camp, and you should work." After that, she lived in fear.

This story is typical of the special tribulation suffered by women during the Holocaust. Their particular orientation toward family relationships, and their singular outlook were often forgotten or trivialized.

Other essays deal with women writers in Italy, Israel and Latin America and the special contribution of Jewish women to Yiddish poetry.

This volume, edited by the chair of the Department of Judaic Studies at the State University of New York at Albany, is a global contribution to the field of Jewish scholarship.

Arts

Documentary tells story of child Holocaust survivors

Of the thousands of young Jewish children living in the western Polish city of Bendzin before World War II, barely a dozen survived the Holocaust. Film-maker Mira Reym Binford was one of those children.

Through interviews, rare archival film and photos and oral testimony from survivors, *Diamonds in the Snow*, a new one-hour TV documentary, airing on PBS March 9 at 1:30 p.m., interweaves the story of three little girls who survived through the courage and determination of their families and their Jewish, Polish and German rescuers.

Binford is an associate professor of mass communications at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn.

Diamonds in the Snow takes its title from an incident in Binford's mother's life. While marching through the snow at Auschwitz, she found a diamond, which she later traded for a piece of bread. That diamond was much like the Jewish children who survived and like the non-Jewish families who risked their lives to save others — rare and precious.

Unlike Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List*, which concentrates on the role of the rescuer, *Diamonds in the Snow* focuses on the survivors and their childhood at a time of world upheaval. Binford and fellow child survivors Ada Raviv and Shulamit Levin recall their feelings as their parents disappeared, their world crumbled around them and they became dependent on strangers, who, at one and the same time, could be compassionate and cruel.

Each of the women tells of her experiences through fragmented memories that reveal common features as well as great differences. Feelings of abandonment, the penetrating smell of fear and the sound of Nazi soldiers taking over their city are prominent memories.

Diamonds in the Snow depicts not only the horrors of the Holocaust seen through a child's perspective, but also the complexity of human nature. It also challenges perceptions about the actions of Jews, Poles and Germans during that period. The film is a deeply moving, historically authentic portrayal of the remarkable individuals whose courage helped the three girls survive.

The complex figure of Alfred Rossner, like the more famous Oskar Schindler, saved Jewish lives while employing forced Jewish labor in his textile factories. Unlike Schindler, Rossner ultimately paid for his actions with his life.

Among its many awards, *Diamonds in the Snow* won first prize in the National Jewish Video Competition and received a CINE Golden Eagle Award, both in 1994. *Diamonds in the Snow* was produced, written and directed by Binford. Hank Heifetz was the co-writer.

Pupils of the Bendzin Mizrachi Hebrew-Yiddish School in 1938. All were killed except for the teacher Mr. Eisenberg (back left).Photo courtesy YIVO Institute for Jewish Research.

Playwright provokes debate with look at Hebron mosque massacre

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — To write a one-act play of last year's Hebron mosque massacre and keep it even-handed is no mean task, but local playwright Jason Sherman has managed it in *Reading Hebron*.

The play, based on the Feb. 25 killing of 39 Palestinians by Baruch Goldstein, ran Feb. 1 to 5 at the Theatre Centre East as part of the Under the Umbrella festival.

Reading Hebron starred Liza Balkan, Michael Healey and Earl Pastko.

Incredibly, Sherman manages to inject humor into his astute commentary on the Israeli scene through the appearance of the late Israeli writer Yeshayahu Leibowitz, an inveterate critic of government policy. Leibowitz trots off with Palestinian spokesperson Edward Said to see the CN Tower while on a visit to Toronto.

Sherman's alter ego is Nathan Abramowitz, a Canadian student trying to find out what really happened at Hebron. Abramowitz's motives are suspected by both the Israeli consulate and Palestine House. Only at the Metro Reference Library does he find an empathetic woman staffer, more interested in him personally than in his subject.

Some may dispute the implicit criticism of Israeli policy toward Palestinians, or argue that it is not legitimate dramatic material, but a playwright's well-meaning intent to invoke debate on these momentous times is creditable.

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Arts

Living Islam episode documents Muslim view of Mideast conflict

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

The orthodox Muslim view of the Arab-Israeli dispute and terrorism is the single most compelling topic surveyed in the final segment of Vision TV's six-part series, *Living Islam*.

Entitled *The Last Crusade*, it will be broadcast March 14 at 8:30 p.m. It is hosted by Pakistani Islamic scholar Akbar Ahmed.

To most Muslims, Israel is "occupied Palestine," he intones. Indeed, some Muslims equate Israel's existence with the medieval Crusaders.

Ahmed might have tried to gauge the effect of the current Mideast peace process on the minds of the Muslim faithful.

Have they changed their attitude to Israel since the historic rapprochement between Israel and the PLO? We don't know, since Ahmed does not address this relevant question.

Islam, we're told, provides "certainty and hope" to Palestinians living amid repression and poverty. As the camera pans on a group of youths, Ahmed pointedly asks "is it surprising that most of these boys will join so-called terrorist groups like Islamic Jihad and Hamas?"

Muslims in Jerusalem and Hebron, he claims, feel besieged and fear they will be evicted from their homes by Israel.

They don't object to Judaism, but to militant Zionism, proclaims Ahmed somewhat condescendingly.

Devout Muslims, he adds, are ready to "sacrifice" their lives for Islam. In this connection, it is suggested that Islam is on the ascendancy, having replaced Arab nationalism as a rallying point. A few years ago, "Palestinian freedom fighters" fought for land. Now, we're informed, they sacrifice themselves on behalf of Islam.

Ahmed's grasp of Israeli society is shaky. Utterly insensitive to the fact that terrorism is almost a daily reality in Israel, he implicity rebukes Israeli soldiers who pray at the Western Wall with their firearms. Presumbly, they should deposit their guns and rifles somewhere else, leaving themselves vulnerable to attack.

Ahmed is also offended that scantily-clad Jewish bathers have the effontery to sunbathe on a beach near an abandoned mosque in Jaffa. What does he expect?

The Last Crusade also looks at Muslim communities in Nigeria and Bosnia.

In passing, Ahmed reminds a viewer that jihad is the duty of all practicing Muslims. By jihad, he means cleansing one's soul or making war. Does Ahmed not realize this flexible concept may be harmful? For it leaves fanatical believers with just enough leeway to act out their wildest impulses and beliefs.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

Ed Feldman and Joe L'Erario

If you've ever seen **Ed Feldman** and **Joe L'Erario** do their thing on the weekly show *Furniture to Go* on The Learning Channel (TLC), you'll know why I couldn't help but laugh when I ran into them recently at the Canadian Workshop Show in Toronto.

Skilled craftsmen, Feldman and L'Erario are becoming familiar to television viewers across North America and parts of Europe as Ed and Joe, the wisecracking workshoppers who provoke chuckles as they convey useful how-to secrets of furniture repair, refinishing, restoration and upholstery.

Since they deliver much valuable instruction along with their comic schtick, they reject any description of themselves as the Abbott and Costello of televised furniture repair. "Some guys say, 'The workshop is a sacred place, it's supposed to be serious,' and they don't like us because of it," said Feldman. "We set out to have a little fun in the workshop, but we do take our crafts seriously, and we always pay attention to the safety rules."

Years ago, Feldman was working his way through college as a construction worker when he met Joe on a construction site. "Whatever we were doing, pouring concrete or tying steel, we made the rest of the construction crew laugh," he recalled. In the mid-80s, L'Erario started an antique restoration business and Feldman became a professional upholsterer by day who taught courses in furniture repair by night.

Where did the idea for the show originate? "I got confident with my teaching and people were always laughing — that's when it hit me," Feldman said. "All the other how-to shows were boring. Joe and I were friends, we had a good rapport ... He knew more about refinishing, and I knew about upholstery."

"So we wrote a pilot script," L'Erario jumped in, "sent it to PBS, and they liked it."

The Philadelphia duo nailed down their contract with TLC in 1992 and have been sanding, screwing, stripping and shellacking their way to success since. Besides the humor, there are other reasons the show is popular, its hosts contend. By focusing on everyday pieces of furniture instead of a whole house, they appeal to the majority of people who live on limited means. Each week, they demonstrate how to turn damaged, worn-out furniture into attractive, functional items — how to fix the legs of an armchair, for example, without spending an arm and a leg.

"These are jobs that most people are thinking about and want to do," said Feldman. "They aren't intimidating and they don't go over budget. They usually cost less than $100."

While Feldman's humor is tinged by his Jewishness, L'Erario occasionally alludes to his Italian ancestry through comic references. Theirs seems to be a model friendship that stands up as strongly as a sturdy table or chair. If you're at all interested in the time-honored craft of furniture repair, check out *Furniture To Go* and be prepared to be educated and entertained.

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In Brief: An exhibition of paintings by Gary Silverberg, entitled Reactionism '95: It's A Business World After All, is on display at Gallery One, 121 Scollard St. in Toronto, until March 29. The paintings "are framed by the icons of communication, money, and power," Silverberg explains.

Profession: Neonazi, a controversial documentary about neo-Nazism, premieres on TVO's Human Edge March 29 at 10 p.m. Made by Munich filmmaker Winfried Bonengel, the documentary opens at the headquarters of Toronto's most notorious Holocaust denier, Ernst Zundel.

Get Thee Out is a 1991 Russian film that explores what happens in a small Russian town at the turn of the century when anti-Semitism rears its ugly head. The Toronto Jewish Film Society is screening it March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Art Gallery of Ontario's Jackman Hall. The film *Hidden Children* (Canada, 1994) is scheduled on April 9.

Derailed, a play by Emil Sher, runs at Factory Theatre Studio Cafe in Toronto until March 19.

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Bishop Museum a treasury of Hawaii

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

HAWAII — Tucked neatly away in the verdant foothills, embraced by the volcanic spires that surround this island paradise, is one of the lesser-known jewels of Hawaii.

A 20-minute drive from Honolulu brings one to the the Bishop Museum. This treasury of Hawaiian heritage comprises five separate buildings spread over several acres saturated with the aroma of hundreds of native species of flowers and shrubs.

The museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop, a prominent Honolulu businessman, as a lasting memorial to his wife, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, great granddaughter and last surviving direct descendant of King Kamehameha I, unifier of the Hawaiian islands.

The four original edifices, all listed in the American National Register of Historic Places, were constructed between 1889 and 1900 of local lava rock, with interior surfaces of carved, richly veneered, native koa wood (now almost extinct), in Romanesque style. The Museum's cathedral-like central gallery stands as a pre-eminent example of 19th century exhibition design.

The Bishop Museum now constitutes the world's largest depository of ancient Hawaiian and Pacific artifacts, currently numbering about 200,000 items. These primarily encompass Hawaiian historical development prior to Captain James Cook's initial entry into Honolulu Harbor in 1778.

Before its "discovery," Hawai was ruled by a pantheon of gods, mana (supernatural powers), kings and kapus (taboo rituals).

Early Hawaiians had no written language. Later explorers recorded the 12-letter oral alphabet, but anthropological evidence indicates that war was a regular occurrence among the various tribes and seemed to culminate in the cannibalism of defeated captives.

Until June 4, Bishop Museum will be celebrating this amazing navigational feat with major exhibits of traditional arts and crafts, artisans, dancers, workshops and displays, highlighting the glories of Hawaiian culture, past and present — a must-see stop on any tour of this island paradise.

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Travel Talk

By Bill Gladstone

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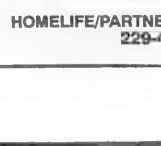

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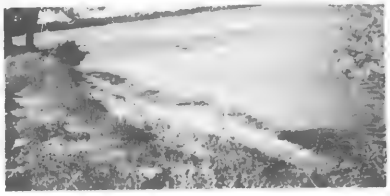

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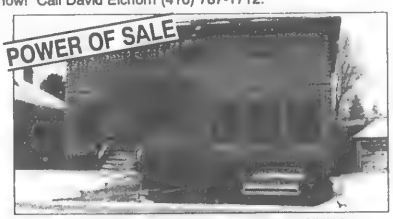

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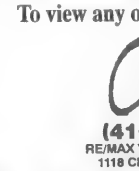

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Simons, Melvyn Richard, suddenly on Feb . 9/95, in Novato, Calf., age 49. Loving father of Michael, son of the late Lewis Simons and Renee Josephson Simons and nephew of Dr. Joseph E. Josephson and wife Vivien and Lilian Milton and husband Isador. Services held Mt. Tamalpais Memorial, San Rafael, Calf.

330 OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Herman on February 17, 1995, late of 44 Lytton Blvd.
Dora Ginsberg on February 17, 1995, late of 5935 Bathurst Street
Jerry Rozin on February 19, 1995, late of 120 James Gray Dr.
Miriam Goldstein-Rosenfeld on February 19, 1995, late of 322 Clinton Street #1
Louis Pascoe on February 19, 1995, late of 174 Eaglewood Blvd.
Manny Klein on February 19, 1995, late of 212 Centre Court
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Sally Browne on February 21, 1995, late of 601 Finch Avenue W. P.H. #12
Lila Pinkus on February 22, 1995, late of 4979 Bathurst Street #609
Arthur Sternberg on February 21, 1995, late of 6200 Bathurst Street #1005
Reva Perelman on February 22, 1995, late of 81 Townsgate Drive #307
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Cantor, Peter on February 22, 1995
Gruenspan, Bella on February 23, 1995, late of Baycrest
Shnaider, Khana on February 24, 1995, late of Cheltenham Nursing Home
Pollak, Sofia on February 24, 1995
Ross, Irving Louis on February 25, 1995
Robinson, Fred on February 25, 1995, late of 245 Hillhurst Blvd.
Sherr, Adele on February 26, 1995, late of 12 Amos Cres.
Koltunov, Albert on February 27, 1995, late of 4300 Bathurst St., Unit
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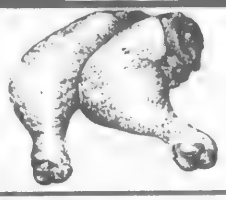

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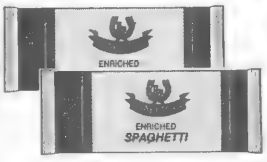

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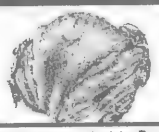

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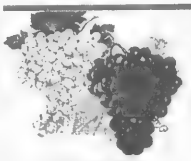

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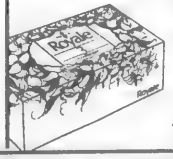

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Jewish Television For The Next Century

by Dr. Morton Weinfeld

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Most of us are by now feeling swamped with magazine articles dealing with the new telecommunications revolution. We have been told – ad nauseum – to brace ourselves for the 500 channel television universe. Show us another article on the information super highway, and we might long for the off ramp.

But not just yet. As television is about to be transformed by high tech revolutions, the organized Jewish community – locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally – has fallen asleep at the switch. The next century will soon be upon us, with a huge new communications potential for organized Jewry to use in the struggle for survival. And nothing much seems to be happening.

This is ironic, in that in the United States and most every other western country, Jews are well represented in the fields of radio, television, communications, journalism and entertainment. Yet this tremendous Jewish resource has not yet been directed to meeting serious communal needs.

Jewish TV Worldwide Opens Exciting Possibilities

Imagine the following:

Every English speaking Jewish family – in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, and last but certainly not least, Israel – would have access to a full service, high quality all day Jewish TV channel, part of an international Jewish television network. (For convenience we will refer to this channel/network as JTV). A typical channel could feature programming that would be a blend of local, national, and international content. Some programs, such as news reports, fast breaking bulletins, and other special events, might be broadcast live or on tape delay because of time difference, to an international Jewish audience, a true "klal Yisroel."

Such a channel could feature all kinds of programming, a blend of the high brow, middle brow, and low brow with something for everyone. No Judaic ideology or perspective could dominate; some form of pluralistic accommodation would be the rule. Consider:

News and Public Affairs

Why not a daily Jewish news show, of perhaps a half hour to an hour, divided into local, national and international news portions? The local news could be produced locally, while the international stories could be taken where feasible from another mainstream network, from Israeli television (dubbed or subtitled), or even from foreign correspondents of the JTV.

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Why not a Jewish "Sixty Minutes" with investigative Jewish journalism? Why not Jewish interview shows like "Face the Nation" (a model actually exists) or argumentative panel shows like "The McLaughlin Group" or "Inside Washington" or "Crossfire"? Imagine a weekly panel with people like Norman Podhoretz, Ruth Wisse, Alan Dershowitz, Leonard Fein, or Arthur Waskow (you get the picture, pick your own advocates) debating Jewish affairs of the day. Again, some such public affairs programs could be taken from similar Israeli shows, either dubbed or subtitled.

Jewish-Cultural Special Events

The possibilities are limitless. In any week there are many stimulating lectures or symposia sponsored by synagogues and other Jewish cultural associations, and featuring outstanding Jewish minds. Judaic scholars, authors and artists, politicians, public personalities could be highlighted. Periodic lectures by some of the outstanding Jewish thinkers and speakers of our time would deserve a place; why should these events be limited only to those fortunate to attend the events in whatever city they were held? They can all be taped and re-broadcast.

Jewish cultural productions of various kinds could also be taped and broadcast. An outstanding klezmer concert, a performance by a Yiddish Theatre, a telecast of Israel's Hassidic Song festival. Concerts of cantorial music and Jewish choirs could also be broadcast, notably to coincide with various Jewish holidays. And why not the best of Israeli rock music?

And why not the occasional Jewish sporting event? Jewish sports fans (I include myself) would enjoy Israeli soccer and basketball matches against international opponents. And why not a telecast of the highlights of the Maccabiah games?

Many local events in various communities could also be filmed and broadcast. These could include Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations, March to Jerusalem highlights, etc.

The Best of Jewish Entertainment

There already exists a backlog of taped Jewish Performances, by comedians, singers, etc., whether on variety shows (from Ed Sullivan to the Tonight shows) to more recent sit-coms such as "Rhoda" and "Seinfeld". Jewish humour has been prominent from the work of Borscht Belt legends to current stand-up comics. And why not re-broadcast select shows from these sit-coms which feature a Jewish theme in given episodes?

Jewish Documentaries

There exists a host of programs available, via PBS, independent producers, Israeli television, as well as mainstream networks in the US and from counterparts in Canada and the UK, on Jewish themes. From Abba Eban's celebrated series: "Heritage: Civilization and the Jews" to the pioneering NBC mini series "Holocaust", many first rate productions exist. And more important, JTV would provide an avenue for new documentaries to be produced.

Jewish and Israeli Film Festivals

Why not feature the best of recent films on Jewish themes, including the best of Israeli cinema? There are hundreds of films which have been made which deal in one way or another with Jewish themes, many of high quality. Why not alternate classic Jewish films with more recent ones, from "Hester Street" to "Goodbye Columbus" to "Fiddler on the Roof" to "Schindler's List".

Educational Programming

JTV could devote a good deal of its daytime schedule to Jewish educational programming, useful for Jewish schools of various types. These programs could include the Israeli "Rehov Sumsum" ("Sesame St.") to various programs which have been done, and could be done, to explicate the various Jewish holidays and rituals.

Special Programs

Why not a weekly program on Jewish cooking, featuring not only the usual Jewish recipes but also

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Our issue begins with a dramatic exposition from Professor Morton Weinfeld of an innovative idea that is almost breathtaking in its scope: the creation of a world-wide Jewish TV network that would serve Jews throughout the world. This has now been made technically possible because of the rapidly expanding "information highway", which can flash new information or ideas to all corners of the globe literally instantaneously. Professor Weinfeld calls on his expertise in sociology to adumbrate for us all implications of this idea – social, political, and financial – and concludes that precisely because Jews are living in so many different parts of the world, Jewish TV has a potential audience, and equally important, potential sponsors for such an idea, far more than is available to any other group whose population is located in only one specific area.

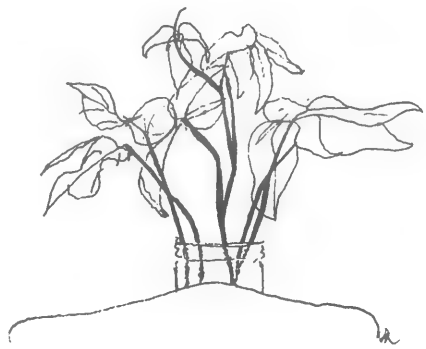
Rabbi Dow Marmur traces for us the reaction of Jews in the Diaspora to the negotiations now being actively pursued by Israeli leaders and Arabs, which now seem irreversible and will sooner or later lead to the realization of the dream of an Israel finally at peace with its neighbours. He points out that the present leaders of Diaspora communities have operated on the assumption that Israel needs their moral and financial support and will always continue to do so. As a result, they have become used to being courted at home, in Israel, and even in Washington. They have been showered with testimonials, plaques and dinners and the fact that what should have been their major contribution to Israel's welfare – stimulating Aliyah – a dismal failure, has been ignored. The present emphasis on negotiations leading to the peace process now leaves Diaspora leaders in "portentous disorder".

Another aspect of the dramatic change in the priorities of Diaspora communities is the fact that whereas for the past fifty years, the principal concern of Diaspora Jews has been the future viability of Israel, this focus has been changed to the future viability of Diaspora communities themselves, threatened as they are by declining populations due to birth control, intermarriage, and secularism. This has presented to Diaspora communities (who, like all Jews today, are declared Zionists) a further dilemma: can they, in good conscience, continue to support the classic Zionist ideological framework which calls on them to increase Aliyah from the Diaspora as their most important priority, while at the same time work to preserve their own Diaspora communities – to use their own buzz-word: to ensure "continuity" at home.

Stuart Schoenfeld sees an additional threat to Diaspora communities in the fact that "globalization" – the concept of "one world" – pushes Jews toward becoming "reluctant cosmopolitans". While all Jews as individuals welcome the end of the Cold War, the burgeoning of the "open society" and the concomitant decrease of anti-Semitism, lays before Jews the dilemma that they no longer have only one "meaningful center of gravity" (Schoenfeld's phrase) the Jewish one: now they may select a different center of gravity in the form of another religion, or else become secularists and therefore have no center of gravity at all. His conclusion is to call for a superior "Jewish option": to improve Jewish education and perhaps even to develop schools that act like communities rather than institutions.

William Bilek has long been a spokesman for Canadian Zionists. In the present euphoria about the remarkable progress of the peace negotiations, he sounds a warning note about the possibility that the Rabin government may be tempted to sacrifice Israeli security and offer too much territorial compromise. He is further troubled by the fact that the Labor Party has contravened its own electoral platform in which they declared that Arafat was "a negative influence on the peace process who should be kept out of it at all costs". They have thereby lost credibility with the Israeli voters and as a result the Labor Government has not consulted them about the many compromises they have already made.

Poetry by Shel Krakofsky and Judy Shier completes our issue.



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discussions about kashrut? And another program on Jewish travel, featuring not only travel to Israel, but perhaps a Jewish angle for tourists to various other destinations (e.g. Spain) where fascinating aspects of Jewish life past or present could be discovered. Why not a self-help program dealing with a Jewish perspective on various personal or family crises and relationships? And why not a Jewish "Dating Game" or – lehavdil –Matchmaking Game?

Hebrew Language Programs

JTV might also play a role in the teaching of Hebrew. This could be done directly through some Hebrew language educational programs aimed at children or other learners. It could also come about indirectly through the use of some Israeli news reports or other programs, with subtitles.

Crises or Celebrations

Finally, JTV might enable Jewish homes throughout the planet to be connected in times of crises or decision, be these wars in the Middle East, terrorist bombings in Argentina, or Israeli peace treaties with enemies. One can imagine JTV providing live, in depth coverage of major events, to an extent not available on commercial or mainstream networks. The Lubavitchers have paved the way in building community through live coverage of the late Rebbe's "fabrengen", telecast to cable stations throughout the world. JTV could extend the concept, helping create a strong sense of "klal Yisroel".

Who Would Watch?

It is hard to estimate what the "market" for JTV might be. While most of the viewers of such a channel would be Jewish, experience with the existing Jewish programs available on cable suggests that some non-Jews, for whatever reason, watch these shows. A good portion of that viewing may be simply channel surfing. But the main audience would depend on the total Jewish population, and then on the proportion which would be sufficiently identified, or curious, to watch.

As long as JTV would have to be accessed as part of a cable package, then Jews in areas of scant Jewish population would have a more difficult time. Jews who live in major urban centres, however, would likely be able to convince cable companies to carry JTV as part of their package. However, once other signal carriers apart from cable become more common, from satellite to phone lines – and the day is fast approaching, that limitation will vanish. Viewers in any location would have easier access to the 500 channel universe, and Jews in small or isolated communities could also be reached. With more American Jews moving to exurbs, or to newer cities outside the Northeast which may lack the range of established Jewish institutions, JTV could have an acute role to play at a local or regional level.

In the United States alone, we have an estimated 1.8 million "entirely Jewish" households. If we add the Jewish population of Canada, the UK, Australia, South Africa, and English-speaking Israel, one can speak of a minimum of well over 2.1 million households. How can we estimate the potential audience who might actually watch, whether regularly or the odd time? We might have to infer this size from other indicators.

In the United States, about 33% of Jews read a Jewish newspaper, and 50% belong to a congregation. In Canada the comparable percentages are 60% and 67%; one estimates that the proportions in the UK, Australia, and South Africa would be closer to Canada's. These then give us a ballpark estimate of one million Jewish households of likely viewers, including Israel.

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Diaspora Response To The Peace Process

by Dr. Rabbi Dow Marmur

One of the important sources for our understanding of North American Jewry is Jonathan Woocher's book, *Sacred Survival – The Civil Religion of American Jews*.

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Much of his description of civil religion suggests that it is based on the myth that Jews everywhere – in the Diaspora as well as in Israel – are beleaguered by a hostile world, waiting to finish what Hitler did not accomplish. The task of civil religion is to prevent it from happening.

I do not mean to say that there hasn't been an historic basis for this myth, but I believe that, by now, it has, mercifully, largely become only a myth, and that to understand it as a myth may help us to understand the present turmoil among many leaders of Diaspora Jewry in the face of the changes that are taking place in and around Israel. Judaism still faces many dangers, but imminent destruction by our enemies is probably not one of them.

Emil Fackenheim's formulation of the commandment to survive, which has had such a profound impact on contemporary Jewish life, has been – I fear, deliberately – misinterpreted by the protagonists of civil religion to imply that this should take the place of most, if not all, of the other commandments. Jews were prepared to break every other *mitzvah* with a clean conscience as long as they could persuade themselves that they were keeping this one, primarily by offering financial support to Israel.

The possibility that this myth has become more difficult to sustain is, therefore, a cause for concern, even alarm, in some circles. Though we need not go as far as some have done in asserting that the Diaspora needs enemies to justify its existence – I recall articles by Arthur Hertzberg and Egon Mayer – there is little doubt that Jewish leaders in North America have been caught off balance by the prospect of peace in the Middle East. The negotiations with the PLO, the accord with Jordan, diplomatic ties with Morocco and the prospect of an agreement with Syria are creating a scenario for which Diaspora Jewry is not prepared. By all accounts, the Israeli public is much more ready for it.

Of course, it is possible that the peace scenario is unreal, and that we should beware of premature assumptions about a post-Oslo era in Jewish history, as I understand Emil Fackenheim to warn. Yet, it is difficult to ignore the signs, whether we approve of the outcome or not. It is also possible that the government of Israel is squandering the security of the state, but here, too, it is difficult to dismiss Yitzhak Rabin, the military strategist and political tactician, as being irresponsible.

Diaspora Leaders Caught Off Balance

Yet, many leaders of Diaspora Jewry are doing precisely that – dismissing Rabin, or, more conveniently, blaming it on the evil influence of Peres. Hence the visible discomfort of many of our communal luminaries with the altered state of Israel-Diaspora relations: Though inhibited, so far at least, to call Rabin a traitor, they are nevertheless distressed by the prospect of the destruction of the myth on which their leadership was founded.

To complicate matters for those who hanker for the *status quo ante*, anti-Semitism in most countries is decreasing steadily. If there is a danger to Jewish life today, it probably comes more from within – from the lack of commitment to Judaism and the dissensions within our own ranks – than from our enemies, be they Arabs in the Middle East or Jew-haters on our doorstep. That is, as I understand it, the view of Geoffrey Paul, the former editor of *The Jewish Chronicle* of London and now its American correspondent. In a recent piece in that paper he wrote:

> None seems to have been more surprised by the swift pace of events in the Middle East than the coalition of Jewish leadership represented in the Presidents' Conference, which having been taught by generations of Israeli governments to parrot its slogans about Arafat, the PLO and the Golan Heights, has found itself back-pedalling on deflated tyres.
> The cosy intimacies of their extended relationship with former Likud Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir – who, having few secrets to share with them, was able to make them privy to almost everything he was thinking – has been replaced by the bold peacemaking initiatives of Messrs. Rabin and Peres, who talk to them often and tell them nothing.

As a result, American Jewish leaders are ideologically confused and personally peeved. Though polls indicate that the majority of those whom they lead support Rabin's peace initiative, the people in the forefront of the community do not always reflect it. Even if they are not on the right of the political spectrum, they nevertheless often display remarkable and inexplicable lack of enthusiasm for current Israeli government policies, for they don't feel to have had any part of them: Neither Rabin nor Clinton seems to need them, and neither bothers to consult them much.

Hirsh Goodman, the editor of *The Jerusalem Report*, had some fun at the expense of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations' coming out in favour of the peace process when he wrote that "had it (the organization) not (come out in favour of the peace process), it may have had to fight the next war without Israel." At the same time he also mocked the request from Rabin's office to American rabbis to promote peace and pray for it, whereof more later. Goodman failed, however, to explain these moves in relation to the disarray in the Diaspora.

Canadian Jewish Leaders More Hawkish Than Americans

The situation in Canada is the same as in America, only more so. For not only do our leaders take their cues from the United States – despite their protestations to the contrary – but they have, on the whole, also been more intuitively hawkish than their American counterparts, partly because of the strong presence of Holocaust survivors in the two major centres of Canadian-Jewish life, and partly because Jews in Canada are one generation "behind" American Jewry in the process of acculturation. We seem to have a little more reason, and much more need, than American Jews to identify enemies.

I receive, almost daily, faxes that denigrate the peace process from different sources in Canada, mainly from an organization that describes itself as Concerned Jewish Citizens and operates out of the Postal Outlet at Lawrence Plaza in Toronto.

An additional complication in the Canadian situation has been the competition between Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith as to who is more zealous for Israel and Jewish dignity. Though here is not the place to discuss this particular sad side-show, it is relevant to note that the tension is most acute in the Canada-Israel Committee.

Situational Patriotism?

However, the irony of it all, though painful, should not escape us. When the Shamir government was in power and "peaceniks" in Canada were critical of its policy towards Arabs, many of their opponents accused them of disloyalty each time they voiced their criticisms. Today, when the situation is reversed, the erstwhile loyalists have suddenly lost their inhibitions and are not only critical of the government, but some even suggest that monies previously sent through the UJA or Bonds should now be given to YESHA, the settlers' organization. Is this a manifestation of "situational patriotism"?

The strength of feeling was very much in evidence at the annual pre-High Holy Day meeting for rabbis in Toronto, sponsored by the Bonds organization. For maximum impact, the speaker was Rabbi Abner Weiss, the spiritual leader of an influential Orthodox congregation in Beverly Hills. He concluded his

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stirring address with a direct challenge to his Orthodox colleagues, urging them to go against the current (!) – and speak for Bonds to their members on Kol Nidre. Please note: A modern Orthodox rabbi has to acknowledge hostility to Israel in his own circles and urge his colleagues to counteract it!

At the same time, and by way of contrast, Reform rabbis received a lot of material from groups of their colleagues and from an organization called The Israel Policy Forum in support of Rabin, urging recipients to use it in their sermons. One tract was accompanied by a letter from the Prime Minister of Israel, couched in uncharacteristically pious tones, which gave Hirsh Goodman reason to remark how strange such words read, coming from the pen of the secular Rabin.

It seems that, in addition to the political divisions in the community and the personal confusions, there are also differences along denominational lines. Because Canadian Jewry is religiously more to "the right" than American Jewry, the mood here is, therefore, likely to be more hawkish, or at least ostensibly prudently cautious. Those close to the present government of Israel find themselves sufficiently desperate to court even Reform rabbis, as I myself have experienced!

What Geoffrey Paul writes about America may, therefore, be even more true of Canada:

> An inevitable result is that the traditional and unequivocal American Jewish commitment to Israel is becoming clouded at grassroots level by the political uncertainties stirred up by leaders who, like a conference of emperors suddenly deprived of their robes, strut around in portentous disorder.

A staff report on *The Wall Street Journal* expressed similar sentiments recently. Covering the same ground as Geoffrey Paul, she concluded that "some American Jews are finding themselves left curiously adrift – and grappling with an identity crisis." For "American," read "Canadian" – only more so.

Obvious Manifestation of Disarray is Money

In many ways, money has become the most obvious manifestation of the disarray, for money is always the currency of suppressed feelings – in communal affairs no less than in matrimonial disputes. Recognizing, albeit late, that the real danger to the Jewish community in the Diaspora is not coming from enemies outside, and not even from internal strife, but from the lack of Judaism among Jews, many communal leaders have turned their attention to the internal problems of the community. The fact that the recession has starved many of our institutions of funds and exposed some of them to the prospect of bankruptcy – a Synagogue in Richmond Hill a couple of years ago; the JCC in Toronto at present – has further dramatized the situation.

Thus the same reporter in *The Wall Street Journal* quotes Barry Shrage, the head of the Boston umbrella group for Jewish charities, to have said that "by focusing so single-mindedly on Israel, American Jews have neglected to build a strong, unified religion and culture at home." The report does not specify whether or not Mr. Shrage has civil religion or traditional observance in mind.

The response in the community to the situation that Mr. Shrage identifies has been to create a new buzzword: **continuity**. There is much that deserves praise, both the term and the context, for they imply that, having heeded the commandment to survive, we now must make sure that we know what to say to the next generation why they should carry on.

But the term *continuity* has, I believe, also something of a hidden agenda. Looking, for example, at the writings of the most articulate ideologue of

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continuity – Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, the chief rabbi of modern Orthodoxy in Britain – it is clear that the term is a kind of code-word for not sending money to Israel but keeping it in the Diaspora. He says so in his recent book on the subject. The British equivalent of UJA has already pledged some four million pound sterling to the continuity project, which has established an office and hired a director.

British UJA has chosen to share its income with the continuity project, rather than enter into competition, probably because it suspects that otherwise collecting money for Israel will be seriously impaired. The fund-raisers, it appears, would rather share the fruits of their labour than lose them – and thereby their Jewish status – altogether. Toronto has produced its own continuity report, demanding a more modest budget from UJA – 1,2 million dollars – and wanting to create its own bureaucracy.

We who have been "in the field" have been talking continuity for at least as long as I have been a rabbi, which is well over 30 years, and repeatedly warned about the dangers of starving the Diaspora of funds. Why has the leadership woken up to it only now? Let me suggest that it is a reflection of the realization that Israel no longer has the desired impact in the Jewish world. In order to keep the old philanthropic structure of the community intact, it is being redirected, at least in part, to serve "continuity."

Zionism

If those who reason in this way needed ammunition for their unrest and indignation, Yossi Beilin, Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel and the voice of Shimon Peres, provided it when he suggested that Israel doesn't need Diaspora money, especially when it is being sent through the Jewish Agency.

Beilin is, of course, not quite wrong. The contribution of the Diaspora has never been an important part of Israel's GNP, and it has been decreasing in recent years, largely due to Israel's improved economy. Moreover, the antics of the Jewish Agency – epitomized by the alleged extravagance of its Chairman Simcha Dinitz, soon to stand trial for misappropriation of funds collected by Diaspora Jews – have really demonstrated that our money may not be spent in the most effective way.

The speech Beilin gave at the meeting President Weizmann called last June in Jerusalem is a cogent argument for the restructuring of the Zionist movement, which deserves serious debate. I hope that next time representatives of the various Zionist Seminars from around the world will meet, he will be given a fair hearing.

Yet, Beilin is also quite wrong when, as widely reported in the press at the time, he wants to do away with much, perhaps all, of Diaspora fundraising. First of all, even if the State of Israel does not need the Jewish Agency, many important institutions in Israel – universities, hospitals and welfare agencies – depend on funds from abroad.

But even more important, Jews abroad still have a need to provide these funds, as long as they can see where they are going and that they are doing good there. Had I been persuaded that if Jews stop raising funds, they will start studying Torah, observe *mitzvot* and pray, I might be persuaded by this part of Beilin's argument, but I know that they will not. For these people, collecting money for Israel is a means of identification with Judaism, and it is not for Mr. Beilin, or anybody else, to deprive them of it. Civil religion may be insufficient, as indeed I believe it to be, but it is in itself neither dangerous nor evil.

The way to deal with fund-raising is to devise a new mechanism for Diaspora philanthropy in Israel, which doesn't depend on the myth of poor beleaguered Israel, but on the reality of establishing links with important institutions that have much to offer to Jews everywhere. If I have understood the thrust of Beilin's June speech, he would not disagree with this approach.

Furthermore, there are ways of furthering Jewish continuity, as articulated by Sacks and by the Toronto report, while helping Israel at the same time. I spelled out some of these ways in a recent piece in *The Canadian Jewish News*.

But to do all that, we need a different kind of ideology, and that's where we have got stuck. Since my primary role in life is that of a preacher, I cannot resist the temptation to conclude this statement with something of a sermon. But today, my pulpit is not located in the Synagogue I serve but in the Canadian Zionist Federation, one of whose Vice-Presidents I am.

Zionism needs a new ideological framework. Having been overshadowed for so long by philanthropy, it has lost its bearings. Now when philanthropy is no longer the same dominant force it once was, Zionism needs to be heard again. That's where this group comes in. What we need is something like a resource book on ideology for today's Zionists. I believe that between us, and linking up with our counterparts in other countries – not least Israel itself – we could do even better than Mr. Beilin and his aides.

An interesting contribution, not inconsistent with Beilin's proposal, has been made in a recent paper, circulated privately, by Dan Bavly, a Tel Aviv accountant, and his colleague Eliahu Salpeter:

> As Israel matures and moves on to peaceful co-existence with its neighbours, Israelis should become aware of and willing to take part in the splendid challenge of contributing to the strength and growth of their American kin. It could well be that Israel's attractiveness to American Jewry will, in future, be measured by its success in providing human resources and high calibre, intellectually inclined leaders based in the academic world and high technology.
> If the past has guidance for the future, Jewish history offers us a fundamental lesson: from ancient times there has been a repeated shift of life-giving Jewish creativity between the Land of Israel and the most flourishing centre in the Diaspora. Has the time come for the focus to shift back to Israel?

The answer may very well be Yes. Having given the Israelis some money in recent years and thereby helped to establish our own identity as Jews, the time may have come for us to get some *sechel* from our brothers and sisters in the land of our ancestors. God knows we need it, for there is little to suggest that we will manage on our own, proverbial Jewish generosity notwithstanding.

Is Democracy Well Served?

by Dr. William Bilek

Winston Churchill once wrote that "Democracy is the worst form of government in the world – except for all the other forms."

Israel sees itself – and has always been described – as the only democracy in the Middle East. Israel's proportional representation governing structure is so democratic, in fact, that no majority government has ever been elected in the history of the State. Instead, a series of coalitions, of greater or lesser cohesiveness, have governed since 1948.

The ongoing debate, confusion, and sharp divisions that are becoming increasingly evident in Israeli society today, can therefore not be ascribed to the present Labour-Meretz-Arab coalition, elected in June 1992. There has developed, however, a change in the intensity of the internal debate, and in the position of Diaspora jewry vis-a-vis Israeli defense and security matters, because of the potential consequences of the current government's actions.

Formal democratic institutions began in earnest approximately 2500 years ago, in Greece. The word "democracy" derives from two Greek roots: *demos* – the people, and *kratein* – to rule. It is defined as "rule by the ruled," "Government for, by, and of the people, as free and equal individuals." Early democracy was direct democracy, with the people being consulted and involved in just about all major (and minor) decisions.

Today, however, most democracies, including Israel, function as representative democracies, where politicians, often belonging to one or another political party, present their platforms to the electorate. The people are then free to vote for the party, and the platforms with which they agree, in the reasonable belief that the politicians elected by the majority will be committed to carrying out the policies espoused by the majority.

Interestingly, in a private poll conducted by Professor Efraim Inbar of the BESA Institute, the impression he obtained was that most Israeli legislators consider themselves not to be bound by electoral promises, but rather that they are elected by the voters to carry out whatever policies they consider best at any given time, subject to the people's approval only at the next election (by which time, they hope, most transgressions will be forgotten anyway). This behaviour obviously subverts the basis of the democratic process.

Labour Policy on Security and Foreign Affairs

On issues of security and foreign affairs, the 1992 election platform of the Labour Party was based on the established Madrid formula, and was outlined partly as follows:

1) In favour of immediate talks with the Palestinians on the autonomy plan as an interim solution. Talks will be held with Palestinians from the territories, including from East Jerusalem, but not directly with the PLO. The permanent settlement with the Palestinians and the various Arab States will be worked out in bilateral talks. Regional problems can be dealt with in an international conference.

2) Jerusalem is to remain united, under Israeli sovereignty, as the capital of Israel.

3) The permanent solution will be based on territorial compromise. There will be no return to the 1967 borders, but Israel will be willing to give up, in return for peace, those territories which have a dense Palestinian population in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Territorial compromise is also possible on the Golan Heights. Territories from which Israel will withdraw will be demilitarized.

4) There will be no additional state between Israel and the Jordan River, (i.e., no Palestinian mini-state).

At the time of the election, and even afterwards, the Labour Party described Yasser Arafat as "a negative influence on the peace process, who should be kept out of it at all costs," and declared repeatedly that it did not, and would not, negotiate with the PLO. Indeed, as has been pointed out, it was against the laws of Israel for any Israeli to meet with representatives of the PLO. Some who tried were arrested, and imprisoned.

In spite of this, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister were involved in secret negotiations with the PLO, leading to an agreement on the Declaration of Principles, before presenting it to the full Cabinet, the Knesset, or the people of Israel, and in direct contravention of Section 8 of the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance. Ignoring the platform on which they were elected, the Labour coalition then voted its approval.

It was Thomas Jefferson who stated that, "The whole art of government consists of the art of being honest." He thought that the only way to guarantee an honest government is to guarantee freedom of access to information by all, and freedom of expression by citizens. "Democracy is communication," he wrote.

Government About-Faces Have Alienated Some Israelis

In Israel, communication has apparently been sacrificed on the altar of expediency, just as Labour's "road of territorial compromise along the Alon Plan" has been diverted to the "Oslo Route". A seemingly endless series of government about-faces and inconsistencies on crucial matters have served to confuse and alienate a significant proportion of the electorate. In June of 1992, Prime Minister Rabin was quoted as vociferously agreeing with a group of Russian General Staff Officers touring the Golan when they said, "...you have no territory and no military, political or economic breathing space – which means you also have no time. In these conditions, to give up the only natural defense line of the bridgehead would border on suicide." Now, he has made it clear that the government is ready for "full withdrawal for a full peace."

The people have been offered a litany of ill-conceived excuses for the PLO's failures to live up to its commitments in the Declaration of Principles. Government inaction in the face of repeated PLO contraventions of the spirit and letter of both the DoP and the Cairo Agreement is termed "in the interest of peace." Despite nominally maintaining its opposition to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, the government has conceded to the PLO many of the trappings of statehood, making the outcome seemingly inevitable.

One of the most devastating effects, therefore, of this government's term of office, has been the loss of credibility of the Government of Israel with its own population, with Diaspora Jewry, and with the world at large. When repeated denials by Peres and Rabin regarding such things as the existence of secret memoranda on Jerusalem, or the extent of prisoner releases, are proven false by the utterings of Arafat, is it any wonder that all manner of rumours have arisen regarding the government's true intentions vis-a-vis the Golan, permanent borders, and now, even Jerusalem?

Weekly polls show a growing majority of the populace lacks confidence in the government's ability to negotiate effectively with their Arab interlocutors. To calm some fears, a trial balloon was recently floated by P.M. Rabin pledging the possibility of a referendum prior to any substantial withdrawal on the Golan. It was promptly shot down by F.M. Peres, and Party Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli as "anti-democratic." "Labour can cede whatever territories it wants, without asking anybody," Zvilli stated.

Government Fearful of Consulting Israeli Voters

The question of the inability of the official Opposition to effectively capitalize on the government's failures is the subject matter for a treatise of its own, and will not be touched upon here. Suffice it to say that this legally constituted government, albeit in good faith, and undoubtedly with the best of intentions, is perceived by many as having resorted to subterfuge and misrepresentation to achieve its altered policies, and as fearful of going to the people in the face of what it claims are "changed circumstances."

Do these changes reflect a true metamorphosis in the Arab, and especially the Palestinian, perception of Israel, which makes "territories for peace" a viable, although risky option? Or is this simply, as the Nationalist camp claims, an Arab tactical manoeuver, to which the government is responding with an effort directed solely towards total disengagement of populations, regardless of price (resulting in, as Benny Begin terms it, "territories for terror!") In such a scenario, peace and security are described as "a desirable by-product of withdrawal, but not a must."

Lester B. Pearson, Nobel Prize winner and former Prime Minister of Canada, wrote that "Popular participation in foreign policy decisions in some form is, of course, inherent in the nature of the democratic process... foreign policy must not only seek to protect and advance the interests of all the citizens... but... must carry their understanding and consent as well." A significant portion of the Israeli electorate, as well as Diaspora Jewry, fear that the ill-defined plans of the current government may be outstripped by the irreversible outcome of its actions, especially when faced with the unforeseen pressures of world "realpolitik".

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Another way to approach the issue of audience is in various subgroups.

Jewish children, either at home or school, would be one logical constituency for Jewish educational programs. The growing number of the Jewish elderly and retired population would be another constituency. The large number of Israelis living in these countries might have a particular interest in some of the programs with Israel or Hebrew content. The general core of mainstream identified Jews would comprise perhaps the main segment.

While the major benefits of JTV would flow to Jewish families and the Jewish audience, that is not the full story. JTV would prove to be a boon to Jewish creative artists (and not only those working in television) and journalists focusing on Jewish themes. It could become an important outlet for their work, especially in those cases where it might seem too specialized for a mainstream audience.

What There Is

"Jewish" diaspora television already exists, but its scope is far below what it could and should be. In the United States, in keeping with the localistic and individualistic ethos of the country, efforts are sporadic and uncoordinated. There does not seem to be any all day Jewish television station functioning in the U.S. An early proposal for a Jewish Television network by Moshe Waldoks, published in *Conservative Judaism*, winter, 1986-87, did not lead to national action.

At best there are local Jewish shows, often non-profit efforts of local federations, often of poor quality and subject to budgetary swings.

In New York there is a program called "Talkline". In the greater New York area alone, about nine cable systems apparently carry the program. Indeed, this one hour cable television show is broadcast by an estimated 100 cable stations nationwide.

An even more ambitious effort is underway in southern California. The Jewish Television Network of JTN, headed by Jay Sanderson, now provides ten hours per week of Jewish broadcasting, with a wide variety of shows. A non-profit operation, JTN hopes to launch America's first national Jewish cable network.

In Canada, the situation is not much better. In Montreal, there are several locally produced Jewish shows available on the multicultural network, and rebroadcast several times each. Despite inadequate funding, the shows are still of good quality and draw an audience. Toronto's situation is comparable, if not worse.

There have been attempts in the past to raise the issue of Jewish television in Jewish communal circles, but without lasting success. Maybe the timing was premature, or the technology not yet in place. Perhaps the potential audience is over-estimated.

Nonsense. Jewish television has barely scratched the surface of the possible. We know this simply because of what else is available out there. In the United Sates, according to the Federal Communications Commission, there are 41 Spanish language TV stations licensed to operate. There are an uncertain number of "black" television stations serving the black community. The Black Entertainment Network coordinates programming for a variety of such stations. There are all manner of other "ethnic" stations either licensed or with applications pending.

In Canada, in 1984, two specialty service networks were licensed, Chinavision (now Fairchild Television) and Tele Latino. Both are private sector operations seeking to become profitable. Fairchild provides 13 hours a day, every day, of Chinese language television to viewers in Toronto, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver. A Fairchild representative claims 60,000 households view regularly, and some of these not serviced by a cable package subscribe directly at a cost of $28/month.

What About Financing?

Could a Jewish television station/network be financially viable? Of course. At the local level the cost of production for the major Montreal Jewish television show (which uses rented production facilities) averages between $500 to $1,000 per hour. For some elaborate programming, such as video coverage of a major communal event, the cost could reach $1,500-1,800 per hour. Of course a JTV could capitalize on economies of scale. Assume for the sake of argument $70,000 per week for 60-70 hours of programming would yield a yearly cost of $3.5 million. (This is a low budget estimate compared to the alternative developed here. It reflects prevailing localistic low cost cable options. A full fledged JTV would be far more costly.)

The CRTC provides data on the annual economic performance, costs and revenues of the two full service ethnic television networks described above, as these are all in the public domain. In 1993, the total reported expenses of Fairchild were $2.8 million, with a profit of $90,000. In the three previous years losses of between $200,000 and $400,000 had been reported. Tele Latino reported total production costs for 1993 of $2.8 million, with a profit of $110,000, though also with a pattern of losses the three years earlier.

The point here is simply to present the order of magnitude of costs involved in presenting a full service TV station to various ethno-cultural communities. These amounts are NOT beyond the reach of North American Jews, whether as entrepreneurs or as non-profit ventures from various Jewish Foundations (operating individually or in a consortium) or communal Federations.

In terms of the multiple benefits of such a high quality Jewish television network, one could argue that the costs could be born as straight philanthropy. But that argument need not be made. For Jewish families would clearly be prepared to pay something for a television service such as the one described above. But how much?

The cost of living Jewishly is already a burden for many committed families. But compared to the costs of synagogue fees, Jewish education and camps, bar and bat mitzvahs, kosher food, or trips to Israel, the incremental cost of JTV would be small.

In most cases these ethnic programs are brought to cable subscribers as part of a package. A JTV could easily compete with a generic (Fairchild) Chinavision or Tele Latino for a spot on a cable package, in Canada or the United States. (In any case the days of such cable packages, which in fact limit choice, are numbered). If forced to choose, how much might a typical mainstream Jewish family be willing to pay for a high quality JTV. Would an amount of $50 or $100/yr., whether as a fee or perhaps donation, be impossible? Such payments alone could generate tens of millions of dollars annually, depending on the audience.

A pricing structure combining fee for service with perhaps an element of subsidization might be worked out, as an alternative option to a strict profit-making approach. Moreover, one ought not neglect advertising income which comprised close to 50% of the revenues of Chinavision and Tele Latino.

Why Not? And If Not Now, When?

Philanthropic dollars are scarce these days. But clearly there exists in the English speaking world a pool of Jewish investors, philanthropists, or foundations that could manage the original outlays. Moreover, these outlays, in whole or in part, might be recouped. What is needed is a plan of action to help the Jewish world maximize the benefits which might be reaped from the telecommunications revolutions of the next century. A grouping of foundations and/or investors, multinational in scope and including Israeli input, could recruit the expertise needed to organize the project and get it going.

The tasks involved in setting up a high quality JTV are well within the financial, technological and creative capacities of the Jewish community.

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Role of Diaspora on Government Policy on Security

And finally, what is, or should be the role of Diaspora Jewry vis-a-vis the elected government of Israel, and the Israeli electorate on questions of defence and security?

During the often stormy years of the previous Likud government, when, egged on by a left-liberal media, world-wide pressure was being exerted on that government to alter policies that it felt were essential to the safety and security of the State of Israel, the majority of leaders of Diaspora Jewry urged public unity with the democratically elected government of the day. The government of Israel needed our support; depended on our support. Groups such as Friends of Peace Now, and others, like-minded, were encouraged to make known their distress at what they felt were the moral and social costs of government policies, directly to the Israeli government, its representatives abroad, or to the Israeli media. These groups were chastized when they were seen to weaken the public solidarity of the Jewish people by urging their own governments to apply further political and economic pressures on Israel.

Many Fear Israeli Shifting Policies Endanger the State

Today, the fear of many is that the current government of Israel is itself unwittingly leading the country to devastating war, and possibly destruction. Suddenly, it is not the question of the social and moral scope of Zionism, or of the make up of Israeli society, but rather the question of the existence of Israel itself.

And, just as suddenly, Diaspora Jewry has begun to recognize that over the last fifty years we, in the Diaspora have incorporated the State of Israel and Jerusalem as part of our identity, and expression of our being. To an overwhelming majority of Diaspora Jews, the age-old question of "Who is a Jew?" has become "What is a Jew, without Israel?" Now, rather than considering Israel's need of the Diaspora, it may be that, much more so, the Diaspora needs Israel.

The bottom line, however, remains unchanged. It is the Israeli electorate that takes the risks, that pays the price. It is the people of Israel who send their children to fight, and die. We Jews in the Diaspora must trust to democracy and leave in their hands those crucial decisions that must be made.

But, the potential, unbearable consequences to Israel, as well as to the Jewish People as a whole, make it imperative that the current government, in the words of Professor Michla Pomerantz, author of *Self-Determination in Law and Practice*, give the people access to full information, "...complete, undistorted facts and text... to allow reasoned arguments and deliberations on that basis." And then allow the voice of the people to be heard. Only then will democracy be well-served.

Reluctant Cosmopolitans

by Stuart Schoenfeld

As in the United States, there is much public discussion of Jewish continuity, with particular concern about intermarriage. Government of Ontario vital statistics from 1985 to 1989 show intermarriage rates, by individuals, of about 27% for males and 22% for females. These figures are low by American standards, but are much higher than they were thirty years ago. These individual choices mean that 40% of the families formed are intermarried. Many individuals seem genuinely perplexed when intermarriage becomes a fact of life in their own families. So too are Jewish organizations perplexed, seemingly not knowing quite how to respond.

It is possible to conclude, then, that the statistical indicators of a continuing involvement of Jews with Jewish organizations and the continuation of distinctive Jewish practices mask a transition which is taking place in Canadian Jewish identity. In order to explore what Canadian Jewish identity is becoming, the following analysis pays more attention to the trends indicating a marked transformation in Jewish identity rather than those which indicate continuity.

The Meaning of Group Identity in Canada – Past Perspectives

Canada has been described as "two nations", "a mosaic society", and as "a community of communities". There are important differences between the image of Canada each of these phrases is trying to condense, but the images that these phrases speak to, do share some common features. They evoke a Canada where the cultural as well as social boundaries between groups matter, a Canada whose peoples understand themselves in the context of their history and traditions.

These images have their beginnings in the conflict of French and English empires that produced Canada. The defeat of the French Empire left a sizable French population under English control, unwilling to grant a further victory to their conquerors by giving up their cultural identity. The Canadian confederation created in 1867 acknowledged in its founding arrangements the lack of cultural homogeneity across the country and anticipated the continuation of differences.

Non-British, non-French immigrants arrived, coming in unprecedentedly large numbers from the 1890s until the outbreak of the First World War.

For those who dreamed of a Canadian nation rather than a loose collection of provinces bound to an imperial center, or who dreamed of an independent French nation able to bring its citizens into the world unburdened by responsibility for the rest of Canada, the new immigrants could be perceived in various ways. For some, the new immigrants were simply a danger to the dream, as they were imagined to have little interest in the dream of nation, or to be too culturally different to fit in, or to be racially inferior. For others, the new immigrants were imagined as raw material, to be educated, converted and otherwise mobilized around the dream of nationhood.

Yet in a practical way, and even in a tentative ideological way, the new immigrants were also left alone to be themselves. If their cultural differences were not accepted with enthusiasm, they were usually tolerated. The practical need for farmers and laborers was so strong that immigration could not be limited to the numbers which could be easily assimilated. There were even echoes in Canada of Horace Kallen's image of a multicultural society as an orchestra, composed of sections playing different instruments, making harmony together.

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Canadian Economy and Culture Dominated by U.S.A.

The context in which Canadian Jewish identity is now being formed has been changed by three trends. First, the Canadian economy and Canadian popular culture have become integrated into a U.S. dominated North American market. Second, Canadians have become increasingly aware of themselves as a people whose future will be made in a global rather than a federal or continental context. Taken together, these trends have established a socio-cultural environment which has implications for the ways in which individual Canadians construct their relationships to groups and the ways in which Canadian Jews construct their relationship to each other.

Despite Multiculturalism, Real Issues Are Global

As a result of the Canadian policy of multiculturalism, Canadians have become aware of themselves as participating in an emerging global society. The English language has become the dominant international language of business, technology, politics and popular culture. Consequently, Canadians have easy access to development in most places in the world. French remains an important language in other places; both the government of Canada and the government of Quebec participate in « la francophonie » – the international gathering of French speaking countries organized by France. Those Canadians who have both English and French, have access to developments in a large part of the world. Global business relationships are also developing, both in the area of Canadian expansion overseas and of overseas investment in Canada.

Global awareness, however, has a troubling aspect. Real issues, which affect the lives and future of Canadians, are global ones. They require, if not global policies, at least local policies which are coordinated and justified on the basis of a global ideology. Issues of pollution, resource depletion and environmental damage, of refugees, human rights and population growth, of economic stagnation and declining standards of living are experienced locally, but are understood to be essentially global.

These aspects of global awareness have implications for Canadian identity. To be Canadian means to be a citizen of one of the more favored countries in the world. Groups of Canadians interpret that fact in different ways. It may mean a special obligation to share Canadian talents and resources with others. This interpretation leads to Canadian enthusiasm for the U.N. and other international agencies, and to the many overseas volunteer programs in which Canadians participate. Or it may mean that Canadians have an obligation to protect their prosperity from the impoverished masses of the third world. This leads to the revival of (so-far) small racist and antisemitic groups, and a general turning inward towards particularistic loyalties and personal agendas. Or global awareness may be associated with the pessimistic observation that even in a favored country like Canada, a long term economic decline is setting in, leading to higher rates of unemployment and downward mobility for many. These are all different responses to globalization; none of them deny the importance of the world context.

Social Mission of the Chosen People Leads to Participation in International Organizations

Jews may also interpret the meaning of Canada's openness to the world in different ways. The humanistic idealism which derives from Canada's awareness of itself as a favored country has elective affinities to liberal Judaism's understanding of the social mission of the chosen people. Jews are represented in numbers far out of their proportion in movements which mobilize Canadians to address urgent world-wide socio-economic problems. Other Jews, struggling to get on the economic ladder or to maintain their toe-hold there, are pre-occupied with personal challenges. Multicultural relativism and a climate of insecurity stimulate other Jews to identify more within their own group. To some, the revival of antisemitism is a reminder of a specifically Jewish vulnerability. Some seek the kind of integral and coherent identity provided by social groups which offer ideological clarity and practical social support. Despite the defections which take place in an open society, the Orthodox community in Canada continues to be optimistic and energetic, and many other Jewish congregations are also centers of activity. Given this variety of possible responses, one might project polarized choices. However, since all the possibilities offer something valuable to the individual, one might better expect fluid instability instead of polarization, with changes according to differing life circumstances.

Among Canadian Jews, globalization also facilitates the traditional awareness of being part of a globally dispersed community. Canadian Jews are numerous enough, affluent enough and Jewish enough to produce individuals who are active in the Jewish issues in the U.S., Israel, Europe, the states of the former U.S.S.R. and elsewhere. These activities are known within Canada and have become part of the understanding that Canadian Jews have of the meaning of their group identity.

The cumulative effect of continentalism, multiculturalism and globalization is, then, the presentation to the individual of a cultural landscape which is experienced as inconsistent and fragmentary, which has many options for identity, which presents all (or most) options as of relatively equal value, which discourages a strong commitment to a particular historical culture, which promotes a way of being in the world in which individuals may either change their understanding of themselves radically over time or go through life without feeling that their identities are organized around a meaningful center of gravity.

Implications for Religious Dimension of Judaism

Cultural diversity also has implications for the religious dimension of Jewish identity. We can teach identification with a religious community to sceptics by teaching that religious communities are beneficial to society and the individual and by teaching religion as metaphor. This strategy can work so long as the cultural environment sets up one functional metaphor (e.g., Christianity) as the standard, leaving religious minorities with the strong liberal argument that they should not be compelled to shift allegiance from one metaphor to another. In the form in which global culture is filtered into Canada, there is no longer a standard religious metaphor. Islam, Asian religions and Amerindian religious teachings are now present in our newspapers, television screens and public schools, where they are all presented as being worthy of respect. How can we teach Jewish commitment to students and families who learn elsewhere that one religious metaphor is as good as another and that it is intellectually backward and intolerant to privilege one metaphor over another?

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What are Jewish educators to do as Canada becomes more of a socio-cultural environment in which identity is fragmented, in which there is greater pessimism about individual and collective futures, in which there is a desire for values to live by, but values are relativized?

To some extent nostalgic memories of pious ancestors, guilt over martyrs and pride in a reborn Jewish nation may remain important factors in motivation for school enrollment and in the spirit in which the formal curriculum is delivered. Jewish education may continue to be understood by many parents as letting the child know where s/he comes from, as a response to strong grandparental feelings about group identification or as a means of instilling pride in Israel. The role of these kinds of feelings in the subculture of Jewish education is likely to diminish. However, in young families which are of increasingly mixed background and where the Jewish partner is likely to be third or fourth generation, there are fewer elements around which to build nostalgic and nationalistic sentiments. And as important as Holocaust awareness is, it is not an identity-defining event to the extent that it was a generation ago. When the universalistic implications of the Holocaust are internalized, as they should be, identification can be directed towards a global reference group, rather than particularly Jewish or Israeli one. This likelihood is stronger when the Holocaust is linked to the specter of disasters unfolding now or looming in the foreseeable future.

Implications for Jewish Education

Jewish education may be reshaped around what is sometimes called "the Jewish option" – providing services in the Jewish community which are not only Jewish but are of higher quality than the public alternative. Education will continue to be one of the major social institutions for assigning individuals positions in the class structure, and, in the present climate of insecurity, schooling may become even a more competitive setting than it is now. For example, minimum grades for admissions to Ontario universities went up markedly this year. Newspapers report that students are switching schools to go to places where they can have high marks, retaking courses in order to upgrade, and dropping out of extra-curricular activities. Jewish schools are seen by many parents as settings where their children will be better prepared than in public schools to do well in their later education. In addition to the perceived academic superiority of the schools, parents may also anticipate that the friendships formed with other superior students will support high achievement in school and relationships with other students that will be important later in life. These perceptions have been associated with the shift in enrollment over the past generation from a majority of Canadian Jewish students enrolled in public school and receiving some form of supplementary Jewish schooling to a majority enrolled in Hebrew day schools. Parents may continue to be attracted to Jewish schools on the basis of a superior Jewish option and to bring this expectation with them in their relationships with teachers, principals and school boards.

There may be some difficulty in maintaining the perception of a superior "Jewish option" in education. An analysis of Jewish education in Montreal (Weinfeld and Zelchowitz, 1993: 144-147) concluded that the Jewish day schools, which enroll about two-thirds of the eligible elementary age population and almost a third of the secondary school age population, cannot be considered elitist. They draw from a wide mix of income backgrounds, contain many students from minimally Jewish homes, contain many average and below average students as well as intellectually superior ones, and usually have physical plants which are less adequate than those of other private schools and many public schools. In Toronto, where elementary day school enrollment is slightly larger than supplementary school enrollment, almost half of the local federation expenditures are directed towards subsidies to day school students. In recent years, the amount of subsidy has been capped, with schools reporting that they must consequently cut services, raise fees (thus reducing enrollment), or both. Moreover, innovations have been made in the area of informal education, and there may be some shifting of federation resource from formal to informal programs. The competition to get into university also raises problems for the Jewish option at the high school level. Many students in the Toronto community high school transfer out before graduation so they may focus their efforts on those subjects that will determine university admission. On the other hand, Jewish enrollment in elite private schools was uncommon a generation ago; this is no longer the case. For many superior or wealthy students, the private school option is more attractive than the Jewish option.

Jewish education in Canada may also be transformed by the problem of community, insecurity and relativistic values in the larger environment. Students who live in a fragmented, incoherent, relativistic, and insecure cultural, familial and occupational environment bring into our schools needs for an organizational culture which is concerned as much with identity as it is with information. They need schools which act like communities rather than institutions, which balance caring and mastery, which strengthen families (both as families and as Jewish families), which are at least as well managed as comparable non-Jewish schools, where different stakeholders and units in the system work together, where there is a clear ideological commitment shared through the school, and where value is placed on the spiritual dimension of Jewish identity.

This may be the most demanding option; it is certainly not the path of least resistance or least expense. It implies that schools, in a time of financial difficulty and cultural relativism, should be adding additional activities to work with families, to cultivate a school community and to articulate spiritual values which are lived in the school community. This option poses challenges to Orthodox schools which have been reluctant to confront minimally Jewish parents. They have failed in their attempt, so far, to portray Conservative and Reform schools as standing for something "less" rather than something "different". Day schools and afternoon schools alike will have to ensure that they are more than just schools. This is, however, the only option which responds to the full range of needs which our analysis of emerging structural changes in the socio-cultural environment projects.

POETRY

WHERE ZAIDA PRAYED

across the barrier
the women separated
and obediently stiff
cannot see their men
sway out of consciousness
into reverential trance

to and fro
side to side
they shokel

each twisting combination
of bob and bend unique
these ecstatic gyroscopes
shake and vibrate in their
one-room Temple and Coliseum
where Olympic gymnasts
would be confounded
by old men in prayer shawls
doing somersaults and flips

as they depart his earth
without leaving the ground

Shel Krakofsky

A PROMISE

A promise was made.
And the rainbow
became
Your chains
and shackles
As you watched the trains
disgorge countless names.

Their ashes filled the sky.

Judy Shier

BURIAL SOCIETY

among us
the tribal dead
are prepared for
their next lives
by an unpaid enterprise
the local Chevra Kadisha

we wash the bodies
dress them in white
hand-sewn shrouds
drape stiff shoulders
with personal prayer shawls
cut a corner's fringes
to render the rended
pasule, unfit for
worldly supplication
a foul ball
outside the lines
of the living

tonight
we are preparing one of my patients
for his next appointment

this morning
I told him
I'd see him
at the office
in another year
otherwise, nor ov simchas,
only on joyous occasions

while a guarding shomer
recites prescription psalms
we plant dried twigs
from our cemetery
between his fingers
cover his eyes and mouth
with shards of pottery
for reasons only
mystics understand
then cover his head
with skull cap
and lay soil from Israel beneath his final pillow for reasons
I do understand

we place him
in a plain pine box
without nails
as I beg his forgiveness
for any indignities
done to his body –
something I didn't do
this morning during
his rectal examination

when I said
his machine still had
lots of miles left,
an inadvertent fib
from a lousy mechanic
waiting for his next
mortal failure and
immortal success

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IRB ruling upsets community

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Some immigration lawyers and officials in the Jewish community are up in arms over what could be a disturbing new trend in refugee determination in Canada: refusing refugee status to Jewish claimants on the grounds that as Jews, they could go live in Israel.

The concern stems from a controversial decision by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) that denied refugee status to a Jewish woman from Azerbaijan because as a Jew, she could go to Israel.

The ruling, made last November, cited Israel's Law of Return, which guarantees citizenship to any Jew who can prove one Jewish grandparent and states an intention to settle in Israel.

IRB members William Avery and Jack Davis ruled that 55-year-old Antonina Grygorian, who claimed to have suffered anti-Semitic persecution in Azerbaijan, "can, as a right, obtain Israeli citizenship by a mere formality of application."

Even though she has a daughter in Canada, no family in Israel and has displayed no interest in moving there, the IRB found "the claimant has three countries of nationality: Azerbaijan, Russia [where she was born] and Israel. The law is clear that to be determined to be a Convention refugee, she must establish that she has a well-founded fear of persecution in *each* of those countries.

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Israel, Palestinians set talks deadline

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — After months of deadlock over how to expand Palestinian self-rule, Israel and the Palestinians have set July 1 as a target date for completing talks on Israeli redeployment in the West Bank.

The development came as U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher arrived in Israel for a shuttle mission aimed primarily at boosting another track of the peace process, the long-stalled Israel-Syria negotiations.

Last Thursday's announcement of the July 1 target date came after a 90-minute meeting between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO leader Yasser Arafat at the Erez checkpoint.

At a news conference with Arafat, Peres hailed the agreement as a "breakthrough."

The sides reportedly agreed to a phased withdrawal of Israeli

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MAJOR INSPECTION IN JERUSALEM
British Prime Minister John Major reviews an Israeli military honor guard during a welcoming ceremony in Israel.
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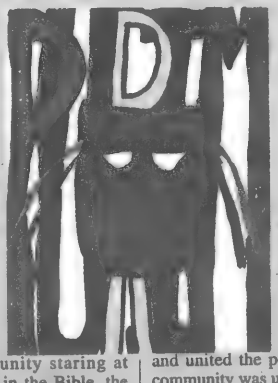
Purim: a lesson in leadership

Editorial

Today is Purim. As with every Jewish holiday, this one teaches us many multi-layered, life-sustaining lessons. Our children, of course, are less concerned with the lessons of Purim than with its merriment and fun. Some will paint their faces, or hide their faces in masks. Some will wear clumsy, ill-fitting, funny costumes. And all of them will be ready during the reading of the story to make earfuls of noise at the slightest sounding of a certain name. Adults will be more constrained during the reading of the Megillah, but only slightly, for this holiday is one of virtually unrestrained joy.

But it is due to the circumstances which occasioned such joy that we should bear in mind at least one of the holiday's key messages.



Purim is an account of a Diaspora community staring at imminent genocide. Unlike in every other book in the Bible, the Divine role in the ultimate redemption of the people here is only implicit. The word "God" does not appear anywhere in the story. Disaster is averted through the judgment, initiative and courage of the community's leaders, Mordechai and Esther.

Purim is thus a prescription for the nature and the standard of community leadership in the Diaspora. Individuals who would be our leaders should be required to adhere to this prescription. The criteria for leadership are found in the final phrases of the story. Mordechai is described as "... a leader ... accepted by the majority of his peers, seeking the good of his people and a spokesperson for peace to all who followed after him."

The text is not merely being complimentary to Mordechai. Rather, it is laying down the essential requisites of leadership: qualifications and credibility (acceptance by the majority of peers), purity of purpose (seeking the good of the people) and purity of means (spokesperson for peace). These are the preconditions for true leadership. The leaders took charge, acted, rallied and united the people. Indeed, the text emphasizes that once the community was unified, no adverse force could stand against it.

For those of us making only slightly less noise than our children during the reading of the Megillah, we should remember at least this one lesson of Purim: survival, rescue, triumph and continuity are the result of true leadership and common, united cause.

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CANADA

Plenary Registration

MONTREAL — Registration is underway for the 24th national plenary of Canadian Jewish Congress, scheduled for May 14 and 15 at the Bonaventure Hotel.

More than 1,000 delegates and observers from across the country will convene to elect officers, vote on resolutions and hear from such prominent speakers as Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, former foreign minister David Levy and World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman.

Registration fees go up March 31. For details, call 514-931-7531.

Race Relations Awards

TORONTO — Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall last week bestowed the city's William P. Hubbard Race Relations Award on several prominent citizens, including writer-artist-musician Mendelson Joe, and B'nai Brith member Gerald Rose.

Rose, who is active in B'nai Brith's central region cabinet and the League for Human Rights, served on the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations from 1987 to 1993, where he initiated action against hate literature.

Joe, a well-known figure in the city's arts community, has long led a public campaign against racism and intolerance.

ISRAEL

Rabin at Women's Meet

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin denounced violence and discrimination against women in remarks during last week's International Women's Day.

Addressing female civil servants, Rabin said women still have a long way to go toward achieving equal rights, and he called for more action in the struggle for those rights.

The Centre for Aid to Sexually Abused Women published statistics last week showing that 60 to 120 women are sexually abused in Israel every day, but that only 10 to 20 per cent of them report incidents.

Belzers Celebrate

JERUSALEM — It was a festive day last Monday in Jerusalem's Kiryat Belz neighborhood, as thousands of Belz Chassidim attended the brit milah of Shalom Rokeah, the first grandson of Belzer Rebbe Yissachar Dov Rokeah.

Among the haredi luminaries in attendance were the two heads of Agudat Yisrael's Council of Sages: Gerer Rebbe Pinhas Menachem Alter and Vishnitzer Rebbe Moshe Yehoshua Hager.

Some 3,000 Belz Chassidim flew in from abroad, mostly from the United States, for the various ceremonies and festivities.

Year of Zionism

JERUSALEM — Israel's ministerial committee for symbols and ceremonies has declared the Jewish year 5757 (1996-1997) as the Year of Zionism in honor of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the World Zionist Organization (WZO).

The first WZO congress, convened by Theodor Herzl, was held in 1897 in Basel, Switzerland. The 33rd conference will be held in Jerusalem in 1997.

The Canton of Basel has already announced it will sponsor a series of events marking the centennial.

Memorial for Victims

HAIFA — A memorial was held last week near Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael, south of here, for the 35 people killed in a terrorist attack 17 years ago.

The victims, Egged employees and their families, were on a company-organized outing. The terrorists had originally planned to land by boat on the Tel Aviv beach, but made a navigational error.

Police Commissioner Assaf Hefetz, who led the unit that battled the terrorists and helped rescue passengers, attended the memorial service.

Ties With Burundi

JERUSALEM — Israel and Burundi have resumed diplomatic relations, 22 years after the African country broke ties with Jerusalem.

Burundi, like many African nations, severed ties with Israel after the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Meanwhile, a French news agency reported that an Israeli delegation held talks in Madagascar last week to lay the groundwork for renewal of ties with that country.

Goodwill Gesture

JERUSALEM — In a goodwill gesture for celebrations marking the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, Israel last week reopened 12 sealed Palestinian homes in the West Bank town of Nablus.

The army also cleared roadblocks where stones and Molotov cocktails had been thrown at soldiers.

However, there were no prisoner releases, in contrast to previous years.

Violations Cited

JERUSALEM — Seven Palestinian Authority (PA) institutions are operating here in direct violation of the Oslo Accords, the Peace Watch group reported last Tuesday.

The group noted that the number of PA institutions operating in Jerusalem has increased since the Gaza/Jericho agreement was signed in Cairo in May.

Search for Soldiers

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin says another delegation is to go to Egypt soon in search of the remains of Israeli soldiers who have been missing since the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Speaking last week at a ceremony for Israeli soldiers whose burial sites are unknown, Rabin called on Arab states and the heads of terrorist organizations to allow Israel to search for its missing soldiers so their remains could be brought home for burial.

WORLD

Nazi Groups Outlawed

BONN — German authorities have outlawed two neo-Nazi organizations, and police last month launched a nationwide crackdown on their members.

The government outlawed the Free Workers Party (FAP) and the smaller National List.

Police moved swiftly against members of FAP in nine federal states throughout Germany.

Some 50 apartments and offices of the FAP were searched, with police confiscating fascist flags, propaganda, bank accounts, fax machines and a small number of weapons.

Aussie Centre Attacked

CANBERRA — Thousands of visitors saw anti-Semitic graffiti last weekend when they attended the annual Jewish Food and Cultural Fair in the Australian capital.

The word "Holohoax" was painted in black letters across the front of the National Jewish Memorial Centre, which houses Canberra's only synagogue.

Plaques in the centre's garden were defaced with black paint.

Indyk Confirmed

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate last week confirmed Martin Indyk as the new ambassador to Israel.

Indyk, a 43-year-old native Australian, will be first Jewish U.S. ambassador to Jerusalem.

He was a senior member of President Bill Clinton's Middle East peace process team and has served until now as the National Security Council director of Near East and South Asian affairs.

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Israeli, Egyptian envoys discuss views on peace

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Itzhak Shelef

Mahmoud Farghal

TORONTO — The Israeli and Egyptian ambassadors to Canada aired their views on Middle East developments recently in two separate talks.

Israeli ambassador Itzhak Shelef's March 1 lecture was the first in the Ambassador Series held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. His Egyptian counterpart Mahmoud Farghal spoke on March 8, in his first public address at a synagogue.

Although Israeli-Palestinian negotiations don't always make the news, they are ongoing, Shelef said.

"We do meet with the Palestinian negotiators and [together we] solve daily problems. You don't hear about it because these are positive things. We see eye to eye about many issues," he said.

Negotiations with Syria have reached a stalemate, Shelef confirmed. He stressed the necessity of finding a way to "cross the bridge" with Syria.

Unlike Shelef, Farghal asserted that the peace process is at a standstill. (His speech preceded by two days the announcement that Israel and the Palestinians have set a target date of July 1 for reaching a deal on withdrawing Israeli soldiers from the West Bank.)

Despite his claim, Farghal, who has a doctorate in political science, expressed not only optimism but certainty that peace between Israelis and Arabs is inevitable.

"We will achieve it, and we are going to live with each other as one," Farghal said.

The mostly Jewish audience of about 250 people responded with sustained applause, but showed less warmth during a question and answer session, when Farghal was challenged on issues such as the recent banning of the *Jerusalem Post* in Egypt, the dearth of Egyptian tourists in Israel and the reason why Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has not visited Israel.

Farghal disagreed that the issues raised typified the character of Israeli-Egyptian peace, which dates from the signing of the Camp David Accord in 1979.

"Tell me about one single incident that happened on the border [of Israel and Egypt]," Farghal replied. "Tell me about diplomatic relations. There are many [Egyptian] officials in Israel."

He called the relationship between Egypt and Israel a "model" of peace, mutual recognition and respect, and said he would resign as ambassador if anyone didn't find that at least 90 per cent of Egyptians want to live in peace with Israel. He acknowledged that "normalization" has not yet peaked, and said controversy between the two countries has been addressed within a context of peace.

Both ambassadors raised the issue of Israel's refusal to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

"We will be ready to sign only after a comprehensive peace agreement [is reached] in the Middle East, including Iran and Iraq," said Shelef.

Both Farghal and Shelef spoke of Israel's desire for security, the former cautioning that Israel "cannot live for good as a fortress," the latter explaining that restricting access of Palestinian workers from Gaza and the West Bank to Israel was a "countermeasure" taken for security reasons following terrorist attacks.

"Collective punishment against Palestinians ... contradicts normalization," said Farghal.

Shelef outlined a four-point policy which Israel has adopted to address peace-related issues:

- to fight terrorism;
- to turn the peace agreement with Jordan into an example showing the benefits of peace;
- to encourage more Arab countries to join the political [peace] process;
- and to continue negotiating with the Palestinians and with Syria.

"The alternative is much worse," he said. "Too much blood has been shed already."

The program was co-sponsored by the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada and the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda continuing education committee.

Droege receives six-month jail sentence

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

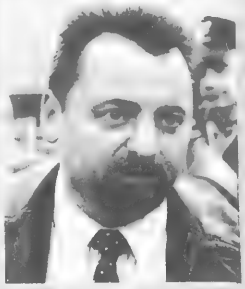
TORONTO — Neo-Nazi Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege was sentenced to six months in jail last week for assaulting an anti-racist activist during a 1993 street brawl.

Droege, 46, was also put on probation for two years and prohibited from possessing firearms and explosives for life by Justice David McCombs of Ontario Court, general division.

Droege was found guilty of aggravated assault last month for smashing Malcolm Sheppard, 23, over the head with a heavy flashlight.

Sheppard, a member of the Anti-Racist Action (ARA) group, suffered a broken jaw and cheekbone in the June 12, 1993 attack, which came during a downtown brawl between members of the ARA and the Heritage Front.

The fight broke out in front of a College Street restaurant, hours after ARA members had trashed the house of a prominent Heritage Front member.


Wolfgang Droege

Aggravating factor

In passing sentence, McComb said that Droege, "as the leader ... must have foreseen the possibility for violence and he could have stopped it. His failure to stop it is an aggravating factor."

Droege and Heritage Front supporter Peter Mitrevski were acquitted last month of possessing a weapon dangerous to the public peace.

B'nai Brith Canada applauded the six-month sentence. "Prosecutors must remain vigilant in their efforts to punish hatemongers who resort to violence to express their intolerance and hatred of those different from themselves," said executive vice-president Frank Dimant in a statement.

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This policy is to take effect immediately. For further information, please call Sonia Shron, School Administrator, at 783-3346.

From coast to coast

Sephardi leader welcomes sovereignty debate

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The head of Montreal's Sephardi community believes it's a healthy development that a new Jewish group will be trumpeting the sovereigntist cause during the referendum campaign.

The formation of the Rassemblement des Juifs pour l'independance by Montreal journalist Ghila Benesty Sroka shows that there is room "for all to take part in the debate," said Joseph Gabay, president of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec (CSQ).

"As Canadian Jewish Congress said, a vast majority of the Jewish community is federalist," Gabay stated.

But there is also nothing wrong with Jews who are for Quebec independence speaking their minds, he said.

Gabay said it shows that the community, although overwhemingly federalist, does not try to muzzle opposing views.

Recently, Sroka, the editor of the *Tribune Juive*, launched her group with an appearance before the Montreal Commission on the Future of Quebec.

The brief, presented with co-founder Paul Nathan, a Montreal businessman, supported a sovereign Quebec and called for recognition of Quebec's three "distinct" societies — the native peoples, anglophones and francophones.

Sroka and Nathan also called for the referendum to wait until it is winnable.

But the written brief itself did not address the issue of the Jewish community and the sovereigntist option.

Sroka told the commission that she formed the Rassemblement "out of the urgent necessity to let Quebecers know that other Jewish voices exist in Quebec," even though she concedes that a majority within the Jewish community will likely reject the sovereigntist option.

New group claims Jewish support

Her plans for the Rassemblement are ambitious, including a conference next month open to both sovereigntists and federalists. She even hoped Premier Jacques Parizeau and Bloc Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard would accept invitations.

Sroka said the conference will be part of the group's plan to show that there is a Jewish perspective outside the "establishment" view and that support for sovereignty crosses Sephardi and Ashkenazi lines.

She claims the support of "more than 100 members" of the Jewish community.

But it appeared uncertain whether Sroka could muster any overall Jewish support for sovereignty beyond very marginal levels.

Individual pro-sovereigntist Jews — such as Salomon Cohen, who ran unsuccessfully for the Parti Quebecois (PQ) nomination in Outremont last year, and Armand Elbaz, a Montreal lawyer and Jewish school president named recently to the PQ's "national committee" on ethno-cultural relations — stand out from the crowd.

Leaders of the Tasch chassidic community in Boisbriand also presented briefs endorsing sovereignty.

But Jack Jedwab, executive director for Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region, estimated that Jewish support for sovereignty would not run beyond "two or three per cent."

The Rassemblement is a group "entitled to express its point of view," Jedwab said, but it is a view held by a "very small minority."

Rabbi sues CBC, CNN

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — A former rabbi of south Winnipeg's Orthodox Herzlia Adas-Yeshurun Synagogue has struck back against allegations of sexual misconduct, which he says are false, in a libel suit launched in the U.S.

On Feb. 21, Rabbi Ephraim Bryks, who now lives in Queens, N.Y., filed suit in United States District Court against both the CBC and CNN, seeking punitive damages of $10 million (US) from each of the news organizations.

The civil suit is in response to a documentary produced by CBC-Winnipeg which was broadcast locally and nationally last winter and later rebroadcast on CNN.

The suit names CBC producer Noah Erenberg and reporters Danielle Kesler and Heidi Graham as knowingly broadcasting the "defamatory and libelous matter in a grossly irresponsible manner without consideration for the standards of information gathering and dissemination followed by responsible parties."

After leaving Winnipeg in 1990, Rabbi Bryks found employment at a Queens school for Russian Jewish immigrants called the Torah Academy. As a result of the CBC documentary, he has claimed, he was dismissed from his job in June and has been unable to find another job as a rabbi and educator.

The presiding judge in the civil case will be Judge Michael Mukasey, currently handling the conspiracy trial of Sheik Omar Abdel Rahman and his militant Muslim followers. Rabbi Bryks has chosen trial by jury.

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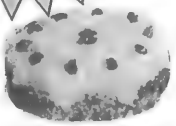

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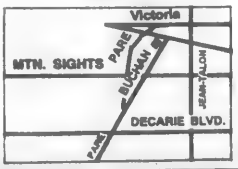

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Winnipeg posts reward after school vandalized

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — For the first time ever, the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC) is posting a $1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of hatemongers.

The reward is being offered in response to the anti-Semitic graffiti which greeted Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate students when they arrived at school March 1.

The graffiti, spray painted near the Jewish high school's middle entrance, included expressions such as "Die Jews" and "88 Brothers" (88 is neo-Nazi shorthand for Heil Hitler).

"We are all angry and upset," said school principal Jerry Cohen. "The students are pleased we have gone public to try to catch the perpetrators."

WJCC community relations officer said the reward was posted because it was a school that was desecrated. "We want to send out the message that we are serious about this and that we intend to take effective action," Hecht said.

Cohen said a garage door near the school was also spraypainted with hate messages and that hate literature was distributed at Polo Park, the city's largest shopping centre.

He speculates the TV documentary *Hearts of Hate*, aired in Winnipeg Feb. 28, might have inspired the perpetrators.

The Winnipeg Police Hate Crimes Unit is investigating the incident.

Forum examines ways to combat anti-Semitism

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Combating anti-Semitism — both its medium and message — was centre stage during a public forum held recently at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto in Thornhill.

Co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region and the Jewish Students' Network, forum participants heatedly discussed how the Jewish community should respond to a rising tide of anti-Semitism and racially motivated crimes.

An annual audit prepared earlier this month by B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights showed anti-Semitic harassment and vandalism had increased 11 per cent in Canada in 1994 over the previous year.

The forum addressed synagogue desecrations, anti-Semitic graffiti, computer hate mail, youth activies like hate rock concerts and Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel.

Congress' Bernie Farber told the forum it is imperative the Jewish community, in conjunction with other minorities targeted by hate groups, work within the law to combat hate crimes and hate propaganda.

"We must ensure no one is deluded into believing that what these groups espouse is anything but Nazi ideology … one that leads directly to the ovens of Auschwitz," Farber said.

Sara Bergson, 20, former chair of the Jewish Students' Network, told the forum she is disturbed by a perceived public apathy towards anti-Semitism.

"The first line of defence against Holocaust deniers is education," she said. "Getting out to our schools and telling kids the truth about the Holocaust is the best way to combat the lies being disseminated by today's neo-Nazis."

Audience members called in turn for peaceful protests at Queen's Park, quicker prosecution of Nazi leaders and convicted war criminals, class action suits and violent confrontation against the messengers of hate.

Farber suggested a letter-writing campaign to Ontario Attorney General Marion Boyd calling for criminal charges be laid against Zundel.

"It is imperative that we all present a unified front and speak with one voice, loudly," he said.

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UJPO rejoins Congress

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The vituperative, name-calling war between pro-Israel and pro-Russia factions that once divided the Canadian Jewish community is over.

The United Jewish People's Order (UJPO), once considered a Communist front organization, has reapplied for membership in the Canadian Jewish Congress and been accepted.

"The Cold War is over, now all of Canadian Jewry is united under one banner," said Congress president Irving Abella.

Abella said he was "happy" with the reunification. "UJPO has accepted our bylaws which support Israel," he said. "It is an appropriate ending to a hostile battle."

In the 1960s, Congress supporters and members of UJPO engaged in bitter debates over anti-Israel moves by the former Soviet Union.

Abella said there was no resistance from Congress' New Fraternal Association to UJPO rejoining the fold. The New Fraternal Association broke away from UJPO when news of Stalin's execution of Jewish writers and artists became public in the '50s.

UJPO, which has about 1,000 members in several provinces, sponsors the Morris Winchevsky school in its own building on Cranbrooke Avenue in North York, and supports various arts activities, including the Jewish Folk Choir. Its auditorium has hosted many evenings of Yiddish music, dance and stories.

The People's Order, founded in 1926, had Moscow-leaning sympathies and some of its members were die-hard Communists, said president David Abramovitz. It joined Congress in 1945 but was expelled eight years later.

"The organization was protesting against Germany's rearmament," said UJPO national treasurer Ben Shek. He said Congress, which favored quiet diplomacy, accused UJPO of being communist.

"We were communist when we were founded in the 1920s. But the organization changed in the '50s when the revelations came out about what was going on in the Soviet Union. UJPO lost its appeal for many members."

UJPO reapplied for Congress membership in 1979 but was turned down because of its policies criticizing the Israeli government, said Shek.

Media Human Rights Awards to be presented in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG — The Midwest region of B'nai Brith Canada has been selected for the first time to host the 20th annual Media Human Rights Awards presentation and dinner.

The B'nai Brith League for Human Rights recently announced that the event, which commemorates the International Day for the Elimination of Racism, will be held here on March 20 at the International Inn.

Awards will be given in four categories — television, radio, newspaper/print dailies and print non dailies, and are open to the media across Canada.

The League presents the Media Human Rights Awards annually to encourage and give recognition for the responsible and effective work of the Canadian media.

Awards are presented for: "Alerting, informing and sensitizing the public with regard to the nature and value of human rights, their interdependence one upon the other, and the ever present danger of their erosion; and in particular, for energetically and persistently bringing forth issues where human rights of individuals or groups are being denied or are in jeopardy."

The awards recognize the quality and content of articles, editorials, programs, broadcasts, news coverage and advertisements.

A panel of distinguished Manitobans has been selected to choose the winners and runners-up in each category. Midwestern League cabinet member, David Davis is the adjudication committee chair.

Present at the awards ceremony will be government representatives; national B'nai Brith leaders; the media; representatives of anti-racist, multicultural and human rights organizations; and members of the business community, educational and policing services.

Israel Asper, Q.C., president and CEO of CanWest Global Communications Corporation will be the keynote speaker.

Media Awards co-chairs are Lyle Smordin, senior vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada and national chair of the League, and Murray Trachtenberg, regional vice-president.

For more information, call the B'nai Brith office at 204-942-2597.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer Fred M. Catzman has been researching their origins over the past few years. Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

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Dr. Mark Mandelcorn is a noted ophthalmologist at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital. His name is a deviation of the original Mandelkern, which translates literally as kernel of an almond. Mandel is a favorite component of other names like Mandelbaum — tree; Mandelbrodt — bread, cookie; Mandelstein, stone.

ZABRODSKY

Leonard Brody, of Toronto, reports that his surname is an amputated version of his father's name Zabrodsky.

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Technion, Russia join forces for satellite launch project

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Drora Kass

TORONTO — A delegation of five Russians, including former generals in the Russian nuclear missile program, visited Israel last year in connection with a joint satellite project being planned with the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology.

The satellite, to be launched March 28 from a former military site in Russia, will assist in weather reporting and serve as a mailbox for ham radio operators.

"It gives beating swords into plowshares new meaning," said Drora Kass, director of the university's Division of Public Affairs and Resource Development during a recent visit to Toronto.

The planned satellite launch is only one example of the Technion's role in the peace process, Kass told *The CJN* in an interview at the Canadian Technion Society office in Toronto.

"The politicians have signed the [peace] agreement, but it's up to the people to cement the peace and make confidence-building measures," Kass said.

The 47-year-old Sabra speaks with the conviction of one who was a peace activist "before it was popular." In the late '70s she was a consultant for American Professors for Peace in the Middle East in New York, and in 1983 she founded the U.S. office of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East, a think tank established the previous year by Abba Eban.

After 20 years abroad, Kass returned to Israel in 1992 to become special adviser to education and culture minister Shulamit Aloni. She joined the Technion in 1994.

Kass believes the Technion is "uniquely positioned" to play a role in the peace process because of its ability to provide scientific information and cutting edge technology. The university, located in Haifa, has over 10,500 students, six per cent of whom are Arab.

The Technion now boasts the fledgling National Water Institute, established last year to focus on issues such as waste management and water desalination. Technion professor Uri Shamir is a leader in multi-party water talks and bilateral water talks with Jordan and the Palestinians, said Kass.

In another peace-related collaboration, metallurgist Dr. Venice Kamel, the Egyptian minister of science, visited the Technion in December to explore possible areas of cooperation. It was Kamel's first meeting with Israeli metallurgists on Israeli soil.

"Times have changed," Kass said.

Israeli doctors train in Canada

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Ten Israeli doctors are now furthering their training in Canada thanks to a fund established by a Toronto family.

The Shiff Family Medical Education Assistance Fund, established at the Toronto Hospital-Western Division by Dick and Dorothy Shiff and family in 1987, provides supplemental funds for Israeli doctors in training or on sabbatical at the teaching hospitals affiliated with the University of Toronto.

More than 50 Israeli doctors have been helped by the fund. The 10 now here are in the fields of family medicine, obstetrics, gynecology, colo-rectal surgery, pediatric cardiology and nuclear medicine.

"We are getting more applications than we can assist and the requests are growing," said project coordinator Dr. Abraham Rapoport, a staff nephrologist at the Toronto Hospital-Western Division.

Rapoport selects candidates with Randy Shiff and Shiff Family Foundation administrator Howard Driman. Candidates, who often come with their families, must be on salary or have fellowships from their local hospitals. The doctors stay in Toronto from one to three years and most return to teaching hospitals in Israel.

Doctors from Soroka, Beilinson, Rothschild, Hadassah, Carmel and Poriah hospitals have taken part in the Toronto training program.

Speaking for the Shiff family, Randy Shiff told *The CJN* the program is intended to foster "an exchange of ideas and methodology in various fields of medicine. Participants acquire new knowledge and skills, as well as have the opportunity to share ideas with their Canadian counterparts.

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A counterfeit coin

The Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) is again causing a stir in relation to its views on Israel. And the dust being kicked up is settling on the Board's already weary shoulders in a heavy mantle of discredit and shame.

The latest flap stems from a series of IRB decisions by board member Wiliam Avery, which deny claims for refugee status brought by individuals on the basis of their well-founded fear of anti-Semitic persecution. The proof of the allegation of persecution is irrelevant to Avery. In a twist of logic as shuddering as any propounded by Canadian immigration bureaucrats in the 1930s, he has refused them entry into Canada as refugees because, as Jews, they can immigrate to Israel.

As reported in this issue of *The CJN*, in a recent case involving a claim for refugee status by a 55-year-old Jewish woman from Azerbaijan, Avery wrote that since the claimant could obtain Israeli citizenship as of right, "it would be perverse not to find Israel to be a country of nationality ... The claimant has no fear of persecution in Israel ... She is not a person who truly requires protection. That protection is available to her in Israel."

There is indeed perversity, but it is in Avery's reasoning. The legal effect of his decisions prevents any Jewish individuals from entering Canada as refugees regardless of the state of lawlessness and the persecution directed at them in their countries of origin. In effect, Avery is dictating to Jewish individuals where they should live, or rather where they cannot live. He is preventing them from choosing Canada as a place of refuge.

Israel's ingathering of exiles is a vital ideal. It is the focus of many of our daily prayers. It is woven deeply and irremovably throughout the fabric of Jewish literature and lore. It sustained the Jewish people through our dispersion.

But the decision on whether to build one's home in Israel or in Canada, or in England, or in France, or anywhere else for that matter belongs to the individual. The decision does not belong to William Avery. That is not the role of the IRB.

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi was quick to defend the IRB last summer when it accepted alleged non-Jewish "refugees" from Israel. We expect an equally quick condemnation in the present circumstances. Or does the minister agree that Canadian shores should be off limits to Jewish refugees seeking to escape the chaos and the anarchy of the former Soviet Union? The situations are flip sides of the same counterfeit coin.

The divine fingerprint

Recently in the *Jewish Week* of New York, Rabbi Lawrence A. Hoffman wrote: "There were two cherubim [which dominated the desert Tabernacle] says the Gemara, one shaped like a child and the other an adult, because we know God best in the space between the two — in the distance we travel from childhood to old age, as we look back upon our lives."

The poignancy of Rabbi Hoffman's observation was touchingly affirmed for us by the response from the many children who sent drawings, paintings or sketches of Purim to *The CJN*. The originality, diversity, sweep of ideas, range of imagination, boldness of image and richness of color were simply overwhelming, a reminder, as Rabbi Hoffman would say, of "the whirl of a divine fingerprint" in the enthusiasm, energy and love of the children's labors.

Of course, children and Purim are as natural a pairing as hamantaschen and mishloach manot. But there is much more to this pairing than educational strategy or parental convenience. It is the millenia-old formula for the transmission of eternal values. For example, the significance of the drowning out of Haman's name in the synagogue, primarily by the children, lies not in the obliteration of the memory of the Amalekite. Rather, it is in the enrolling of the younger generation, even in so simplistic an activity as noise-making, in the cause of Jewish survival. The story sensitizes them to the unique evil of which Haman was the prototype. And sensitized to danger, the children's cacophony is a fitting response. Even they understand that in the face of evil, silence is never appropriate.

To all the children who submitted pictures to *The CJN*, we say, again: thank you for enabling us to glimpse that "divine fingerprint." To all children and their parents, we say: Happy Purim.

Dry Bones

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Free Pollard through Gingrich

The Citizens for Justice Committee, under the leadership of Esther Pollard, has toiled indefatigably in seeking the prison release of Jonathan Pollard.

Despite their superhuman efforts, my crystal ball tells me their campaign is doomed to failure. Basically, their strategy has been to seek a pardon from President Bill Clinton who simply cannot accede to their wishes regardless of personal feelings he may have.

Recently he has publicly suffered a humiliating loss inflicted upon him by Newt Gingrich, for the president's attempt to solve the baseball strike. His ratings are extremely low, and so is his charisma.

In view of the above, it is imperative they redirect their energies and seek the help of a prominent American who wields power and authority, and has pro-Jewish sympathies. I refer to Gingrich, leader of the Republican party. He recently proposed that America move its embassy to Jerusalem. This is an amazing proposal. No American president had the courage to risk Arab alienation with such a proposal.

Accordingly, it appears that the best chances of winning a belated pardon for Pollard would be through the good offices of Gingrich, rather than President Bill Clinton.

Alex Bellan
Toronto

Arieh Merzer's copper reliefs

I am compiling a catalogue of the works of my late grandfather, the Polish-born artist Arieh Merzer.

His works are copper reliefs of Jewish subjects, particularly the shtetl and the Bible. He had a studio in Safed between 1947 and 1966 and sold most of his work abroad, the majority in North America. I don't have any proper records, only a list of names of the owners which is now 35 years old.

If anybody owns a copper relief by Arieh Merzer or knows the whereabouts of one, please write to me.

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Congratulations on the excellent article on the life of Henrietta Szold which appeared on Feb. 9.

In that article Canadian Hadassah-WIZO was incorrectly described as the "Canadian arm" of Hadassah. Rather, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, which was founded over 75 years ago, is an independent organization with 17,000 members across Canada. It is a major Federation of World WIZO and is affiliated to Hadassah International, and sole representative of the Hadassah Hospital in Canada.

We are very proud of all our affiliations, but we are proud of our long history as an apolitical Zionist Women's organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of the women and children of Israel through its day-care centres, youth clubs, schools, women's clubs, hospitals and WIZO services for women.

Judy Mandleman
National President
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Democracies must honor rights of 49 per cent

There is an interesting comparison to be drawn between current political events in Israel and the posturing with respect to the forthcoming referendum about the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin contends he needs only 61 votes of the 120 Knesset members as approval to proceed with the peace process as he perceives it. Jacques Parizeau argues that a 51 per cent vote in favor of separation is all the Parti Quebecois requires to authorize an independent Quebec.

Jews in Canada have a vested interest and a cause for concern with both issues. While of course respecting the prerogative of a democratically elected Knesset, the peace process is somewhat more than a law altering the speed limit. It is indeed time that Palestinians enjoy some control over their destiny but that must be counterbalanced with an insurance that the survival of Israel is not compromised. Likewise the right of Jews to live anywhere must be respected and it is totally unacceptable that any peace arrangements would be conditioned on the expulsion of Jews from their homes.

That is not to say an independent state in Gaza or in some form of confederation with Jordan should not control its own affairs, but it should be a condition that Jews have the same rights to live there as they do anywhere else in the world.

If 49 per cent of Israel's parliamentarians see a risk for Israel or any of its citizens, then Rabin needs more than a majority of one. Likewise in Quebec a one per cent victory should not determine the nationality of 49 per cent of Quebecers against their wishes.

Again, it will be argued that a simple majority should prevail but I would say no if it leads to the denaturalization of 49 per cent of the citizens and a change in the character of the established democratic institutions and freedoms to which those citizens have been entitled.

Both with respect to Israel and Quebec, Jews who are concerned about their future well-being should speak out and let their leaders know their views so a vocal minority does not achieve an unpopular result. After all, the 51 per cent does not represent all the people, but only those who choose to be heard.

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Perspectives

Purim through midrash and aggadah

By RABBI BARRY SCHNEIDER

The midrash and aggadah are the ways through which the rabbis, in the early centuries of the Common Era, strove to interpret events and stories in the Bible as well as to relate anecdotes about the sages and their lives.

There are many such midrashim and aggadot about the Book of Esther and the holiday of Purim. Some give us deep insight into the theology of Judaism. Others must be interpreted on a more humorous level, consonant with the celebration of the holiday.

The following are just a few of the many interesting rabbinic interpretations on one of our most beloved holidays.

Purim might be considered one of our most important holidays, and the one which will last the longest. Even when the Messiah comes and all the other holidays in the Jewish calendar will be abolished, the midrash tells us the holiday of Purim will still be observed. Rabbi Elazar says Yom Kippur will also remain.

This midrash is explained by our sages in the following way. The biblical holidays commemorate the Exodus from Egypt and even if the Exodus didn't take place, the Messiah might still come and redeem the Jewish people. But had Haman been successful, then all the Jews in the world would have been annihilated and there never would be a Messianic Age. Further, our rabbis taught, "48 prophets and seven prophetesses prophesied to Israel, and they neither took away from nor added to what is written in the Torah, save only the reading of the megillah."

How did they derive it? Rabbi Hiyya ben Abin said in the name of Rabbi Joshua ben Korha: If for being delivered from slavery to freedom we chant a hymn of praise, should we not do so all the more for being delivered from death to life?

We see from this that Purim is a time of great joy and thanksgiving equal to or greater than the festivals enumerated in the Pentateuch.

On the lighter side, we know that eating and drinking are important mitzvot on this holiday. We have a number of aggadot which shed light on just how much our sages ate and drank on this occasion.

Raba said it is the duty of a man to mellow himself with wine on Purim until he cannot tell the difference between "cursed be Haman and blessed be Mordecai." These two phrases have the same gamatria (numerical value). They were also part of an alphabetic acrostic. Under the influence of only a little wine, one could easily mix up the two.

The moment of truth: Esther accuses Haman.
(Pictures of the Bible, Illustrated by Gustave Doré, Harbour Press Ltd., 1988)

In contrast to Raba, who drank lightly in order to fulfill the mitzvah, we are told Rabbah seems to have gone to the extreme with his eating and drinking on Purim.

Rabbah and Rabbi Zera joined together in a Purim feast. They became mellow from drinking wine and Rabbah arose and cut Rabbi Zera's throat. On the next day he prayed on Rabbi Zera's behalf and revived him. Next year Rabbah said, Will you come and we will have the Purim feast together? Rabbi Zera replied: A miracle does not take place on every occasion.

Sending food to a friend (mishloach manot) was sometimes taken to excess. Rabbi Yudan the Patriarch once sent a cut of meat and a jug of wine to Rabbi Oshaia the Elder, who replied: You fulfilled for us the mitzvah of "gifts to the poor." Rabbi Yudan then sent him a whole calf and a huge jug of wine. Rabbi Oshaia replied: Now you have fulfilled for us the mitzvah "of sending portions, each man to his colleague."

It is probably from these stories that we arrive at the custom of light-hearted plays on Purim.

Gluttony and excessive eating is forbidden, except perhaps on Purim. Abaye said: When I went out of the Master's house, I was already full, but when I reached the other place they set before me 60 dishes of 60 different preparations, and I had 60 pieces from them. The last preparation was called pot roast, and [I liked it so much that] I wanted to lick the dish after it. This bears out the popular saying — the poor man is hungry and does not know it — or the other saying, "There is always room for sweet things."

Our sages were politically astute and sometimes interpreted biblical events in light of their own times and knowledge. Was Ahasverus smart or foolish? Rab and Samuel had different opinions on this matter. One said he was a clever king, and the other that he was foolish. The one who held he was clever said he did well in entertaining his distant subjects first, when he threw a lavish party in the third year of his reign, because the inhabitants of his own city could be won over any time he wished. The one who held he was foolish said he ought to have entertained the inhabitants of his metropolis first, so that if the others rebelled against him, he would still have the support of his own city.

Rab said Ahasverus raised himself to the throne. Some interpret this to his credit, and some to his discredit. Some say there was no other man suited for the throne. Others explain that he was not suited for the throne, but was very wealthy, and by means of lavish distribution of money rose to the crown. Has anything changed?

For further insights see the *Book of Legends*, edited by Hayim Nahman Bialik and Yeshoshua Ravintsky as well as the *Legends of the Jews* by Louis Ginzberg. For those who, would like more information about Purim and its customs, pick up *The Purim Anthology* by Philip Goodman, which now appears in soft cover.

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Sage Purim advice from Bubbie

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

SCOOP . . .

Dateline Israel . . .

History in the making! A recently discovered Dead Sea Scroll has been secretly translated and the transcripts have been leaked!

In this exclusive, *The Canadian Jewish News* reveals that the scroll, largely intact, confirms the long held belief that Ann Landers was not the first individual to have made a living with an advice column. It seems that an obscure wise woman gave guidance, advice and wisdom to the people of ancient Israel. Whether or not they listened is a matter of record.

The following excerpts are just a few samples of the "sage" advice from Dear Bubbie.

* * *

Dear Bubbie

My husband, Adam, he's such a stick in the mud. He never wants to try anything new. He just wants to stay home and work in the garden. I've tried everything I can think of to get him to loosen up. A friend's been teasing me that I should fix him a quick bite to eat then try and get him out to see a little more of the world. What do you think?

Eve

Dear Eve,

Forget your friend's ribbing and stay home. The world's not all it's cracked up to be.

Bubbie

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Dear Bubbie

It's my wife. She's driving me crazy! All she wants to do is party with the neighbors. Nag, Nag, Nag. How do I get her to get off my back?

Lot

Dear Lot,

This may be one of those times when it's best to cut your losses, walk away and not look back.

Bubbie

Dear Bubbie,

I've got these guys that work for me that are giving me fits. Complaints and demands are all I ever get. It's too hot, the stones are too big, complain, complain, complain. They have this mouthpiece, Moses, who bothers me constantly. And, if this weren't enough, I have this bug problem that I can't seem to get rid of. Any suggestions?

Pharaoh

* * *

Dear Pharaoh,

Sounds like you're under a lot of pressure. You need to relax. Perhaps a little vacation at the sea side would help you. See if you can get away real soon.

Bubbie

Dear Bubbie,

There's this girl, Bathsheva, I can't stop thinking about her. I'd don't think she knows that I'm alive. She hangs around with this creep, Uriah. How do I get her to notice me.

David

Dear David,

Forget her. She's already got someone she's involved with. Find yourself another nice Jewish girl to settle down with.

Bubbie

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Opinions

Lost art of writing ethical wills

My wife and I were blessed with two remarkable mothers, one born on the first of April, the other on the second. They were very unlike one another, and their fates very different. Yet both left rather unique memories behind, and some of these came into view when we completed our recent move to our new residence.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

A few weeks ago I shared with you some of the ideas my mother put to paper. Today it is the turn of Therese Abraham Strauss, scion of the early Jewish settlers in Cincinnati, singer and violinist extraordinaire and a beautiful person of sterling character and high, uncompromising ideals.

What we found is a little leather-bound book, three inches by five inches, gold embossed with a petit-point decoration. It contains nothing but a rather brief ethical will which Therese wrote down 72 years ago, and which retains its potency far beyond the date of its writing. Here is the text she wrote in her flowing hand, with every letter clearly in place:

Self-imposed Ten Commandments for Old age

This is the year 1923. In the afternoon of my life, at the age of 44, I am writing these lines to be read and reread when eventide approaches and the shadow lengthen. By that time, my children will, please God, have reached the afternoon of their lives, and I wish if possible to protect them from the nerve-wearing strain which has been my lot. With the flight of years and the weakening of memory and the failing of the faculties, these resolutions are frequently forgotten. Therefore I am writing these lines to myself so that when I read them I shall remember. Having reared my children in the home of their grandparents without a husband's help and love [he died suddenly at a very young age] my duties have been doubled. If, God forbid, this condition should ever be repeated, I want to follow these 10 commandments which I now make for myself.

1. Never to make undue demands upon their time and attention, or burden them with super-sensitiveness.
2. Never to forget that the love of husband, wife and children is more absorbing and interesting than the love and duty toward aged parents.
3. Not to constantly be reminding them of their debt to me for all I have done for them. Any sacrifices which I have made have been my duty and pleasure, which I pray will be repaid in seeing them mature to fine manhood and womanhood, with fine ideals and high aspirations, doing for their children what I have done for mine.
4. Never to correct my children's children when their parents are present to do so themselves.
5. Not to constantly be giving unsolicited advice.
6. Never to interfere with their domestic keep [that is, help].
7. Never to talk of the good old times never to return.
8. Not to allude constantly to death; when I speak of it, may it be with calmness and fearlessness.
9. Never to interfere between husband and wife.
10. Never to forget that my children are a man and a woman with mature minds and experiences capable of as good and perhaps better judgement in the affairs of their lives than their own mother.

If I can manage to obey this will in my old age, I can be pretty certain of holding my children's love and devotion and preserve peace and harmony in their lives and in mine.

Therese died in 1962, and her inner and outer beauty remains very much with us.

Purim matters

Rabbis note that the Megillah, the scroll which recounts the story of Purim, never mentions the name of God. We are to learn from that, the rabbis say, that God, though invisible and unmentioned, is with us all the time. He permeates our lives no matter what else is going on.

By Erica Meyer Rancin

Any mother could have told them so.

Any mother's routine week includes numerous events and activities that would have minimal survival rates if the unspoken hand of a larger protector wasn't offering constant back-up. Just in the time it took me to draft this paragraph, a 1-year-old visiting us with his mom has climbed across several dining room chairs, one couch, one stroller and a credenza. He has fallen four times when his mom caught him and twice when she couldn't dash fast enough. If it weren't for the hand of heaven, he'd be in traction (and so would she). And that's just in the last few minutes.

The very process of growing up contains more hazards, more pitfalls, more dangers, than even the most protective parents can ward off alone. There is no mention of God, most of the time, in our playroom, but He was surely present the day — four years ago — when our middle daughter, then age four, cut the cord of the hanging lamp with her kiddy scissors in a moment of solitary experimentation. Yep, the scissors with the orange rubber handles, the scissors that now has blackened blades, melted together, fused by a dark lump of instantly melted metal. If that makes you shiver, imagine the impact at my house. If my daughter's finger had been placed differently, by even a 10th of a 10th of an inch ... well, years later I can't think about it without getting chills. But that jolt of electricity never touched our child. We weren't in the room, but He was.

Meanwhile, we forbid our daughter to use scissors until she's 25 and out of law school. At the time of this disaster, I pitched a major league disciplinary fit for her benefit. I must have made some impression. For months, she referred to her pair of scissors as "the bad thing." But we know the good thing that happened that day, and it doesn't have to be mentioned to be real.

Imagine all the other near calamities, from genuine brushes with tragedy to simple annoyance, that would be far worse if one couldn't sense the presence of Divine attention to detail.

Unless you are among the most pious of people, it is easy to take a "leave the driving to Him" attitude, as blithe as the breeze, as unmentioned as can be, except during regularly scheduled services and perhaps a Shema during take-offs and landings.

The exception may be fervent thanks during some internal moments of acknowledgement that obvious disaster has been averted.

Maybe the reason God isn't mentioned in the Purim Megillah is so that we will rediscover His unspoken presence in our daily lives, not just in Esther's and Mordechai's.

If He participates so intensely in our activities, then those activities are meaningful, not mundane, even if what we do all day seems simple, like working, and building a family, and caring about a town, a cause, a career. It matters that we chase small boys off high ledges and try to protect small girls from their own curiosity. And it doesn't just matter to us, it matters to Him.

Privatization of Israeli politics

Many people think of Israel's Knesset as the most boisterous parliament in the world. But few people know that the Knesset is one of the most active legislative bodies in the world. Over the last year, 1,240 private members' bills have been tabled on a wide variety of subjects, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. Some observers see the roots of this legislative frenzy in the historic attachment of the Jewish people to a code of law. More pragmatic and even cynical observers view the activity in the more timely context of the upcoming primaries in Israeli political parties. And in the primaries, the name of the game is visibility, visibility, visibility ...

By Shira Herzog

Primaries have transformed the landscape of Israeli politics over the last few years. They are the internal selection of candidates for the list prepared by each party for the national elections. (In Israel's system of proportional representation, the voter votes for a party list rather than for an individual candidate.) Primaries were introduced in an effort to democratize the nomination process and to break the hold of old, vested party interests on secure slots in the lists.

Instead of being appointed to the list by the party's central committee, would-be candidates now compete for the votes of party members to determine their placement on the list. Obviously, the goal is to aim for as high — and therefore as secure — a place as possible. The primaries system has yielded a new crop of talented politicians, but the primaries campaign is all about media access and financial resources.

Primaries are the single most important factor in what has been described as the "privatization" of Israeli politics. In a broader sense, this is part of a slow but perceptive movement of Israeli society from a collectivist ethos in which the group or party or state was the most important, to a more individualistic, North American-style ethos in which the individual comes first. Many of the internal fault lines in Israeli society today can be traced to this ongoing process and the tensions it has generated. In politics, the process has shifted the focus from the party to the individual candidate.

A second significant milestone in the "privatization" of Israeli politics is the recent change in the electoral system that will introduce a direct vote for the prime minister. Starting in 1996, Israeli voters will cast two ballots — one for a party list for Knesset seats as before, and one for the candidate of their choice for prime minister. The bill for direct election of the prime minister is the controversial residue of a failed attempt to introduce comprehensive electoral reform aimed at weakening the disproportionate power that small parties have had on Israeli coalition governments.

Many political commentators have warned of the danger that partial reform will create a hybrid political system — part presidential, part parliamentary — without the clear checks and balances of either. But the immediate result of the change has been an already intense popularity contest among those whom the *Jerusalem Report* has dubbed "the men who would be king." Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, Histadrut chief Haim Ramon, and former chief of staff Ehud Barak are all viewed as frontrunners, while others waiting on the sidelines will join the race.

The "Ramon phenomenon" is perhaps the best illustration of the profound shift in Israel's political culture. As minister of health, Ramon's national health insurance bill was blocked by the Labor party establishment. Ramon resigned from the cabinet, set up his own party, and in a flash one-month campaign, grabbed the leadership of the Histadrut trade union federation from the old-guard Labor incumbent, Haim Haberfeld.

Ramon demonstrated how the right combination of political skills and personal traits could entice voters to cross traditional party lines and vote for an attractive individual candidate. When Ramon, 44, and Netanyahu, 45, make "I" statements in interviews about the future they want for their own children, they are speaking in a different political culture from that in which former prime ministers Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir spoke grandiloquently of their concern for the "Children of Israel."

As the primaries for the 1996 elections approach, Knesset members of all parties are scrambling for the spotlight. Private members' bills provide them with the opportunity to appeal to different constituencies and to create headlines. The list of pending bills is long and sometimes amusing. They range from allocation of day-care facilities in government ministries to the number of public washrooms for women, from the use of cellular phones in public places to duty-free prices for sunscreen ... Some are serious, while others appear to be wholly expedient.

In the coming months, Israeli candidates for party lists will be campaigning aggressively. Given the Israeli propensity for adopting North American trends with zeal, these campaigns will be at least as colorful as those we see here or in the United States.

In this occasional column, I look forward to following such internal Israeli issues and stories that often determine the shape of things.

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Features

Anti-Semitism — American style

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Anti-Semitism is a universal malaise, but in a country like the United States, where Jews have partaken of unprecedented opportunities for self-advancement, this age-old phenomenon is of particular interest.

Anti-Semitism, U.S. style, is minutely examined in two thoroughly-researched, eminently readable books, *Anti-Semitism in America* (Oxford University Press, $35) by Leonard Dinnerstein and *A Scapegoat in the New Wilderness* (Harvard University Press, no price listed) by Frederic Colpe Jaher.

Dinnerstein — a professor of history at the University of Arizona — claims that his is the first comprehensive scholarly survey of the topic. It is, in any event, wide-ranging and accessible, taking us up to the 1980s. Jaher's, by contrast, is more narrowly focused and ends in the 1860s. Jaher teaches history at the University of Illinois.

Dinnerstein's persuasive thesis is that Christian hostility to Jews forms the basis of anti-Semitism in the United States. He does not discount the importance of economic and political factors, but believes that anti-Semitism was instilled by Christian teachings, and continually reinforced by successive waves of Protestant and Catholic immigrants.

Both Dinnerstein and Jaher argue that ambivalance — tolerance and rejection — best describes attitudes toward Jews from the colonial era onward.

Jews were looked down on, and the word "Jew" was a synonym for contempt and disdain. Yet because they were so small in numbers — 1,000 at the time of the American Revolution — they rarely encountered the kind of animus usually reserved for Catholics, African Americans and native Indians.

According to Dinnerstein, America's vaunted image of itself as a tolerant nation prevented the kind of physical violence against Jews that was all too common in Europe. However, he adds, American society was animated by the belief that the United States was, and should be, a Christian-Protestant nation.

As a result, Jaher writes, colonial Jews achieved social but not political equality. (The reverse was true later on.) Thus, anti-Jewish voting restrictions remained in force in Rhode Island until 1842, in North Carolina until 1868 and in New Hampshire until 1877, observes Dinnerstein.

And the best-known politician in the first half of the 19th century, Mordecai Manual Noah of New York City, a fifth-generation American, was taunted as "the Jew" during much of his life.

Yet, as Jaher points out, the picture is not decidedly black. Anti-Semitism was not officially sanctioned or politically institutionalized, and federal laws curtailing the activities of Jews were never passed.

And well before most European craft and mercantile guilds admitted Jews, virtually all occupations were open to colonial Jews. Furthermore, Jaher notes, Jews served as regular army and navy officers (West Point's first class included Jews), and Jewish students appear to have encountered no problems in enrolling at universities like Yale and Harvard.

From the outset, freedom of religion, something European Jews could not take for granted — was enshrined in the constitution. George Washington — the first president — was "the paramount model" for religious tolerance in the United States, writes Jaher.

Despite Washington's disapproval of bigotry, anti-Semitism flourished. Two examples will suffice. In December 1862, amidst the Civil War, Gen. Ulysses Grant issued an infamous order that expelled all Jews from his military district in western Tennessee. Upon learning of it, President Abraham Lincoln promptly repealed the edict. In the summer of 1877, Joseph Seligman, a prominent banker, was turned away as a guest at the Grand Union Hotel in Saratoga Springs, New York.

The humiliation to which Seligman was subjected was symptomatic of the times. In the latter half of the 19th century, Jewish businessmen were hobbled by a campaign of credit discrimination.

Stereotypes were bolstered by the media, Dinnerstein notes. Magazines and newspapers, so reflective of contemporary sentiments, portrayed Jews as intelligent, cunning, clannish, cowardly, unpatriotic, averse to manual labor and guilty of deicide.

Dinnerstein claims that, of all newcomers to the United States in the early 20th century, "the public found Jews the least acceptable." Among the ethnic groups Jews had most difficulty with were the Irish, who ranked second only to the Germans among immigrants 100 years ago.

The Statue of Liberty, signifying the notion of freedom in the United States.

Even a casual perusal of *Anti-Semitism in America* reveals that anti-Jewish prejudice was a seemingly intractable problem in the first half of this century.

Pseudo-scientific racist thinking contributed to the animosity, as did the widespread perception after the 1917 Russian Revolution that Jews and communism were synonymous.

Fighting a last-ditch battle to preserve their privileges and their power, America's Protestant elite resisted so-called Jewish encroachments.

In 1916, Louis Brandeis, the eminent lawyer, was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson as the first Jewish Supreme Court judge. There was vehement opposition, but Brandeis prevailed.

At Harvard University, the president, Lawrence Lowell, claimed there was a "Jewish problem" because the percentage of Jewish undergraduates had tripled from six per cent in 1908 to 22 per cent in 1922. He suggested that a limit be placed on the number of Jews who could be admitted. Once Harvard took the lead, universities across the country, from Princeton to Ohio State, emulated its example.

As might have been expected, few Jews obtained jobs as university professors. And during the 1920s, which coincided with the publication of Henry Ford's notorious anti-Semitic rag, newspaper want ads were openly discriminatory.

In the period before World War II, clubs and resorts routinely barred Jews. Bernard Baruch, the industrialist, received a letter from the Palm Beach Bath and Tennis Club, to which he belonged as a token Jew, asking members not to bring Jewish guests.

Dinnerstein says the Depression caused "an explosion of unprecedented anti-Semitic fervor." From 1933 to 1941, over 100 anti-Semitic organizations emerged, and by 1938, 45 radio stations were carrying Father Charles Coughlin's scurrilous weekly address.

Not too surprisingly, the U.S. Congress was a haven for bigots. The most outspoken of the lot, Senator Theodore Bilbo of Mississippi, distinguished between "Jews in my state" and "kikes" in New York who wanted to "cram" the Fair Employment Practices Commission "down the throats of the American people."

In two fascinating chapters, Dinnerstein deals with anti-Semitism in the southern states and with anti-Semitism in the black community. He covers the 1915 Leo Frank lynching (the only case of its kind in U.S. history), the efforts by local Jews to accommodate themselves to the system of segregation and the sometimes tenuous relationship between Jewish and African Americans.

In closing, Dinnerstein uses surveys to prove that anti-Semitism has declined since the 1950s. Looking at the current situation, he claims that American Jews "have never been more prosperous, more secure and more at home" than they are today.

Anti-Semitism, of course, still exists. But Dinnerstein claims that in no Christian country has it ever been weaker than in the United States. It's a provocative thesis, but it may well be true.

Jewish World
By Sheldon Kirshner

Books galore

A cornucopia of recently-published books...

Everything, and more, you always wanted to know about the Jewish people is found in *Atlas of Jewish History* (Routledge, $68.95). Dan Cohn-Shertok's highly useful compendium, complemented by maps and photographs, covers immense ground in slightly less than 200 pages.

The Dent Atlas of Jewish History (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $19.95), edited by Martin Gilbert, is a valuable addition to any Judaica library. Anchored by 132 maps, this absorbing volume highlights major events from 2000 BCE to the present.

The Hutchison Guide to the World (Oxford University Press, $27.50), with its 6,000 entries and 350 maps, contains a plethora of briefs of Jewish interest. A fine reference book.

Jewish art has a long, honorable tradition, the biblical injunction notwithstanding. In *The Visual Dimension: Aspects of Jewish Art* (Westview Press, $29.95), a lavishly-illustrated book, a distinguished group of essayists dissect and analyse this topic.

The wisdom of the ages is at your finger tips in *Jewish Wisdom: A Treasury of Proverbs, Maxims, Aphorisms, Wise Sayings and Memorable Quotations* (Ballantine, $4.99 US).

Economic Origins of Anti-Semitism: Poland and its Jews in the Early Modern Period (Yale University Press, $17 US) skillfully traces the position of the Jewish community from the end of the 16th century to Poland's demise as an independent state in 1795. Academic in tone, it's by Hillel Levine, a Boston University sociologist.

Canada's Jews (McGill-Queen's University Press, no price listed) was originally written by Louis Rosenberg, and published by the Canadian Jewish Congress in 1940. Long out of print, this fascinating book is now available in a facsimile edition, with an illuminating introductory essay by McGill professor Morton Weinfeld.

Sweatshop Strife: Class, Ethnicity and Gender in the Jewish Labor Movement of Toronto (University of Toronto Press, $19.95) deftly explores a subject that is seldom addressed in Canada. Drawing on forgotten records, and her knowledge of Yiddish, Ruth Frager produces a work of considerable acumen.

The son of immigrant parents, Abe Fortas was a brilliant lawyer, confidant of President Lyndon Johnson and Supreme Court justice. In *Abe Fortas* (Yale University Press, $29.95), biographer Laura Kalman focuses on the legal scholar rather than the man. The approach is perfectly legitimate, but intimidating to the average reader.

There has been an upsurge of neo-Nazi violence in Germany since German reunification in 1990. *The New Reich* (Random House, $30), written by Michael Schmidt, examines this phenomenon and profiles its principal leaders in vivid impressionistic fashion.

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Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

On Purim we read the Megillah, give matanot l'evyonim (charity to the poor), send mishloach manot (parcels of food to our friends), and have a special seudah (Purim feast). The Megillah and the Purim holiday have many special lessons for us. I would like to share one of those with you.

Recently, on the weekend of Shabbat Parshah Pekudei, March 3 to 4, I addressed the annual national convention of the leaders of Bnos Agudas Israel.

I expounded and elaborated upon the fact that, and explained how their contribution to Jewish life was of such paramount importance. I quoted the verse in Daniel (12:3), "... and those that bring merit and good influence to the public (matzdikei horabim), are as stars that shine forever."

Jews seem insignificant in number in world population figures: their land is tiny; they are alone in their traditions and heritage. But their contribution to the world is enormous.

Similarly, each girl should realize that her contribution is enormous. She may think to herself that getting together with a few younger girls on Shabbat to teach them Torah, won't make such a vast difference in the greater scheme of things.

But that's not true. Even if she influences the life of one Jewish girl, she has fulfilled the Talmudic dictum "that whoever saves one life in Israel, is considered to have saved an entire world."

I also exhorted them to look in this manner at the girls in their group. Each may appear as a young insignificant individual, a mere speck of a star. But each Jewish girl has the potential of becoming a shining star on the horizon, larger than the world itself.

Did not one woman in our recent history, Sarah Schneirer, single handedly revolutionize the Jewish education of girls, by starting what is now the vast Bais Yaakov movement of Torah schools for girls all over the globe?

All people are individuals, with their own talents, their own minds, their own personalities. What each one is, what each one does, makes a difference in the world. Each has his or her own contribution to make; their potential is uniquely stamped upon them by their Creator.

And to bring home this point I told them the following story.

A teacher in New York decided to honor her seniors in high school by letting them know the difference they each made. She called each student to the front of the class, one at a time. First she told them how they made a difference to her and the class. Then she presented each one with a blue ribbon upon which was imprinted with gold letters the words, "Who I Am Makes a Difference."

Then the teacher decided to follow up with a class project to see what kind of impact recognition would have on their community.

She gave every student three more ribbons and asked them to go out and spread this acknowledgement ceremony to members of the community. They were to keep track of the results and report back to the class in about a week.

One of the boys in the class went to a junior executive in a local company and honored him with a ribbon for helping him with his career planning. After pinning the ribbon on this executive, he gave him two extra ribbons and explained that they were doing a class project on recognition.

Would he please find someone to honor in a similar manner, the student asked, and give that person an extra ribbon (beside the one he would pin on personally), so that a third person could be acknowledged in a continuation of the ceremony. The boy would follow up in a week or so.

Later that same day the executive went to see his boss, a fellow who was known to be quite a grouch, but whom he admired greatly for being a creative genius, and someone from whom he had learned much. The boss was quite surprised but very touched at this unexpected recognition and allowed the man to pin the blue ribbon on his jacket.

That night the boss came home to his 14-year-old son, sat him down and told him of the experience with his junior executive.

"Imagine, he told me he admired me for my creative genius and pinned this ribbon on me that says, 'Who I Am Makes a Difference.' He also gave me this extra ribbon and asked me to find my special person to honor.

"As I was driving home tonight, I started thinking who I would honor and I thought about you. My days are really hectic and I know that when I come home I don't pay a lot of attention to you. Sometimes I reprimand you for not getting good enough grades in school and for keeping your room in such a mess.

"But I want you to know that besides your mother, you are the most important person in my life. You're a great kid. I love you and I want to pin the ribbon on you!"

The startled boy broke out in uncontrollable sobs. He looked up at his father and through his tears uttered the following words:

"I want you to know, Dad, that I was planning on committing suicide tomorrow because I didn't think you loved me. I guess I don't need to do that anymore!"

On Purim we send our friends the mishloach manot which lets them know we treasure their friendship and that they make a difference to our lives. What a lesson! Let's learn it well. Purim somayach!

A joyous festival

By RABBI DAVID J. GOLDBERG

Purim is truly the most joyous festival in the Jewish calendar. At what other holiday can one eat, drink (even to excess), wear a costume in the synagogue (as well as make lots of noise during services), and give gifts and receive them? And we re-enact the event through the reading of Megillat Esther.

American Rabbi Yitz Greenberg has called Purim "the holiday of the Diaspora," and for good reason. First of all, the events of the Purim story take place outside the land of Israel. This is the only Jewish holiday where not only do the events occur in the Diaspora, but there is not even any longing to return to the land of Israel. Judah is mentioned only once, as the home of Mordechai's forebears.

The omission of anything to do with a return to the Holy Land can lead us to make a good case, as Rabbi Greenberg does, that the Jews of Shushan, especially Mordechai and Esther, were assimilated Jews. Let us look first at their names. Today Mordechai and Esther are thought to be very Jewish names. But like Moses, whose name came from the Egyptian language, their names came from the Persian civilization. Esther is related to Ishtar, a Babylonian goddess, and Mordechai came from Marduk, a Babylonian god.

Then there is the fact that Esther entered a contest to marry a gentile king. Today we lament the fact that many of our young Jews are intermarrying. Yet the heroine of the Purim story marries a gentile and the author is silent about this break with Jewish custom and law.

And the Jews of Persia also reacted to Haman's threats as assimilated Jews. They looked the other way and hoped that he would soon go away. What they finally earned much to their disbelief was that it could happen in Persia where the Jews were quite comfortable and safe.

The Jews felt more Persian than Jewish. But the Talmud tells us that removal of Ahashverush's ring (which was given to Haman as a sign that his genocide plan was legal and acceptable) "accomplished more than [all] 48 prophets and seven prophetesses who prophesied to the Jews [in the First Temple period]."

During the time that the First Temple stood, the Jews were divided into two kingdoms, Israel and Judah. They acted like two distinct peoples and often went to war against each other.

The serious message of Purim is that we are all one people, whether we are threatened or not. It should not take a Haman to bring us together. We stand much stronger and ensure our survival when we live together in peace, talking with one another, cooperating with one another and sharing our Jewish lives with one another no matter where we live or where we pray.

For if we stand united when our lives are at peace, then we shall stand together even stronger and more united when they are threatened. Amidst all the fun and frivolity of Purim, may this message enter our hearts.

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Jewish Life

On noise and silence

By RABBI BARUCH FRYDMAN-KOHL

Last year, the raucous noise which I associate with the frivolity and joy of Purim was shattered by the news of the terrible killings in Hebron of Muslims at prayer in the mosque built over the tombs of the founders of Judaism. Throughout the world, Jews reacted to the actions of Dr. Baruch Goldstein with shock and considerable soul-searching.

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In the aftermath of that event, my synagogue created a forum for reflection on what had occurred. In a public dialogue with me shortly after this heinous deed, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, whose exposition of Torah enriches all who know him, condemned the act, but sought to explain the pain, fear and anxiety which brought about this abberant deed.

In a Shabbat lecture later in the spring, our guest scholar, Rabbi David Novack, condemned any effort to justify Goldstein's actions. This eminent Torah scholar and professor of religious studies declared that the slaughter and its perpetrator were completely outside the bounds of Jewish teaching and tradition. I share his belief that no explanation can remove the stain of such a vile act.

Indeed, most Jewish leaders echoed the words of Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein, the rosh yeshivah of the Talmudic Academy in Har Etzion (which is located in Judea and whose students combine service in the Israel Defence Forces with intensive study of Torah). He wrote:

"I must vigorously protest against what happened last night before all of Israel and the entire world. A person, whatever his previous merits may have been, departed this world while engaged in an act of awful and terrible slaughter and thereby, beyond the crime itself, desecrated the name of Heaven, trampled on the honor of the Torah and commandments, soiled and sullied the image of the community of Israel and endangered the future of [Jewish] settlement in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. This man won praise and honor in the yeshivah of his hometown, in Kiryat Arba, and was eulogized with full ceremonial honor by his rosh yeshivah. Woe to the ears that hear this! But, if it has been decreed that we must hear it, at least there should be a clear protest which expresses not only disassociation, but also disgust and shock. We must do so, not to preserve our public image, but to preserve our self-image. May the One who, 'being merciful, forgives all iniquity' [Psalm 78:38], 'remove the shame of His people over all the earth' [Isaiah 25:8]."

Since last February, magazines and journals representing a wide spectrum of Jewish thought and opinion have reviewed and confronted the elements of the Torah tradition which dishonor the outsider. We have sought to emphasize those aspects of our sacred teaching which call upon Jews to protect the stranger and to honor those who differ from us. While concerned about ongoing issues of personal security within Israel, we have not hesitated to continually question ourselves and to seek to purify our tradition by reinterpreting the vestiges of confrontation and conflict which were part of the formative religious identity of the Jewish people.

As Rabbi Lichtenstein indicated, we engage in these efforts of self-analysis for our own sake, not for the purposes of publicity or external image-making. While there are extremists within the Jewish community, they are far outnumbered by those who want to hear and absorb a message of reconciliation.

It is noteworthy, however, that, to the best of my knowledge, similar soul searching has not taken place within the Islamic community after the evil acts of Islamic Jihad and Hamas have claimed Jewish lives. Jews know that all Muslims should not be condemned for the acts of these extremists, but we are waiting for the voices of significant Islamic leaders instructing their followers that deeds of violence which injure the innocent are not taught or encouraged by the Koran. Alas, I fear there is not a community which yearns to hear such messages.

Moreover, I do not believe the news media care about the absence of the expression of such sentiments by Muslims. When the print and electronic media recapitulate the story of Hebron, seeking to remind the world of this terrible deed, it is appropriate to ask whether they will give similar attention to the anniversaries of the slaughter of Jews.

There are many lessons to be learned from the acts of last February. One of them is that if we ever hope to live in peace, then religious leaders must find the courage to condemn such killings. Another is that the followers of the different traditions must begin to speak up and indicate they crave to hear traditional religious and ethical instruction which will inspire the pursuit of peace and eschew the path of violence. The silence is deafening.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl is the spiritual leader of Beth Tzedec Congregastion in Toronto.

Jewish tape library to open in Ottawa

OTTAWA — A new tape library carrying thousands of Jewish titles and topics is set to open to the public in the spring of 1995.

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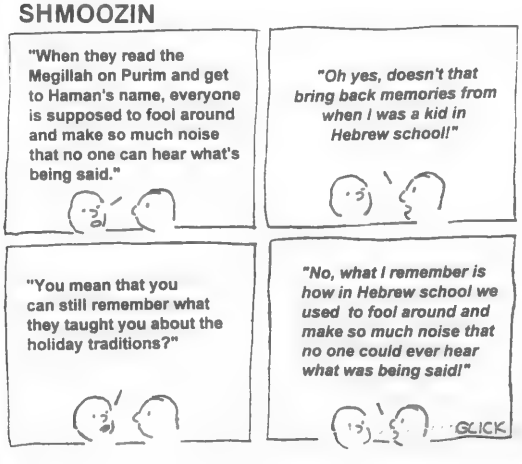
"When they read the Megillah on Purim and get to Haman's name, everyone is supposed to fool around and make so much noise that no one can hear what's being said."
"Oh yes, doesn't that bring back memories from when I was a kid in Hebrew school!"
"You mean that you can still remember what they taught you about the holiday traditions?"
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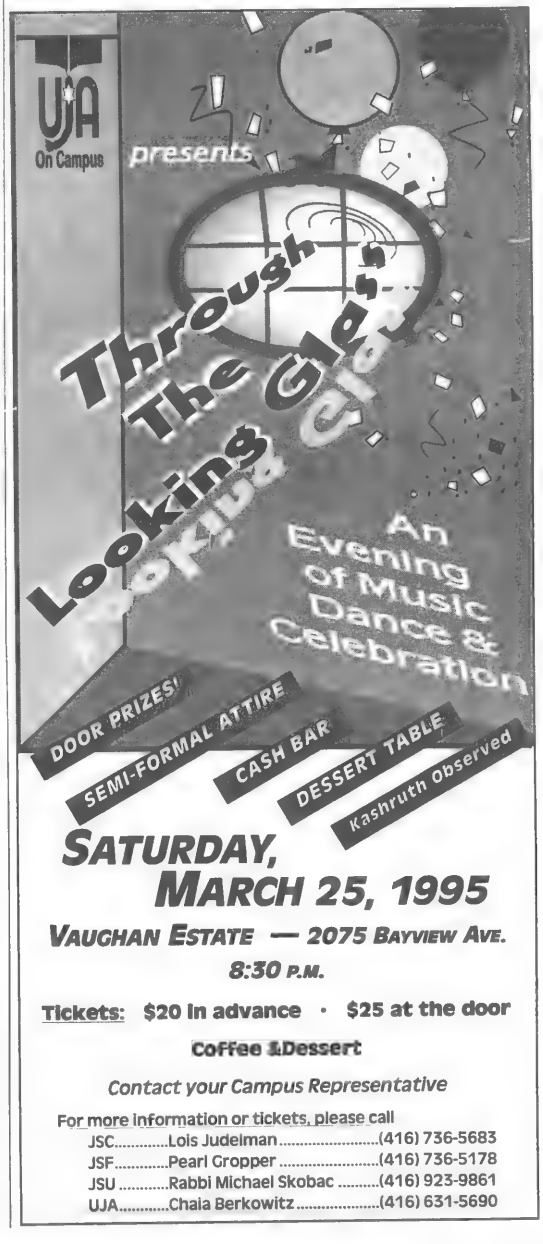

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Tay-Sachs screening held for Orthodox community

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Members of the local Orthodox community are making a concerted effort to eradicate the scourge of Tay-Sachs disease through a program of discrete mass genetic screening.

Tay-Sachs disease is a hereditary, degenerative disease of the brain which culminates in death by age 4.

Symptoms like paralysis, blindness and dementia appear within three or four months of birth.

One in 25 Ashkenazi Jews is a carrier of the Tay-Sachs gene.

Students at three Toronto-area Orthodox schools are now being screened for the Tay-Sachs gene in order to prevent two carriers from marrying.

The screening program, now in its fourth year, is run by Chevra Dor Yeshorim, a New York-based organization whose executive director is Rabbi Shmuel Eckstein. It offers genetic disease counselling in the U.S., Canada, Israel and Europe.

Grade 12 students at Toronto's Bais Yaakov High School and post-secondary yeshivah students at Ner Israel and Yeshiva Gedolah of Toronto are routinely tested for the Tay-Sachs gene by means of a simple blood test. There is a nominal charge.

The blood samples, which organizers estimate have numbered nearly 200, are taken to the Centre for Jewish Genetic Diseases associated with Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York, where the results are entered into a central computer.

Before participants begin to date, they can call a free central phone number — each participant is identified by number, not name — to find out whether they are genetically compatible.

The Tay-Sachs gene, explains Dr. Joe Clarke, head of clinical genetics at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, is recessive. That means both parents must carry the gene for the offspring to be at risk of developing the disease. If only one is a carrier, there is no chance whatsoever of a child being at risk.

Individual carrier status is not given out by Dor Yeshorim: even parents are not given that information. This, explains a spokesperson for Dor Yeshorim, is to avoid the very real psychological problems that have been identified in people told they are carriers, even when it is explained to them the status carries no stigma, and, indeed, is irrelevant unless they marry another carrier.

While it is possible in Toronto to be tested at no cost at the Tay-Sachs clinic at the Hospital for Sick Children any Tuesday afternoon between 12 noon and 1 p.m., and again from 2 until 4:30 p.m. (416-813-5896), the Orthodox community feels Dor Yeshorim offers more privacy and less potential for embarrassment.

In the United States, Europe and Israel, it is almost routine, the spokesperson said, for Orthodox young people contemplating marriage to call Dor Yeshorim.

As an added service, young people are now being screened for the cystic fibrosis gene, another genetically caused disease.

For more information about the program, contact Shelly Botnick at 416-256-0081.

Women to be honored

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The annual Week of the Jewish Woman dinner — for women only, hosted by N'Shei Chabad Lubavitch Women's Organization of British Columbia, will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel March 21.

The dinner honors Jewish women in the Lower Mainland community "for outstanding contribution and distinction in various fields," according to Lubavitch.

Honored in previous years have been women active in the arts and the health professions, and Holocaust survivors. This year, the six women honorees "have unselfishly volunteered time and energy to several Jewish organizations," says Lubavitch.

The women being honored are Trudi Ben Ami of Emunah Women of Canada, Lois Hammer of Na'amat, Shirley Kort of the National Council of Jewish Women, Tillie Kositsky of B'nai Brith Women, Joyce Lowe of the Hadassah-WIZO Council and Helene Rosen of ORT.

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Lubavitch acquires a new site

TORONTO — Chabad Lubavitch of Markham has acquired a 1.6-acre site at 83 Green Lane in Thornhill on which to build a new home.

The 30,000-sq.ft. Chabad Synagogue Centre will include a sanctuary, social hall, classrooms, offices, a mikvah and a hospitality room, for guests who want to stay within walking distance of a shul.

It will accommodate the existing programs, including a preschool, Hebrew School, and youth and adult education programs.

A recent meeting of the general membership approved the plans, and agreed to a $1.5-million fundraising campaign.

The project is dependent on rezoning, site plan approval and the raising of the necessary funds.

President David Wiener said he is confident that these contingencies will be met.

From coast to coast

Catholic paper backs funding for Jewish schools

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Catholic biweekly newspaper has come out strongly in favor of public funding for schools operated by other religious faiths, including Jewish day schools.

In an editorial headed Educational justice can't be only for Catholics, the *Catholic New Times*, in its Feb. 19 issue, comments on the four-volume Ontario Royal Commission on Learning report which praised funding for Catholic schools but made no recommendation in extending funding to other faiths.

"It is ethically unsustainable for Catholics to go on accepting such generous public support for our educational system when Jewish parents, Protestant-Christian parents, Muslim parents — those are only some of the groups already seriously concerned — are without public funding. The contrast in treatment is so inequitable that it is a scandal."

The editorial concludes: "Not for one year, not even for a day, should the Catholic community in Ontario rest on its laurels until our sisters and brothers in other faith communities are treated as justly as the Royal Commission wants to treat Catholics."

The Supreme Court of Canada has agreed to hear an appeal of a lower court decision which denied funding to Jewish religious schools. It is expected the appeal will be heard in late 1995.

"We're very pleased with the editorial," said Murray A. Segal, chair of the Ontario Jewish Association for Equity in Education.

"The Catholics have always been supportive of our position," he said. "This editorial confirms what they have said before in their internal publications."

Learning centre opens

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Observing Jewish laws and rituals will improve and refine both human beings and society, asserts Rabbi Mordechai Becher, senior lecturer at Ohr Somayach.

Rabbi Becher was speaking to a standing room crowd at the opening of the organization's newest branch, the Temmy Latner Learning Exchange at 446 Spadina Rd., in the Forest Hill area.

Several of those present said they had come because of the tantalizing title of his speech: Torah and the art of motorcycle maintenance.

Rabbi Becher explained that, just as assembling a motorcycle requires instructions and attention to detail, so too does leading a Torah observant lifestyle.

Judaism, he said, is a religion of law, instruction, prohibition and obligation, divided into 248 positive and 365 negative commandments.

Nobody is obligated to fulfil all those 613 commandments, he said. "You would have to be a man and a woman, married, divorced and single, a Cohen and a Levi."

Rabbi Avram Rothman, Ohr Somayach executive director, affixed a mezuzah to the main room.

The centre, Rabbi Breitowitz said, will be not just a place for learning, but a "place for Jewish life — someplace to meet, eat, drink and share good thoughts."

Torah study, charity planned for Purim

TORONTO — Jews around the world are being asked to join in special gatherings marked by Torah study, charity and acts of kindness during Purim and the Fast of Esther which precedes it.

Achdut Yisroel International, an ad hoc group formed to organize this effort, hopes that "in the wake of unprecedented bloodshed and tragedies in Israel and elsewhere, this act of unity will lead to the promised age of universal peace and redemption," a press release explains.

Among rabbinic leaders calling for this event are Rabbi Pinchus Hirschprung, chief rabbi of Montreal; Rabbi Reuven Poupko of the Rabbinical Council of Canada; and former Israeli Sephardi chief rabbi Mordechai Eliyahu.

The gatherings are supported by Esther Waxman, whose son Nachshon, a soldier in the Israel Defence Force, was killed by Hamas terrorists earlier this year, and Devorah Halberstam, whose son Ari was killed when the bus he was riding in was attacked by terrorists.

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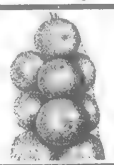

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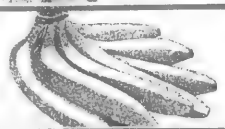

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From coast to coast

Gulko looks back on rich life at 100 years

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "I may be old, but I ain't dumb," a feisty Nancy Gulko said last week.

Gulko will celebrate her 100th birthday this week. Born March 16, 1895, in Birmingham, England, she remembers the cries of young boys hawking newspapers announcing the death of Queen Victoria.

As one of nine children of Lazar Berkovitz, a Russian-born confectioner and his German wife Eva, young Nancy grew up in a "poor but happy" home with a coal stove in the kitchen, a fireplace to heat every room and a single faucet outside the house.

Her parents taught Nancy and her siblings, of whom only she and brother David Burkes, 95, are still alive, "never to thieve or be jealous of anyone who had more than you. My father, especially, taught us the right way to live. We were very poor, but we were honest people."

Jewish holidays found the Berkovitz family at the large Singers Hill Synagogue, where the wealthier men of the community wore top hats. She had no formal Jewish education as a child because "girls didn't go to cheder in those days."

Gulko attended public school until age 11, then helped in the family confectionery business before emigrating to Toronto with her parents as a teenager.

Nancy Gulko

"I wanted very much to go to high school," she said in an interview at Cheltenham Nursing Home, which has been her home since she broke her hip in 1991.

Gulko never realized her early ambition of becoming a short story writer. As a child, she consistently won first prize for school essays and had stories published in local children's magazines, she said.

"Just going through life is a story. You set sail, and sometimes you have clear sailing, but other times the boat rocks."

As things turned out, she married at 21 and focused on raising a family. Her husband Morris, a Russian-born melamed who turned to factory work to make a living, was "a very good man," Gulko said. He died in 1980 after 62 years of marriage.

The wedding ceremony was held at the Berkovitz home, and Gulko wore a custom-made grey satin gown. When her daughters Helen (Baltman) and Evelyn (Katz) were young, she had the dress remade for them.

Gulko also has two sons, Norman and Harris David, who lives in Israel. The family has grown to include 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A gregarious woman, Gulko used to hold a weekly Saturday open house where family and friends would gather for tea, cake and conversation. This week, a similar gathering is planned for her birthday.

Gulko still enjoys chatting and sharing a good joke, but has little patience for some of the "garbage" she sees on television. "How people can sit and watch those shows ..." she begins, then makes a dismissive gesture and instructs, "Just say I'm an old crab."

Gulko likes to watch the news and believes the government should pay mothers to stay home with their children.

"I think I'm still sensible," Gulko said. She is grateful to be able to walk and talk, both of which she does with relative ease, although she relies on a walker for support.

A lifelong non-smoker and non-drinker, Gulko has a succinct answer when asked the secret of her longevity. "Breathing."

Centre aids disabled veterans

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The recent opening of the Jerusalem Beit Halochem rehabilitation centre for disabled war veterans marked a significant milestone for Joseph (Yoske) Luttenberg.

Luttenberg, Israeli chair of the Zahal Disabled Veterans Organization, was paralyzed in one arm after heavy fighting around Jerusalem during the War of Independence.

Only 19 at the time, Luttenberg spent two years in Tel Hashomer Hospital. "Nobody knew how to deal with 6,000 disabled soldiers," he told *The CJN* during a recent visit to Toronto. "We just spent idle time without much rehabilitation."

Lutttenberg and a group of fellow wounded veterans went to the government of David Ben-Gurion to get help for those like them.

Since then, Zahal has grown to include 40,000 members. "New members join our ranks every day," Luttenberg said. The Israeli government funds some 20 per cent of the rehabilitation programs.

In addition to the newly opened Beith Halochem centre in Jerusalem, the organization has rehabilitation facilities in Tel Aviv and Haifa, and a 200-bed rest and recreation centre in Naharia. Beit Halochem facilities offer sports, recreation, rehabilitation and social setting for the veterans, their families and friends.

Luttenberg says membership at the new Jerusalem centre has grown passed the projected 1,500.

The next Zahal project will be an old age home.

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From coast to coast

Russian couples to 'tie the knot' at BAYT

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Almost 800 people are expected to witness what organizers have termed "the happiest day of the year" for 10 Russian couples who will be married under a chupah.

Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, spiritual leader of the Jewish Russian community says the June 13 gala wedding for these couples, who were unable to have a religious wedding in Russia, will be held at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue of Toronto. Each couple will have a chupah and two rabbis in attendance.

"There are weddings performed throughout the year but this is a special celebration. This is our fourth gala wedding, and after each we have had an influx of people who want to be married under the chupah," Rabbi Zaltzman said.

He said for Canadians, being married under the chupah is natural, but to many Russians, it is a religious awakening. "The majority of Russian men have to be circumcized and the brides go to the mikvah. They learn a lot about wedding rituals.

"It is a tremendous experience and a joyful event for the Canadian community as well. For years it rallied to get people out of the Soviet Union, and now they are here and getting introduced to their roots and to Jewish tradition."

Rabbi Zaltzman said the wedding is also a fundraiser for the Jewish Russian Community Centre, which serves the more than 25,000 Russian Jews in the Toronto area.

The centre runs daily and holiday synagogue serices, the Mindel Gelfand Daycare for children ages 2½ to 5 years, a Sunday and evening Hebrew school, adult educational programs and a Russian and English newspaper. As well, a youth program in high schools gives students a chance to have lunch and speak with a rabbi.

"We cover every age group and serve the community in any way we can ... There are four Russian-speaking rabbis to serve any need that arises" among our 6,000 families, the rabbi said.

Rhoda Singer, chair of the gala wedding supplement which will appear in *The Canadian Jewish News* prior to the wedding, said the supplement will tell the stories of many of the Russian Jews in the community.

Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman

"These people have interesting stories to tell," she said. "They are coming from a society devoid of spiritual attachment and they are now getting into the mainstream. The supplement should be a source of pride to the Russian community, as well as very interesting to [all] Canadians."

Honorary chairs of the gala wedding committee are Alex Eisen, Harvey Hecker, Herb Green and Mendel Green. Chairs are John Pollock, Moshe Ronen and Ralph Snow. Wedding co-ordinator is Arlene Weisbart. The community is invited to attend the wedding ceremony and the reception after the dinner. Tickets are required for the dinner only.

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From coast to coast

Bonds women's chair hopes to educate female investors

TORONTO — Community leader Dodi Weill knows that women today are managing their assets on their own.

That's why the newly appointed chair of the State of Israel Bonds Women's Division is making it her mission to inform them about all their investment options.

"We want to connect with many more women and educate them on Bond purchases, since more women are making decisions involving the management of their investments and retirement portfolios," Weill says.

The former executive member of United Jewish Appeal women's division wants to build Bond education and awareness. On the agenda are a number of cultural and community events and financial seminars, the first of which, entitled Bond Strategies for Income and Growth, was held recently at Midland Walwyn.

Weill says she doesn't want to see Bond purchases restricted to the High Holy Days.

"Bonds [can] be purchased by families for gifts year round, as they have the potential to substantially accumulate over the years to pay for family vacations in Israel, as well as bar and bat mitzvahs in Israel. Students who are interested in travel or education in Israel can also redeem their bonds to help pay for the cost."

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State of Israel Bonds Women's Division (from left) Dodi Weill, chair; Ruhama Goldstein, national chair; Barbara Cappe, executive member and past chair; Larry Waller, executive director; and Marilyn Rotenberg, executive member.

Multiculturalism recommendations made

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Representatives of cultural communities, business and government met recently to help create "a more harmonious, vibrant and fair society" through new recommendations on Canadian multiculturalism.

Some 100 participants at the forum on Unity in Diversity: A New Multicultural Policy for Canada? frankly discussed how business, education, public policy and community relations policies can be changed to better serve our multicultural society.

The recommendations were later presented to the federal minister of multiculturalism, Sheila Finestone.

Recommendations included:

- intervention and education programs for children between 12 and 15;
- police education on the meaning of state authority in local cultural communities;
- standardized pay equity policies and legislation in all levels of government;
- taking advantage of business expertise in immigrant communities in the realm of international trade;
- speeding up the evaluation and acceptance of foreign education credentials;
- more funding for adult education programs, especially language training;
- a call for politicians to respond to racism by making it clear the constitution and Charter of Rights and Freedoms forbid discrimination.

The public affairs forum was co-presented by the St. Lawrence Centre Forum and the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, with the cooperation of the University of Toronto.

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Mr. Drabinsky will address the following organizations across Canada:

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MONTREAL ■ Wednesday, March 29th, 7:30 pm
The Jewish Public Library, 5151 Côte Ste. Catherine. Phone: (514) 345-2629.

OTTAWA ■ Thursday, March 30th, 8:00 pm
The United Jewish Appeal, The National Arts Centre. Phone: (613) 789-7306.

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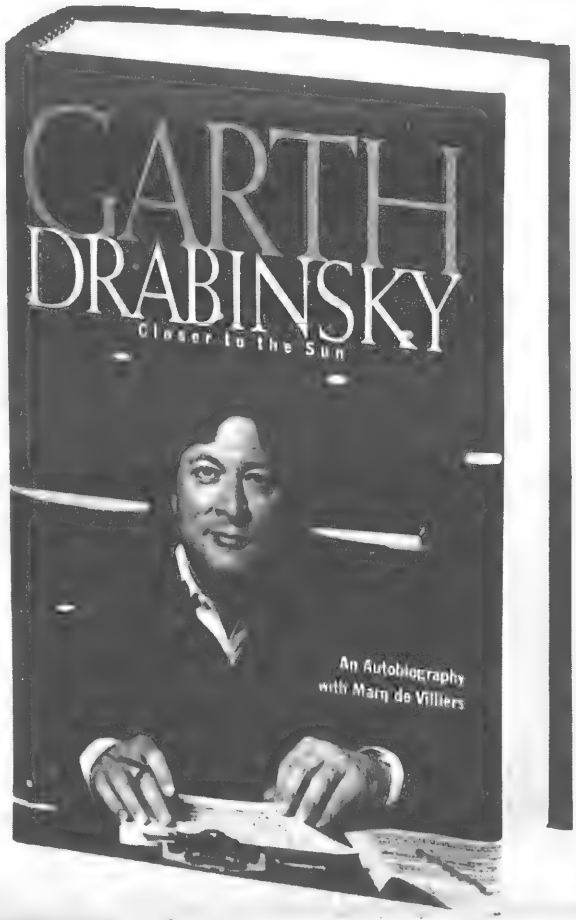

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Shaar Shalom students 'go back' to ghetto

Shaar Shalom students (from left) Laurie Rose, Trevor Hibberd and Gavin Walpert display their miniature replica of Anne Frank's hideout. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Shaar Shalom religious school student Brandon Lewis recently learned what it was like for Jews living in the Warsaw ghetto during World War II.

"Life in the ghetto is difficult," the 12-year-old wrote in a pretend exercise. "We only eat once a day and then it's only a slice of bread."

The understanding came from a mini-course on heroes of the Warsaw ghetto taught by Grade 7 teacher Rabbi David Kalir.

Kalir used film footage of the ghetto and a documentary film on ghetto uprising leader Mordecai Anielewicz during the three-week course.

Kalir told *The CJN* the students debated on whether or not the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was justified given the loss of life, and wrote letters, created diaries or worked on a ghetto newspaper to help capture living conditions.

'Horror of corpses lying on the ground'

The following excerpt from a diary dated Jan. 15, 1940 was written by 12-year-old Ian Barnett. "All I see is the horror of corpses lying on the ground ... and people begging for a measly piece of stale bread ... I have to wear this wretched star. I feel like an animal."

Barnett told *The CJN* he tried to put himself in the shoes of those who lived in the ghetto. "I thought of how it would feel to be trapped and live like that. I thought it would be pretty depressing."

The course was one of 11 mini-courses on Jewish heroes for religious school students in grades 3 through 7. The courses, part of a recent Beat the Winter Blahs program, were designed to give the children an opportunity "to participate in an arts-based activity," education director Karen Goodis told *The CJN*. "I thought that it was a good way of incorporating my goal of a creative experience with Jewish learning."

Students in grades 6 and 7 had a choice of studying Holocaust heros Anielewicz, Anne Frank, or Hannah Szenes, a young Hungarian woman who was caught and killed by the Nazis for spying.

Those who studied Frank created model-size replicas of the house she hid in with her family to escape the Nazis. The other group did a reading of a play based on Szenes' life.

Grade 5 students focused on Israeli heroes, like those at Masada, as well as Theodor Herzl and Golda Meir.

The grade 3 and 4 students did arts and crafts projects on biblical heroes Rebecca, Joseph, Jacob, Abraham, Moses.

The children had a great time with the Beat-the-Blahs projects, Goodis said. "It's the process of creating and learning that's important. The fact that the kids had a nice end result was a bonus."

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Catholic students hold Holocaust play

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Acting the parts of Jewish teenagers whose lives were brutally cut short in the Holocaust has had a profound effect on students of a Catholic high school, according to their drama teacher, Maggie Weller.

Members of the Jewish community who saw the play were also very moved by the production.

Children Of The Holocaust, by American author Robert Mauro, was the St. Mary's Catholic High School entry in the recent Hamilton-Wentworth regional Sears High School Drama Festival. The play was chosen by the students.

The best actor award went to Dennis Rego (as Michael), and an award of merit for directing went to Hussein Daya. Both are OAC students.

But Weller later quoted the students as saying, "We've touched so many people, that winning was not important."

The play's setting, Weller said, is "somewhere in another dimension," where four teenagers discuss their hopes, their shattered dreams, their fear that no one will remember them. Michael, who wanted to be a scientist, is very, very bitter; Anne, ever optimistic, wanted to be a writer and hopes that someone will find her diary; Rachel will never have the children she longed for; and David is unable to cope with the pain of his experiences but is reminded by the others that he wanted to be a doctor.

Interviewed prior to the festival, the students proved sensitive and articulate. All said that the play had been an eye opener.

Soft-spoken Daya said he knew the moment he read it, that "this was the play I wanted to do.

"To realize what happened," he said, "the effect it had on the Jewish people, what they suffered ... and then, [the play's concluding words] 'We must always remember.' "

Although the students had learned about the Holocaust in history class and had seen movies and documentaries, playing these parts brought home "the terrible tragedy," Rego said.

The Holocaust doesn't become real until you understand what happened to people, remarked Jenna Pollard, Grade 12, who played "the really devastating" part of Rachel. "I was just overwhelmed," she said.

For Grade 11 student, James Major, who had previously taken part only in what he termed "happy plays," playing David was an intensely emotional experience and he felt honored, he said, to be part of a play "that was going to say something to somebody."

"What the play really boils down to," observed Rego, "is that it's not us performing but four people telling a story that needs to be told. The more people who can hear that story, the better."

Video tapes of the play will be made available to the local Holocaust Education Committee and Jewish schools.

From coast to coast

Prisoner repaid debt by crafting Megillah box

By DR. FRED WEINBERG
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It was 1930 and he was a prisoner in Dorchester Penitentiary in New Brunswick.

Purim was coming, bringing with it memories of his childhood growing up in Saint John and going to shul on Wellington Row. He particularly remembered Purim and the reading of the Megillah, with its romantic story of Queen Esther and how she saved the Jewish people, though in general, he had little use for the religious rituals of his family.

Our prisoner was a skilful woodworker who fashioned string instruments for the folk musicians of New Brunswick, and his craftsmanship was renowned throughout the Maritimes.

As a prisoner, he was befriended by and became quite close to Abraham Leon Kaplansky, a volunteer chaplain at the Dorchester, N.B. Penitentiary, as well as at the Saint Vincent de Paul Penitentiary in Montreal.

The prisoner wanted to repay Kaplansky for his kindness and accordingly drew up plans for making a box to hold the Purim Megillah used in the Wellington Row synagogue. Kaplansky had brought the Megillah with him from White Russia just before the turn of the century and given it to the synagogue, but the scroll had no storage case.

Kaplansky gave the prisoner the dimensions of the Megillah — the roller was 19 inches high, the parchment itself 12 inches. The box the prisoner fashioned was of contrasting woods with an inlaid Star of David in the centre.

Kaplansky arranged for the unique case to be presented to the synagogue on Wellington Row.

The scroll he donated was written in Ashkenazi script. The tools and materials that had been used in writing the scroll were parchment, a quill, ink, a ruler and a guide book — the text from a book or another scroll.

There are many rules about the manufacture of the parchment; today the hide of a kosher animal is softened by soaking it first in clear water and then in lime water.

In ancient Talmudic times, reeds were used as pens; today the quill of a turkey feather is employed because of its sturdiness. The sofer cuts the point of the feather to give it a flat surface and then slits it lengthwise, a technique desirable for forming the square letters.

The black ink is made by boiling a complex mixture of various materials. To ensure that the letters will be straight and the lines equally spaced, 43 thin lines are drawn across the width of the parchment with a stylus and a ruler. A three-inch margin is left at the top, a four-inch margin at the bottom and a two-inch margin between the columns.

The case made for the megillah by the Jewish prisoner. [From the collection of Dr. Fred Weinberg.]

The formation of specific letters were often traditions handed down from father to son.

After the copying of the scroll has been completed, the sheets of parchment are sewn together with a special thread made of tendon tissue from the foot muscles of a kosher animal.

One can imagine the great satisfaction of our Jewish prisoner in Saint John, N.B., in having connected once more with his childhood and his family traditions, and at the same time, expressing his gratitude to Abraham Kaplansky who had shown him so much consideration.

Scribe immerses himself in a mikvah

Before the sofer (scribe) begins his work, he immerses himself in a mikvah, a ritual bath.

Although Hebrew is read from right to left, each individual letter in the scroll is written from left to right. Seven of the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet have special designs, called tagin, in the upper left hand corner of the letter. The tagin are shaped somewhat like the letter zayin and are placed above the letter, almost touching it.

In Kaplansky's scroll, the sofer has formed the letter chet — the eighth letter of the alphabet — by using two letters zayin side by side. This is in the non-chassidic tradition (whereas in Poland, in forming the letter chet, the chassidic soferim would use a straight letter vav on the right and the letter zayin on the left).

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Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. March 16 is deadline for March 30 issue and March 23 is deadline for April 6 issue. I receive calls and sort mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, March 16

FESTIVE PURIM MEAL

Join Chabad Lubavitch, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill for the late Megillah reading, 5:30 p.m. and festive Purim meal, 6 p.m. Includes children's masquerade, live music and dancing. $25 per person, $15 children 5-12, $5 children 3 and 4. RSVP 905-731-7000.

Saturday, March 18

YORK U AIDS BENEFIT

Second annual CANFAR AIDS benefit organized by York University features live music with the soulful sounds of the Toronto band, Dizzy Spell, 9:30 p.m., Opera House, 735 Queen St. E. CANFAR is a national privately funded charitable foundation created to stimulate and fund basic research in clinical, biological, social sciences and all aspects of HIV infection and AIDS. Admission $10 in advance, $15 at the door. Tickets available through TicketMaster 870-8000.

PURIM DANCE PARTY

Marco Ben-Shimon presents a Purim Dance Party, 9 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W. Program includes old and new Israeli folk dances for all levels, international, 60s and line dances, traditional refreshments, dance contest with prizes. Admission $10.

Sunday, March 19

JEWISH FILM SOCIETY

Toronto Jewish Film Society will screen *Get Thee Out*, 7:30 p.m., Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall, 317 Dundas St. W. Single tickets go on sale 15 minutes before showtime. Members must be at cinema by 7 p.m. to guarantee seat. For information call **Bill Emery**, 924-6211.

CABARET EVENING

Entertainment and Cultural Connection, Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood and Parents of North American Israelis, present The Shpeelers, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. The cabaret evening celebrates Purim with readings and songs followed by refreshments. Admission $3 members, guests $4. Call 783-7872 for information.

PURIM PARTY

Sephardi discussion group is hosting a Purim costume party with live music by **Yaniv Vered**, 7-10 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. $5 includes kosher refreshments. Call 905-771-9624 for information.

THE YEAR 2020

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue invites all university-age students to attend an informal evening of learning with **Prof. Stuart Schoenfeld** of York University, who will lead a discussion on The Year 2020 — Where will the Jews Fit In?, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. No charge; refreshments served. Call 398-8028 for information.

VEGETARIAN PASSOVER

Beth Torah Sisterhood presents a vegetarian Passover cooking demonstration with **Eta Brand**, 10 a.m. at the synagogue. $5 charge for sisterhood members, $7 non-members. Call the synagogue office, 782-4495 to reserve.

MIRACLE ON THE DANFORTH

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Brotherhood breakfast meeting, 10 a.m. features **Simcha Jacobovici**, film-maker and founder of Danforth Congregation who will speak on Miracle on the Danforth, the founding and current activities of the congregation. $3 per person. For information call 633-3838.

PURIM CARNIVAL

Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. presents a Purim carnival, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., featuring Yiddish folksinger **Faye Kellerstein**, booths, face painting, games and crafts. Carnival admission $5 per child, $10 per family includes all tickets and entertainment. Children in costume receive bonus prize. Call 924-6211 for information.

FAMILY CONFLICTS

Beth Tzedec Congregation, Max and Beatrice Wolfe Library present **Prof. Rachel Schlesinger** who will discuss Family Conflicts and Resolutions: From Biblical Times to Present, 2 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Admission free.

Monday, March 20

JEWISH GENEALOGY

A representative of the Ontario Jewish Archives will give an overview of the many sources available to help trace Jewish roots, 7-9 p.m., North York Public Library, 5120 Yonge St. Canadiana Department. Call 395-5623 to pre-register.

JEWISH MYSTICISM

Dr. Aaron Nussbaum concludes the joint Adath Israel, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am series on Leaders of Jewish Mysticism and Chassidism, 8 p.m., Adath Israel with the topic, revolution within early 19th century Hasidism — The Seer of Lublin, the Holy Jew and the Rabbi of Kotzk.

NEW MEMBERS MEETING

Tikvah chapter, B'nai Brith Women, a dynamic group of single or married women in their late 20s or early 30s, is having a Potential Members Only Meeting, 7:30 p.m. For more information call **Debbie Simon**, 398-2899.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Rabbi Avraham Plotkin will discuss Reward and Punishment, 10-11 a.m. From 8-9:30 p.m. **Chana Weisberg** will speak on Human Endeavor Versus Divine Revelation: What's the Role of Effort in Religious Life? All classes are held at The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study, Shaarei Tefillah, 3600 Bathurst St. Register, 905-889-6066.

OLDER WOMEN'S NETWORK

Janet Maher, National Action Committee on the Status of Women will talk about the future of women's work, barriers in the workplace for women and the development of small businesses at a meeting of the Older Women's Network, an association for women over 50 years old. Meeting takes place 6:30 p.m., Trinity St. Paul's Centre, 427 Bloor St. W., just west of Spadina. Call 924-4188 for information.

Tuesday, March 21

TORAH FOR WOMEN

Matan, Women's Institute for Torah Study features **Avivah Zornberg** who will discuss Jacob's Deathbed: Memory, Crisis and Hope, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave.

MENOPAUSE — TAKING CHARGE

Ora branch, National Council of Jewish Women presents Menopause — Taking Charge, a panel discussion featuring experts, 7:30 p.m., Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Admission $10, refreshments served. Call Council, 633-5100.

SCIENCE FAIR

Over 100 projects will be presented at Associated Hebrew Schools' annual Science Fair, 7:30-9 p.m., Leslie Danilack branch, 6100 Leslie St. Open to the public, free admission.

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. Ruth Getter senior vice-president and chief economist, Toronto Dominion Bank will be the guest speaker at Toronto Women's ORT and McGill Club's Women of Achievement Lecture, 7:30 p.m., McGill Club, 21 McGill St. Reception to follow speaker. Tickets, $25 ORT and McGill Club members, $30 non-members. To order call ORT office, 787-0297.

YOUTH WITHOUT SHELTER

Youth Without Shelter recently welcomed members of Atideynu Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada and its gift of a new computer which will enable them to computerize their records and modernize the administration of the residence. Seen from left are Reuben Nelson and Marc Gordon, Atideynu Lodge; Kathryn Waugh, YWS executive director; Joyce Aster, regional coordinataor, BBC; Pearl Gladman, national director field services, BBC; Jeannine Taylor, YWS.

CANCER RESEARCH FUND

Young Associates Division, Israel Cancer Research Fund is holding its second annual Club Fun weekend at White Oaks Inn and Racquet Club, March 24-26. Co-chairs for the weekend are Donny Kagan (left) and Esti Cohen. Proceeds go to fund cancer research in Israel.

KEHILLAT SHAAREI TORAH

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks will talk about Kashrut — Why we do what we do, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. Call synagogue office, 229-2600 for details.

Wednesday, March 22

JEWISH STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

Near Eastern Studies Students' Association, Jewish Studies Program, University of Toronto celebrates 150 years of teaching and research with a symposium, Vanished Races, Forgotten Faces, Remembered Traces: Fresh Breath on the Lifeless Body, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. $5 registration fee includes kosher lunch. For information call 978-3180.

WOMEN'S HEALTH FORUM

Canadian Friends of Bikur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem presents a forum entitled Menopause — Out of the Closet ... Into Awareness, 8 p.m., Recital Hall, Ford Centre for Performing Arts. Forum features a panel of experts including author **Jenine O'Leary Cobb**, herbalist **Susun Weed** and gynecologist and specialist in menopause **Wendy Wolfman.** Admission $18, tax receipts available upon request. Tickets available through TicketMaster 872-2222.

JEWISH IDENTITY

Dr. Steven Bayme, guest lecturer at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto's Ronald Heller Memorial Lecture, will speak on Jewish Identity in the Modern World: Assimilation or Renewal?, 8:15 p.m., Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, 200 Wilmington Ave. Public invited.

FILMFEST

Aish HaTorah, Thornhill, Promenade, 3rd Floor offices, will screen *Crimes and Misdemeanors*, followed by a discussion on Is There a Standard for Absolute Morality?, 7:30 p.m. Free admission. For more details call 636-7530.

Thursday, March 23

YIDDISH WOMEN WRITERS

North York Public Library and Second Story Press present an evening of stories presented in English by the women who translated them from the original Yiddish, Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington Rd. Call 395-5440 to pre-register.

ATKINSON OPEN HOUSE

Associated Hebrew Schools is holding an

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open house at the Atkinson campus, 300 Atkinson Ave., Thornhill, 7:30 p.m. Evening includes presentations, questions and answers and a tour of the school. For information call 789-7471.

CHARITY CASINO NIGHT

A casino night, sponsored by Life Underwriters Association of Toronto, 7 p.m.-1 a.m., Concert Hall, Royal York Hotel, is in aid of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Toronto chapter. Cost, $5 at the door.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

VALUES FOR JEWISH CHILDREN

How do we instil good character in our children? How can we give them values that they will treasure as adults? **Rabbi Yaakov** and **Mrs. Lori Palatnik** will explore Judaism's wisdom in answering these questions, Mondays, March 20 and March 27, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah, Promenade, 3rd Floor offices. Free admission.

ADATH ISRAEL SINGLES

Dr. Arnold Rubenstein will speak on Hypnosis, Memory Retrieval and the Law at a brunch presented by Adath Israel Singles Group, 35 plus, Sunday, March 26, 11:30 a.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. Prepaid reservations $8, available at synagogue office, 635-5340 until March 23. VISA accepted.

CHERNIN FILM

B'Not Aviva chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO presents a special screening of **Cayle Chernin**'s newest film, *Uncle Boris and My Russian Relatives*, as well as a silent auction, tombola and refreshments, Sunday, March 26, 7 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. $18 in advance, $20 at the door. Tickets available at Beth Tzedec office, Cooper's Office Furniture or Hadassah-WIZO office. Call 596-6822 or 484-4553 for information.

JEWISH WOMEN AND SEXUALITY

Canadian Seaway branch, Women's League for Conservative Judaism invites women to participate in a discussion of Jewish Women and Sexuality — The Past and Present, Myths, Facts and Fantasies, presented by **Rachael Turkienicz**, Sunday, March 26, 9:45 a.m., Adath Shalom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Cost $7.50 includes brunch. RSVP **Sonia Slobodsky**, 226-1831 or **Molly Inwentash**, 636-7733.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

Volunteer drivers who have a car and can devote 1-2 hours once a week are needed to deliver meals to seniors in nursing homes. Mileage will be paid. Call **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

BAYCREST CHALLENGE

Baycrest Challenge, Sunday, May 14, is a sporting community event for the whole family featuring a 10K/5K run, 5K walk, dogathon, carnival and a Tiny Tot Trot. Volunteers needed in all areas. Call **Steve Grosfield**, 256-2RUN.

BETH JACOB HAMILTON

Learn the history and folklore of tallit at a hands-on tallit workshop with **Shirley Waxman**, Sunday March 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Beth Jacob Synagogue, 375 Aberdeen Ave., Hamilton. Bring notebook, pen and a good pair of embroidery scissors. Embroidery supplies provided. Fee, $20 includes light lunch. Sponsored by Beth Jacob Sisterhood. Call **Marilyn Katz**, 905-577-9921 or **Gloria Silverman**, 905-525-3782 by March 20 to register.

THIRD SEDER

Holy Blossom Temple AIDS committee, Brotherhood and Sisterhood are holding the fifth annual Third Seder: A Passover celebration for those affected and infected by HIV and AIDS, Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m., at the Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. No charge, but donations appreciated. Transportation available. For more information, to volunteer or to make reservations call **Tania** or **Noreen** in confidence, 789-3291 by Tuesday, April 4.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Looking Ahead after Separation, begins March 21; For Women Only which explores self-esteem, stress management and inter-personal relationships, begins in April; Adult Children Losing a Parent, begins March 28. For information on fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

VENDORS WANTED

Beersheba Club, Na'amat Canada seeks vendors for its craft and gift sale, Monday, May 22, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Bayview Village Mall, Sheppard and Bayview Ave. No admission charged to public, free parking, proceeds to charity. Call the office at 636-5425 or **Malka Mirsky**, 633-6538, evenings.

INTO THE WOODS

Tamid chapter, Hadassah-WIZO presents the play *Into the Woods*, Monday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts. Tickets $30. Call 905-660-5587 or 223-2662 to order tickets.

YIDDISH CLASSES

Spring semester Yiddish classes for beginners and intermediate conversation, literature and current events are held day and evening at a variety of Metro locations. Sponsored by North York Board of Education, the committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and participating synagogues. For information call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

SATURDAY NIGHT BOND FEVER

Toronto State of Israel Bonds New Leadership Division presents Saturday Night Bond Fever, featuring silent auction, live entertainment and a retro dance troupe, March 25, Toronto Design Exchange, 234 Bay St. The theme brings back the '70s so wear your old platform heels and John Travolta ties. For tickets call **Rose Shapiro**, 789-3351.

LIVING WITH CANCER

Jewish Family & Child Service will be offering a six-week group beginning March 27 for individuals to meet with others living with Cancer. Topics discussed include feelings, changing relationships, self-esteem and self-image. For registration information call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

SEPARATION AND DIVORCE SERIES

Rabbi M. Ochs will discuss The Get, March 22; lawyer **Lorne Wolfson** will present Mediation and Alternatives to Litigation, March 29; and social worker **Beth Feffer** will talk about Dealing with Life Cycle Events, April 5; at Jewish Family & Child Services' Separation and Divorce Series. For information on fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 799.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is taking reservations for the five-day trip to Washington including 14 kosher meals and health insurance. On June 13, Buffalo trip includes locks and canal cruising, plus kosher chicken lunch and morning shopping. In future are trips to Artpark, July 19, August 8 and Stratford, Oct. 25. For information on programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth** , 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Association of Jewish Seniors is observing its 24th annual seder at Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles W., Saturday, April 15. Doors open 8 p.m., seder begins 8:45 p.m. Seder is held later because of daylight savings time. Fee, $18 per person. Tickets can be purchased at Bernard Betel Centre. Call **Goldie Liebman**, 635-2860.

Lunch and Learn in Retirement, Holy Blossom Temple, Wednesday, March 22, 1 p.m. presents a guided tour of the Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum's One Hundred Years of Yiddish Canada. Tea and cookies will be served after tour. Reservations must be made for this event as there is limited space. Call **Tryna**, 789-3291 by Monday, March 20.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club, meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). March 20 program is bingo. Saturday March 18 is a Purim party with live music, Israeli snack, wine and hamantaschen. Members $8, non-members $10. For tickets call 661-4689.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. Next meeting is March 17. For information call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Pine Villa Retirement Residence, 1035 Eglinton Ave. W. celebrates Jewish Music, Wednesday, March 22, 2 p.m. with Cantor **Martin Steinhouse**. Admission free. Early reservations required. Call 787-5626.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sunday, March 19. Members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

Wednesday afternoon social, March 22, 1:30 p.m. features **Lenka Lichtenberg**.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club's next Sunday dance is March 26, 7:30-10:30 p.m. in the community centre. Members $4, non-members $5. Saturday night dances in the clubhouse, 7-10 p.m., members free, non-members $1. The spring fair featuring new merchandise will be held Sunday, March 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the clubhouse, free admission. A variety show featuring Metro Toronto Police Chorus, Monday, March 20, 7:30 p.m. Members $1. Group discussion, Thursday, March 23 in clubhouse features **Charles Harnick** who will speak on Wills and Power of Attorney. No charge. $5 local day trip, April 6.

at the JCC/BJC

Bathurst Jewish Centre Senior Adult Services, presents **Ruth Kula**, program coordinator, Senior Athletics, Tuesday, March 21, 1 p.m. For information call **Yvonne**, 636-1880.

SATURDAY NIGHT BOND FEVER

New Leadership Division, State of Israel Bonds recently launched its ticket sales campaign for the March 25 spring event at the Toronto Design Exchange. At top (from left) are Jeff Rosenthal, Gary Morris, Howard Alter. In bottom row (from left) are Lori Rosenthal, Eileen Melnick, Wendy Fish, Howard Friedman and Sarah Davey.

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FUN FOR CHILDREN

By LINDA ANDER
Special to The CJN

Welcome again to *CJNews for Kids*. Thank you for sending your comics and puzzles. Purim is a holiday that makes us happy. We are glad for Esther and what happened in Shushan. We celebrate that Jewish people overcame the threat from the evil Haman. Have fun with your friends and family this Purim since this is the happiest holiday of the year. The next children's column will come out at Pesach.

WRITE THE CORRECT WORD ALONGSIDE THE JUMBLED ONE

When Purim is here we:

TEA: _____
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ANSWERS (in order)
EAT, DRINK, SING, DANCE, DRESS UP, PUT ON MASKS, FEAST, MAKE NOISE, PLAY, GO BANANAS

Purim Treats

The foods that we eat during Purim remind us of the banquest Esther made for the king. Some Jewish people eat kreplach or boiled dumplings, verenikes (larger than kreplach), potatoes, and kasha. What you eat has a lot to do with what country your family comes from.The word "hamantaschen" is a mixture of poppy seed, pockets, and Haman's hat. Put your cookies on your plates with the rest of your shalach manot but be sure to save some for yourself.

Hamantaschen
2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 lb. margarine
2 eggs — beat a little
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix first three ingredients. Add margarine, then eggs and vanilla. Mix until it makes a ball. Add more flour if you need to. Roll out thin on a floured board. Cut circles using a cutter or the top of a glass. You can fill with jelly, pastry filling or chocolate chips. Pinch up three sides to make a triangle. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes. Enjoy!

We give to our friends and to the poor at Purim. To help a family in need, call Jewish Family and Child Service at (416) 638-7800.

Arts & Crafts

1/ You need your own graggers or noise maker to make the loudest sound when your hear Haman's name. Use a plastic container, or juice can, and fill it part way with dry beans, rice, stones or screws. Tape it to keep the lid on well. Cover it with paper, stickers, paint, or other found scraps.

2/ What will you do with your mishloah manot? Take a paper plate or bag and decorate it with ribbons, comics, and draw your favorite Purim character. Now you just have to decide who to give it to.

3/ Who are you dressing up as for Purim? Look around, ask for some help and you can put together your own costume. Crowns and hats are fun to make with tin foil, glue, cardboard and lots of imagination. it's fun to put on your own play and act it out for your family.

HAVE FUN!

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PURIM TRIVIA:

Esther: The heroine of the Purim story. Cousin of Mordechai, she was originally known as Hadassah. Chosen as queen, she risked her life to plead with the king for her people's safety.
Jair: Ben Jair, actually is another name by which Mordechai is known. Ben Jair means "son of light" for it is said, Mordechai illuminated the eyes of Israel.
Lots: The meaning of the word "Purim." The name commemorates the fact that Haman and his fellow-plotters chose a day — the thirteenth of Adar — to destroy all the Jews.
Mishloah Manot: Often called Shaloah Manot, it means "the sending of gifts." The custom involves sending portions to one another.
Parades: They are part of Purim festivities. The most famous of all is the Adloyada carnival in Tel Aviv, complete with floats, streamers, costumes and balloons.
Shushan: The capital of Ahasuerus' kingdom. Mordechai and Esther lived there and the drama of Purim took place.

PURIM CONTEST

Honor Roll

There could only be twelve winners. But we received so very many interesting, colorful and truly artistic entries. The following children deserve honorable mention for the pictures which they submitted.

Jessie Benhaim
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Aaron Berenblut
Stacey Bocknek
Allan Brenner
Annie Caplan
Alyssa Cloth
Adam Cohen
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Charlie Dreezer
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Sam Dunnigan
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Heidi Freed
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Sherri Tobis
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Dafna Weinberg
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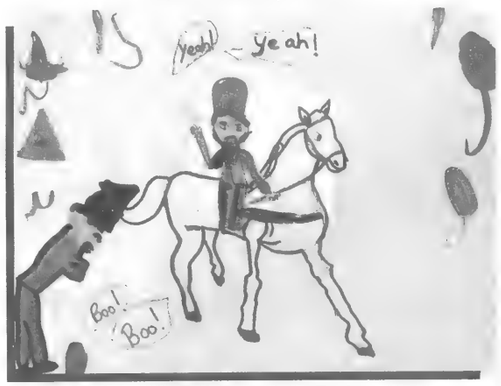
Shoshana Weiss
Melissa Zelsman

Craig Fox, Grade 4

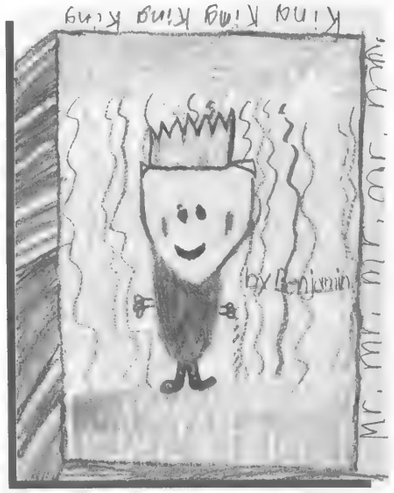
Eliana Diamond, Grade 5



Leah Weinstein, Grade 2

Leah Zilbert, Grade 5

Sheera Greenbaum, Grade 3



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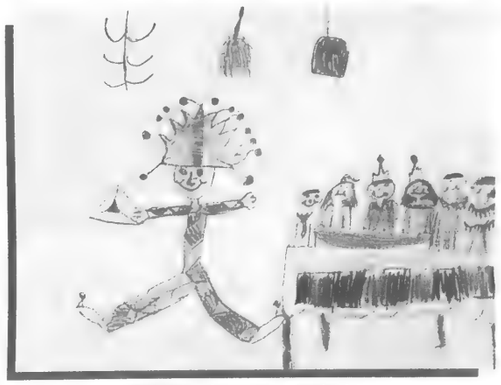
Melissa Anders, Grade 6



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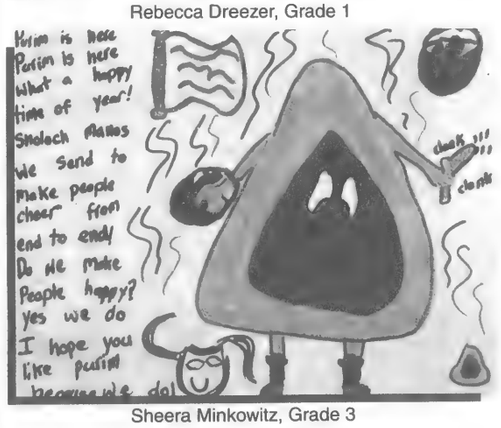

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UJA March sets the theme

This friendly character is all ears as he talks to junior Community March for Israel participants. [Jay Brodbar photo]

TORONTO — From Metulla to Eilat is the theme of this year's UJA Community March for Israel on May 28, referring to Israel's northern and southernmost cities.

March co-chair Jeff Cohen says the theme was chosen because "the March for Israel has always been for kids in Toronto and kids in Israel. We want people to know we're helping them throughout the length and breadth of the country."

Funds raised will be used for programs in Israel to help children and teenagers who have recently made aliyah.

The march will follow last year's route starting at the Promenade at Bathurst and Clark, and finishing at the Bathurst Jewish Centre with a community festival, which will include live entertainment and a kosher barbecue.

"The festivities will be more of a celebration this year," promises co-chair Maura Cooperberg. "There wasn't enough last year to keep people at the festival for a long time. So, we're adding more attractions."

Additional buses to transport tired marchers will be provided and geographical markers will be placed along the route to indicate cities between Metulla and Eilat.

Last year's march attracted close to 7,000 participants. It was preceded by a recruitment drive in Jewish day schools. Cooperberg hopes to expand pre-march information sessions to public schools with large Jewish populations.

Patients' memories used to treat illness at Baycrest

TORONTO — A unique support group at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is using memories to help the ill.

Five chronic care patients reminisce together for one hour a week in the belief that looking back is an excellent tool for adapting to their changed lifestyles.

"They're coming to terms with living here and they're coming to terms with their own mortality," said social worker and session leader Jan Boyd. "Through reminiscence they can look at themselves and close certain chapters in their life."

Participants, said social work director Etta Ginsberg McEwan, find the session helpful in coping with their medical difficulties and with institutional living.

Group conversations often turn to persecution suffered in the "old country" and gratitude to Canada for opening its doors. "They felt this country embraced them and gave them an opportunity to make a living," Boyd said. "I look at their resiliency and wonder where their strength comes from."

Participants share their memories of religious observances and struggling for financial survival. According to Boyd, group members are "very interested in what other people have to say. They are very proud of themselves and their accomplishments."

The chronic care reminiscence group is part of an extensive Baycrest support network.

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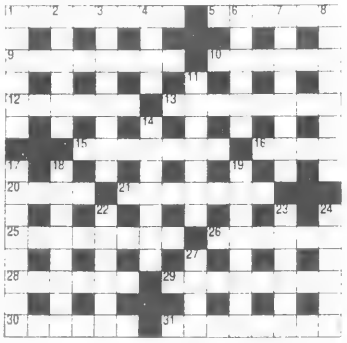
ACROSS

1 This group decided not to fight the Greeks on Shabbat
5 Fondle
9 Syrian - Metropolitan sold four Dead Sea scrolls
10 Lively
12 Yaw
13 Advertising should do this
15 Many steps in the Old City are like this
16 Gumbo
20 Harvest
21 No germs here
25 Ship with three hulls
26 Egyptians used this to block oil pipes on Bar Lev line
28 Jews were offered a tract of land in this state
29 He founded the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in 1936
30 There were this many abstentions when UN voted on partition in 1947
31 Islamic sect



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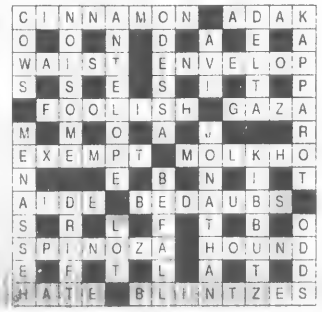
1 Deut 30:19 says humans should - life
2 Pun on Esther
3 Resisted by Jews
4 This Philistine monopoly was broken
6 Right to get to property
7 Governor of Israelites in ancient Egypt
8 Emaciated
11 Bill of lading is one
14 Region of Israel
17 Stand out
18 To guide a vessel
19 Number of benedictions in the Eighteen Benedictions
22 Used in chametz hunt
23 Peter the was one of the First Crusade leaders
24 Rocks
27 African antelope

Answers for March 9



From coast to coast

Israel agrees to concessions

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Israeli troops from Arab population centres in the West Bank, in exchange for a Palestinian crackdown on armed groups operating in the self-rule zones.

Peres said Israel also agreed to a number of confidence-building gestures, including the transfer of five more areas of responsibility to the Palestinians in the West Bank.

Israel also agreed to a further easing of the closure of the territories, a move that will allow several thousand more Palestinian workers to enter Israel from Gaza and the West Bank, bringing the daily total to about 21,000 people.

But there was no indication of when Palestinian elections would be held and Peres stressed that Israeli troops in the West Bank would not be redeployed before July 1.

Although Peres and Arafat exchanged smiles and jokes during the conference, the Palestinians adopted a more moderate tone in describing Thursday's announcement.

Arafat said he would "wait and see" before declaring the deadlock in their talks broken.

On Saturday, Arafat and other Palestinian leaders denied there had been any breakthrough with Israel, saying that fundamental differences remained.

After his talks with Arafat, Christopher said he received assurances that the Palestinian Authority (PA) would take new measures to prevent terror.

"Gaza cannot be a safe haven" for terrorists, Christopher said. "There are important steps that can be taken."

Arafat maintained that his forces had prevented 10 terrorist attacks in recent months, and that the suspects are in jail.

The PLO leader pledged cooperation in the battle against terror, but cautioned that he had no "magic stick" to prevent further attacks.

Christopher outlined new American aid to the PA, including 200 surplus trucks and the dispatch of teams from the U.S. Defence and Agriculture departments for advice on medical, humanitarian and agricultural needs.

In addition to his meetings last week with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Peres, Christopher met with President Ezer Weizman and Opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

Christopher said there was "no turning back" in the peace process, and pledged American support to the negotiating efforts with Syria.

Rabin stressed Israel's commitment to the talks with Damascus. "I would like to make it clear: we are capable of achieving peace with Syria," he said.

Christopher returned to Israel on Monday, after holding talks with President Hafez al-Assad. Syrian media indicated that Christopher should not expect Assad to make any concessions to Israel.

The Syrian daily *A-Thawra* condemned what it called the United States' "absolute support of Israel" and said the Americans had yet to prove that they are fair and impartial mediators.

New IRB ruling disturbing

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"The claimant has no fear of persecution in Israel, well-founded or otherwise ... [she] is not a person who 'truly requires' or 'genuinely needs' protection. That protection is available to her in Israel."

The Federal Court of Canada has agreed to hear an appeal of the ruling, perhaps as soon as this summer.

Said to be the first of its kind in Canada, the decision has angered several lawyers, who see in it a perverse twist to Canada's wartime "none is too many" policy of restricted Jewish immigration. They hear rumblings of similar IRB rulings in the future.

The ruling is "very disappointing" and "a clear error in law," Mark Fromkin, Grygorian's lawyer, told *The CJN*.

Toronto immigration lawyer Guidy Mamann, whose office is handling Grygorian's appeal, said the decision raises the question "of whether or not Jews are eligible to make a refugee claim in Canada at all. They have said that because you're Jewish, you're an Israeli citizen.

"They may have found a new way to exclude a whole group of claimants."

Mamann said Avery stands out for his apparent belief that Jewish claimants should live in Israel instead of Canada.

Mamann said he represents a Lithuanian Jewish woman whose refugee claim Avery questioned by wondering why she has not considered Israel as a new home.

Avery also raised the issue in the claim of a Jewish couple from Moldova, Mamann said.

Similar concerns about Avery were raised by Toronto lawyer Harvey Savage, who represents an elderly Jewish woman from Lvov, in western Ukraine, where anti-Semitism is reported to be prevalent.

"He asked me why she doesn't apply to Israel," Savage told *The CJN*. "That just threw me."

Savage called the Grygorian ruling "dangerous" because it "tries to equate potential nationality with actual nationality. It could affect other decisions."

Savage said the ruling also points to the "dangers" of Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi's plan to reduce IRB refugee claim panels from two members to one. Under current rules, if the two members are split, the claimant is successful.

Susan Davis, national director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), agrees the ruling could embolden other IRB members to arrive at similar conclusions.

"It's quite dangerous to say, in effect, that Canada is open to anyone but Jews," Davis said.

She noted that China's constitution extends citizenship to all ethnic Chinese no matter where they live, "but that doesn't mean we tell Chinese claimants to go home."

Avery, a lawyer, was appointed to the IRB in 1993.

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Displaced Palestinians on agenda

Arabs want '48 and '67 wars included

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

AMMAN — Representatives from Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the PLO convened here last Tuesday for their first meeting to discuss the thorny issue of the possible return to the West Bank and Gaza Strip of Palestinians displaced by the 1967 Six Day War.

Differences in Israeli and Arab expectations from the meeting were evident in how each side described the session.

The Israeli team, led by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, called the session an "informal consultation meeting," while the Arab leaders referred to it as a formal attempt to solve the problem of displaced persons.

Israel emphasized caution and a detailed look at the displaced persons issue, while the Arab front urged that Jerusalem immediately allow Palestinians to return to the territories.

"We were one against three," said Peres. "There was an argument, but it didn't turn into a brawl."

The Palestinians, along with Egypt and Jordan, prepared a position paper proposing a timetable for the return of displaced Palestinians from both the 1948 and 1967 wars, saying there was no dispute over the question of their right to return.

Provisions for the return of displaced Palestinians were included in both the 1978 Camp David Accords and in the Declaration of Principles signed by Israel and the Palestinians in Washington in September 1993.

Palestinian chief negotiator Nabil Sha'ath called on Israel to make a goodwill gesture by allowing the immediate return to the territories of some 1,000 Palestinians, but Peres called for caution and "a realistic solution."

"We must take care not to solve one problem by complicating others," he said in his opening statement.

He stressed that the Palestinian Authority (PA) must take into account its ability to absorb a large number of Palestinians.

He called on the Palestinian leadership to seek international financial assistance in building the infrastructure needed to integrate returning Palestinians.

The actual number of Palestinians displaced by the Six-Day War has been a source of dispute.

The Palestinians have estimated the number of those displaced, as well as their offspring, at about 800,000.

Israel, which does not include descendants in its count, puts the figure closer to 200,000.

Israel has pressed for a gradual return, and is believed to have offered compensation to those Palestinians who choose not to go back.

For hours, the four delegations thrashed out drafts of a communique. In the end, everyone seemed satisfied with the joint statement.

They agreed to establish a permanent committee, composed of two panels. One would consist of Sha'ath and the foreign ministers of Egypt, Israel and Jordan, and would meet every two or three months.

The other would be composed of experts, and will convene every three weeks.

Not on the meeting's formal agenda was the fate of Palestinian refugees from the 1948 War of Independence.

United Nations estimates put the total number of Palestinian refugees and their descendants at 2.7 million.

That issue is slated to be discussed in direct negotiations in 1996.

In the meantime, Peres ruled out allowing Palestinians to begin returning to their one-time homes.

"Every concession must be carefully studied to ensure that there is no precedent," he said. "I am not Uncle Sam. I didn't come to hand out sweets."

* * *

Also last week, Israeli Justice Minister David Liba'i said the question of Palestinian right of return is not on the government's agenda.

Liba'i was responding to a private member's bill by Likud MK Uzi Landau which would prevent the government from holding talks on the refugee and displaced Palestinians.

His bill was defeated 47-36.

Landau said Judea and Samaria would turn into "bases of terrorism" if Palestinians returned there. "It's a policy of national suicide."

AMBASSADORS FACE-TO-FACE

Jordan's ambassador to Israel, Marwan Muasher (left), meets Shimon Shamir, Israel's ambassador to Jordan, at Hashimyia Palace in Amman. [RNS photo]

Palestinian population increases

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The Palestinian population in Gaza, Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem was 1.993 million at the end of 1993, representing a 3.7 per cent increase over the previous year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported last Tuesday.

The bureau's figures disagree with a survey ordered by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the end of last year, which estimated the Palestinian population at 2.4 million.

According to Palestinian estimates, the Palestinian population reached 2.019 million at the end of 1992, or 5.5 per cent more than Israeli figures.

Palestinians estimated the population of Judea and Samaria, including east Jerusalem, at 1.272 million, and that of Gaza at 747,000.

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Separation plan divides IDF, police

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The Israel Defence Force (IDF) and the police are reportedly at odds over the best way to separate Israelis from Palestinians.

Before meeting with senior IDF officers last week, Police Minister Moshe Shahal told reporters there were few differences over the separation plan.

But IDF representatives on the committee criticized Shahal's plan as too ambitious, expensive and difficult to implement.

Shahal said his plan is expected to cost up to a half-million shekels, which he said was far lower than originally expected because soldiers, not police officers, would conduct the patrols to keep Palestinians from Judea and Samaria from illegally entering Israel.

IDF representatives, including Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, proposed a leaner and more focused plan, at a lower cost.

The police plan calls for army units, aided by attack dogs and helicopters, to patrol a corridor several kilometers east of the Green Line to prevent Palestinians from entering Israel.

Between eight and 10 checkpoints, also east of the Green Line, are to be built, and Palestinians will only be allowed to cross through them. Severe penalties will be imposed on Palestinians who try to cross without permits.

Shahal said he had yet to hear from the Finance Ministry, which must approve the funding.

The army contends that checkpoints, patrols, and electronic devices are wasteful and will not necessarily prevent infiltrations.

It proposes local separation areas, like the current Erez checkpoint, as well as patrols and electronic methods in places where Arab villages and towns abut Israel.

Terrorism-related deaths increase

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Terror claimed the lives of 123 Israelis during the 18 months since the Oslo accords were signed, an 85 per cent increase over the 18-month period before the accords, according to Peace Watch.

The organization monitors the implementation of the Oslo agreements.

Only 67 Israelis were killed between March 1992 and Sept. 8, 1993, the eve of the signing of mutual recognition between Israel and the PLO.

The increase came principally within the Green Line, where fatalities more than tripled. From March 1992 to Sept. 8, 1993, 23 Israelis were killed in Israel proper, while from Sept. 9, 1993 through March 8, the figure jumped to 81.

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The Week in Israel

March 6:

• At the special intelligence briefing of cabinet, military officers renewed warnings about Iran's nuclear military potential. They assert that Iran may possibly have an operational nuclear capability within three to five years.

March 7:

• Israel's representative at the UN and Lebanon's ambassador met with the president pro tem of the Security Council to discuss the military situation in Lebanon. The meeting was arranged with the help of the government of Oman.

March 8:

• At a special news conference Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert and Tourism Minister Uzi Baram announced that the celebrations marking Jerusalem 3000 will commence in the fall and continue for a period of 15 months.

• A military delegation from Russia headed by the assistant secretary of defence arrived in Damascus to discuss armament sales with Mustafa Tlas, the Syrian minister of defence. Army sources report they are watching this development very closely.

March 9:

• The government awaits the visit of U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher from his visit in Syria. He is expected to bring agreement for the resumption of talks between the Israeli and Syrian chiefs of staff.

• *Haaretz* reported a majority of Americans support the stationing of American observers in the Golan Heights as part of an agreement between Israel and Syria according to a poll conducted by the State Department. However support dropped significantly when the term observers was changed to soldiers.

March 10:

• The first commercial airline flight from Jordan to a destination in Europe flies over Israeli skies.

• Former MK and IDF General (Res.) Mati Peled died at his home in Motza Ilit. Peled entered political life on the far left side of the spectrum in the 1970s after completing a doctorate in Arabic language and literature. He was 72.

• A total of 16 people were killed this week in highway accidents. Eight of the dead were pedestrians. Since the start of January, 118 people have been killed on Israel's roads.

Israel remains committed to peace process: Rabin

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel will continue with the peace process as long as his party has a majority in the Knesset, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told a convention of Reform rabbis last week.

"I feel there is a window of opportunity, and I don't know how long it will remain open," Rabin said.

"What is most important is not what the people want," Rabin told the opening session of the 106th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which includes Reform rabbis in Canada. "What is important is what is needed for the people.

"I will not define a [final] map," Rabin said. "I am not guided by a map, I am guided by principles."

Rabin said he is also guided by a desire not to rule over another entity, "and the Palestinians are a different entity."

But at the same time, Jerusalem will remain united under Israeli rule, the Jordan River and valley will remain the eastern security border, and Israel "will not automatically return to the pre-1967 lines."

Rabin said there are 4.4 million Jews and 3 million Palestinians between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. This, he said, includes as many as 900,000 Palestinians in Gaza, 1.2 million in Judea and Samaria, about 170,000 in Jerusalem, and 900,000 "Israeli Arabs, who consider themselves Palestinians.

"One small party understands the demographic situation and advocates transfer [forced relocation of Palestinians]," Rabin said. "The others do not say it, but would transfer apartheid to Israel. If there is something that is Jewish, it is that racism and Judaism are in the sharpest contrast."

There are two main threats to the peace process, he said: Islamic fundamentalist terror and the fear among some Arab elements that "Israel is going to conquer the Arab world economically."

During the 106th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, Reform Jews conducted services at the southern wall of the Temple Mount. [RNS photo]

British PM visits Israel

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Forty-seven years after the British left Israel, the Union Jack again flew over Jerusalem last Sunday as British Prime Minister John Major began a two-day visit.

Following a dinner in Major's honor at the King David Hotel, both he and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin discussed terrorism.

"We are constantly tested. The scourge of terrorism has afflicted both our countries," Major said. "There can be no place for violence in a democratic state."

Major dismissed comparisons between the PLO and Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army. He said Yasser Arafat has denounced terrorism while Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams has not.

Rabin stressed that "the only obstacle to our common goal [of peace] is terrorism."

Major, only the second British prime minister to visit Israel after Margaret Thatcher, took a strong stand against Iraq's Saddam Hussein, urging for the continuation of sanctions imposed in the wake of the Gulf War.

"The international community must not be gulled by Saddam's tactics of evasion and deception. I can assure you that the United Kingdom will not be deceived."

Major signed an agreement doubling the science and technology research fund established by Britain and Israel last year.

Israel is Britain's third-largest market in the Middle East, he said. "Trade and investment go hand in hand, and investment in Israel is a prudent investment for the future."

He said he planned to increase financial aid to the Palestinian Authority (PA). Major was scheduled to meet PLO leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza later this week. So far, Britain has pledged $125 million to the PA over three years.

Palestinian officials were buoyed by Major's promises of aid. "We hope Major's visit will take this peace process one step forward," said Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Sha'ath.

Anti-Semitic acts up: ADL

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — More acts of anti-Semitism were recorded by the U.S.-based Anti-Defamation League (ADL) in 1994 than in any of the 16 years the organization has conducted its annual audit.

The ADL tallied 2,066 incidents last year, an increase of more than 10 per cent from 1993. Campus incidents rose for the seventh straight year in 1994, 17 per cent higher than the 1993 figures, with 143 incidents at 79 universities and colleges.

The 1994 incidents included in the ADL audit range from the murder of Aaron Halberstam, a Lubavitch student who was shot on the Brooklyn Bridge by Rashid Baz on March 1, 1994, to a swastika scratched in a men's bathroom stall at Colby College in September.

In two other non-fatal but serious incidents, a California yeshivah student was attacked by a skinhead wielding a 3-foot pipe and a screwdriver who screamed, "I hate Jews! I'll kill you!" and in Memphis, two 13-year-old Jewish boys were attacked by two older teens who beat them with a sword while yelling anti-Semitic epithets. One of the young victims was hospitalized with a punctured kidney and broken ribs.

There were more acts of vandalism and arson against Jewish institutions and property owned by Jews — 869 incidents — than in recent years.

At the same time, there were 141 arrests for anti-Semitic crimes last year, more than twice the 60 arrests documented in 1993.

ADL attributed the increase in arrests to a number of factors, including the rise in violent incidents "that often produce evidence leading to the arrests of the suspected perpetrators and the growing impact of state and federal hate-crime legislation."

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Search for Grozny Jews planned

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON — Sally Becker, dubbed the "Angel of Mostar" for her humanitarian work in the besieged Bosnian city, will return to the Chechen capital of Grozny later this month to locate dozens of missing Jews there.

The 34-year-old artist, who returned to Britain last week after a 10-day preliminary visit to the breakaway Chechen republic, will be making a return mission as a voluntary emissary of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

"The agency knows there are between 40 and 100 people missing" from among the Jews who reportedly fled the war-torn city of Grozny, Becker said. "When I go back, I intend to conduct a house-to-house search for them."

In December and January, with Russian troops pounding Grozny, the agency helped about 50 Jewish refugees immigrate to Israel. At the time, agency officials had estimated that some 40 Jewish families, comprising about 150 people, remained in the capital.

Becker said she met Berta-Nina Kostukova, a 57-year-old Jewish refugee from Grozny whose son and daughter-in-law are still in the Chechen capital.

"She had to move from one shelter to another after her flat was destroyed in the bombing. At one point she was very close to a tank that was destroyed," Becker said.

"She told me the situation now is far worse than in the World War II. There are hardly any shelters left now and there are no air-raid warnings when the Russians attack," she said.

"Most of the Jews are old enough to remember going through the same traumas during the war. They've lost all their possessions, but now they want to go to Israel, despite the fact that the thought of starting all over frightens them."

Becker said she has the agency's blessing to help find the stranded Jews.

When the agency's local representative tried to reach Grozny, he was turned back by Russian troops, she said.

Through the agency, Becker has managed to get the names and addresses of 30 people she would try to contact upon her return.

Becker is also determined to help the orphans — Jews and non-Jews alike — now roaming the streets of Grozny. "I am the only person who is taking up their cause," she said.

Jewish Agency emissary killed in Ukraine squabble

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — A Jewish Agency emissary in Ukraine was killed last weekend after he allegedly squabbled with a neighbor about the playing of loud music.

Shimon Feingold, a 49-year-old married father of two, died in Kiev last Saturday.

His death did not occur as a result of anti-Semitic motives, said Yoseph Tropiansky, head of Jewish Agency operations in Ukraine.

According to Agency reports, Feingold was in his fifth-floor apartment Saturday afternoon, when he heard loud music and noise from an upstairs floor. Shortly after he went upstairs to ask the neighbors to turn down the music, Feingold's wife, Chava, heard yells followed by a loud bang.

She rushed out to find her husband lying on the steps bleeding from the head. Attempts to revive Feingold failed, and he died soon after.

Feingold was allegedly pushed down the stairs.

After the incident, the neighbors fled the apartment, but Kiev police tracked them down.

Feingold's autopsy showed he had received a powerful blow to the jaw prior to his fall.

In Jerusalem, Avraham Burg, acting chair of the Jewish Agency, expressed shock and sorrow over the death and expressed his condolences to the family.

He called a special meeting of Jewish Agency officials Sunday to discuss the incident and its ramifications.

Feingold arrived in Kiev last year for a two-year stint representing the Youth Department of the Agency. He was organizing summer camps and youth clubs.

His body was flown to Israel. The funeral took place at Kibbutz Hazerim, near Beersheva, where the family had lived.

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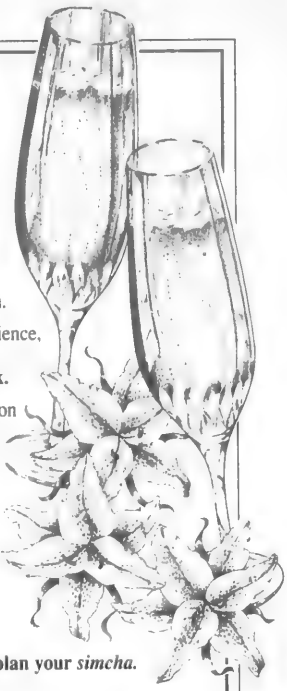
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Sam's son Les, who continued the family tradition when he joined his father in the business some two years ago, says that personal service has always been a top priority. "We are there from the initial meeting until the end of the function to make sure that everything is running smoothly. We don't stop working until the last guest has gone home".

Eating habits have changed in the past several years, and Sam Firestone Caterers has adapted its menus to keep up with the trend toward lower fat, lighter foods. "We still prepare the traditional chicken and beef dinners but many people are asking for lighter fare and we have altered our menus accordingly. We now cook a variety of fresh fish and we've even prepared entire vegetarian dinners with pastas, vegetable cutlets, soups and salads.

"We specialize in customized menus so if someone comes in with an idea or a family's favorite dish we can have it prepared. Customers can taste samples of everything on their menu so there are no surprises. Jimmy Lyras, the executive chef, works closely with our customers to ensure they are getting exactly what they want. Kids are not forgotten, and they can choose from such popular fare as Italian, Mexican, Mediterranean, or Chinese food."

Firestone knows that a caterer's function goes beyond preparing and serving food so he is always available to give advice on other details such as color schemes, choosing wines and selecting bands, florists or photographers. "We try to make things as easy as possible for our customers. We know how much work goes into making a simcha."

He places great importance on his customers getting good value for their money. "Apart from taxes and gratuities, the whole meal is inclusive, from the appetizer to the dessert. Only the bar and sweet table are extra. Many people assume that having a simcha at a synagogue is expensive, but it needn't be — and in most cases, it isn't." He adds, however, "Cutting corners is not in our recipe file. We use the biggest serving spoons in kosher catering."

He welcomes non-members and organizations to the synagogue and says that a recent dinner sponsored by Jerusalem College of Technology to celebrate its 25th anniversary was a great success. "The synagogue has a large, updated, comfortable banquet hall, as well as two smaller halls so we are able to accommodate every party from weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, sports banquets, corporate and organizational events to sheva brachot."

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Of course, the cheese continues as the hallmark line of goods at Boro Park, but recently Rosenberg has added many things unavailable in other kosher stores.

The baked goods department, in particular has grown, with many customers now insisting on only those rolls and danish baked on the premises.

The store even offers frozen dough, so customers can enjoy the fresh-baked taste of bourekas, croissants and rogelach in their own homes.

"The bake-at-home products," says Rosenberg, "caused the most instantaneous customer response. It was very dramatic. In comparison, the coffees became popular more gradually.

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And the food! King Solomon's is especially known for its extensive Chinese buffet, which is available for dinner and, in a slightly smaller version, at lunchtime. In fact, chef Da Zheng Wang's recipe for sesame yams was featured in Mary McGrath's column in the *Star Week*.

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Miracle Food Mart is gearing up for Passover and as always plans to offer a full assortment of kosher-for-Passover products.

Bill Sheine, vice-president of marketing for the parent company, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company (A&P), says that Miracle Food Mart was the first supermarket chain in Ontario to sell kosher meat and the tradition continues with fresh, high quality kosher meat for Passover. "We've always tried to meet the needs of our kosher customers."

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Miracle's Glatt kosher meats are cut fresh under the supervision of a Mashgiach and sent daily to Miracle and Ultra-Mart stores at Viewmount & Bathurst, Bathurst & Steeles, Sheppard & Bathurst, and Don Mills & Steeles. Staff is always pleased to take personal orders for that special roast for the holidays or any other special cut desired. Ken Duff, now the seafood director, but previously assistant director of meats says that "Iowa beef costs more but we are willing to give the customers what they want."

Kosher poultry available in a variety of cuts

Kosher poultry, fresh daily under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto (COR 218) is available at the same stores in a wide variety and selection of quality poultry cuts prepared under the strictest standards of Kashruth and cleanliness. "Freshness is one of the things that differentiates us from the competition. Our motto is 'Miracle means fresh'."

This motto also applies to Miracle Food Mart's produce section, which is full of shelf after shelf of fresh domestic as well as imported fruits and vegetables. From the tropics come ugli

Fresh produce from the everyday to the exotic

fruit, plantain bananas, pineapples, mangoes and coconuts. Cactus pears are a treat flown in from South Africa, and from Italy come delicious blood oranges. With apple varieties such as Mutsu, Royal Gala, Granny Smith, Delicious and McIntosh, there is sure to be one to suit the apple afficionado. "We have our own produce buyers in each region from which we buy and they work primarily at the fields. With 1200 stores across North America, we have major buying power and we purchase entire fields in order to handle our requirements," says Sheine.

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The people at Miracle Food Mart know that quick, kosher meals are a requirement for the busy working family and it offers prepared foods such as Chai frozen barbeque chickens, Empire pizzas, a wide range of Tabachnik soups, Perl's meat pies and Aaron's cold cuts. Even salad and stir fries are a snap with precut shredded carrots, broccoli slaw, garden salad or broccoli pieces.

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New specialty channel draws favorable response

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Showcase Television, one of the new specialty channels, is attracting a different kind of television viewer — people who seldom turned on the tube because the kind of entertainment they want is rarely offered by more established stations.

"They're going to see television that is different from the television they didn't watch before," said Phyllis Yaffe, president and CEO of the fledgling TV station that went on air Jan. 1.

Canada's first all-fiction entertainment network, Showcase features top Canadian dramatic series and films, as well as hit television programs and international movies from everywhere except the United States.

Canadians have many opportunities to see American television and films, Yaffe explained, while programming and films from around the world have been a missing component in our TV fare.

Showcase, she said, is bringing different nationalities and cultures to the small screen.

Enthusiastic letters from viewers across Canada have been pouring into the station, praising the programming range. One man from Newfoundland, Yaffe recalled, wrote to say that he is unable to find foreign and classic films in his local video store. Now he is glued to his television set every night when Showcase

Phyllis Yaffe

presents Canadian and foreign feature films. Some of the movies in the series have been seen only by audiences at film festivals.

In keeping with its multicultural outlook, Showcase aired movies with strong Jewish content in its first few weeks of broadcasting.

They included *Moise*, the story of an Orthodox Montreal family, and *The Dunera Boys*, about Holocaust survivors living in Australia after World War II. *The King of Kensington*, starring Al Waxman, is shown twice daily Mondays to Fridays.

Yaffe said one of the station's top-rated shows, the critically acclaimed British detective series *Spender*, draws an audience of 115,000, and 126,00 people watched a recent showing of the Monty Python movie *Life of Brian*. "We're very confident we can build a sizable audience out of our programming mix. We're aiming for those kinds of numbers."

Advertisers have responded favorably, especially as they are able to reach a new market. Yaffe reported that Showcase already has some "core" advertising and the future looks bright. "We believe advertising will make up a large part of our business. We're really working hard on that."

If Yaffe is at all fazed by Rogers Cablesystems' recent decision to offer the specialty channels, including Showcase, as an extension of the cable package, she is not showing it. "We've had to readjust our marketing plans," she said. "We're going to have to be more aggressive."

Rogers originally planned to include the specialty channels in a cable package with established networks and announced a price hike at the end of last year. In effect the cable company was handing the new channels an audience. Under public pressure, Rogers backed down, leaving the specialty channels more vulnerable than they expected to be at the early stages of their growth.

Showcase receives 32 cents of monthly revenue for each cable subscriber. Four and a half million homes got the specialty channels free of charge until the end of February. But subscribers can now select the cable package of their choice, either with or without new channels, which could affect advertising revenues.

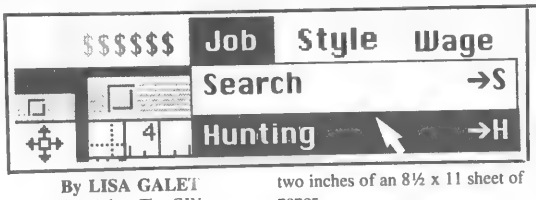
As a result, the station is going through its advertising budget at an accelerated pace. "Just move money up and spend it,' said Yaffe. The station currently has daily radio spots across Canada, ads in television guides and outdoor advertising.

Yaffe has been involved with Showcase almost from the beginning and has gone through the intensely competitive licensing process. The station applied to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) in June 1993 and was one of 10 networks, including six English-language specialty channels, to be licensed a year later. Initially there were 68 applicants, 20 of whom were rejected because their financing was inadequate. Forty-seven made it to the hearing stage.

Robert Lantos, the head of Alliance Communications Corp. came up with the idea for the station. Bringing investors on board was relatively easy, said Yaffe, as Showcase's major shareholder, Alliance, is a strong and thriving company. Alliance has a 55 per cent interest, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation owns 20 per cent, Les Productions La Fete holds 17 per cent, while the remaining stock is held by smaller shareholders, including Yaffe.

She said Showcase is looking forward to the next year, when the station will build its audience and continue to bring quality entertainment to Canadians. "We're very confident about the future, but we certainly have a lot of work to do."

Yaffe predicts television will become a major industry in the future and should create a significant number of jobs. "There's going to be the need for many talented people" in Canadian television, she said.



By LISA GALET
Special to The CJN

Job Hunting is a monthly column dedicated to job-searching techniques by job counsellor Lisa Galet. Readers are invited to forward any questions relating to this topic to Lisa Galet, c/o The Canadian Jewish News.

In a job search, most of us spend a great deal of time writing and rewriting our resume. We believe if our resume is tailored for each job application then we make a stronger application. This is not necessarily the case.

The resume should begin with your name, address and phone number, listed at the top of the page. This is the only personal information you need. Information about your marital status, your parental status, your health or your social insurance number do not need to be on your resume. The personal information section should take up no more than the top two inches of an 8½ x 11 sheet of paper.

Next should be a line or two identifying the type of job you are looking for. This is a statement of intent and should be as general as possible. The statement emphasizes your skills and experience as opposed to your previous or hopeful job titles.

A line like "searching for an opportunity to use my clerical skills and fundraising experience" says a lot and allows the resume to be considered for any type of position requiring those skills or that experience.

Do not write you are looking for work in a progressive firm if you are not necessarily looking for work in a progressive firm. A firm that is not progressive will not consider reading your resume, even if they have an opening, if you limit yourself in this way. Also, don't tell them at this point how terrific you are. Leave that for the next section.

The next section of the resume is a summary of the highlights of your skills and experience. This section should be point form and straightforward and can run anywhere from five to seven lines long. The first line should point to your experience and support your statement of intent.

For example, for the statement above you might write "over four years fundraising experience in the public and private sectors." On the second line you would back up something else from your statement of intent: "over three years clerical experience." If you are looking for an administrative type of job, your third line might say "keyboarding speed 70-75 words per minute." You may want to add "knowledge of WordPerfect 5.1, Lotus 1-2-3 and DOS" as your fourth line and "capable of working well under pressure" as your fifth line.

The purpose of the summary section is to give the resume reader a quick picture of you. A first reading is usually only about 10 seconds long, or about the time it takes to read the personal information section, the statement of intent and the summary section. After reading this far, hopefully, your resume has caught the reader's eye and will be read to the end.

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Tips from The Pros

By PETER BROWNING
Special to The CJN

Most Canadians heaved a sigh of relief on federal budget day; the government's attention was focused on spending cuts, taxing large corporations and closing loopholes for high income earners.

Here are the most significant changes affecting individuals and entrepreneurs and some ideas for using them to your best advantage:

• RRSP contribution limits won't reach the scheduled 1996 maximum of $15,500 until 1999. This year you can contribute $14,500, but you will have to reduce that to $13,500 for 1996 and 1997. As well, the $8,000 overcontribution limit has been lowered to $2,000, but if you have already made that overcontribution, you won't pay a penalty.

• As of July 1996, those with incomes of $53,215 who receive Old Age Security will receive smaller cheques. The benefit will not be taxed back later. As well, if you are no longer resident in Canada, you must file a statement of your worldwide income in order to continue receiving these benefits.

• Discretionary family trusts may still be used for income-splitting purposes, but the preferred beneficiary election has been eliminated for taxation years starting after 1995. To achieve income-splitting benefits after 1995, you will have to pay the income to the beneficiaries or pay on their behalf.

• The 21-year deemed disposition rule for trusts has been reintroduced as of Jan. 1, 1999. This means that trusts are deemed to dispose of capital properties at their fair market value every 21 years and must recognize the resulting capital gains which are then subject to tax. This will limit the use of trusts to defer capital gains at death beyond a single generation.

Budget Analysis

• All sole proprietors, professional corporations and partnerships are now required to have fiscal year ends of Dec. 31. This means higher tax bills for the next decade and more paperwork this year for those with non-calendar year ends. You will need financial information for your regular year end as well as for the period between it and Dec. 31.

Preliminary changes to the research and development tax incentive program will affect many small businesses. These include limiting incentives for contract R&D payments to separate companies and to certain third parties, and requiring payments for R&D to be paid within 180 days of the year end to qualify.

• Canadian films will no longer be attractive investments for limited partner investors. After 1995, prescribed revenue guarantees will reduce the tax benefits. Owners of film and video production companies should investigate other financing options, and investors should check out other tax shelters, including non-Canadian films.

• As the government cracks down on the underground economy, those in the construction business must report all payments to sub-contractors after 1995.

• Business owners involved in offshore investments structured through trusts should prepare for an audit-type review by Revenue Canada. For taxation years after 1995 trusts must submit an annual return with financial statements, and information on contributions and distribution. Additional reporting is also required for shareholders in offshore companies.

Finally — don't be late or deficient with your tax payments. Interest penalties have been increased by two per cent. After July 1, your tax bill could be as much as 10 per cent higher if you don't pay on time.

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Business Briefs

Disneys Buy Into Koor Industries

JERUSALEM — The U.S. Shamrock Group, an investment firm controlled by the Disney family, has signed an agreement in principle to buy Hevrat Ha'ovdim's 22.51 per cent share in Koor Industries for $252 million, the group announced last week.

The price is about 20 per cent higher than the shares' average market value since the start of the year. The agreement was reached after five months of intensive negotiations with several investment groups.

Following the announcement, Koor's shares jumped 5.75 per cent on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange on very high turnover of about NIS 6 million. Shares related to the Koor group also increased sharply on high turnovers.

Proceeds of the sale will be used to cover part of the Histadrut's NIS 1 billion deficit.

Israeli Trade Deficit Doubles

JERUSALEM — Israel's trade deficit doubled last year, from $1.37 billion (US) in 1993 to $2.76 billion in 1994, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced.

Imports of goods and services increased by some $3.6 billion during the period, the bureau said. The significant worsening of the trade balance was said to have been due to a large increase in the purchases of consumer products by Israelis.

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Martin Daniel Interiors

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — Nick Simone used to be a schoolteacher, but he always dreamed of starting a business.

Nine years ago his dream became a reality when he, his brother Angelo, and his sister-in-law Ginette opened **Martin Daniel Interiors,** a fine furniture showroom which offers Italian imports.

"We bring in exclusive lines of contemporary classic furniture, lines not available anywhere else," said Simone. Some of the furniture designed specially for Martin Daniel is made in small Italian factories by artisans.

He said the store favors Italian furniture because it is made from superior woods and is known for its finely executed quality and detailing.

Martin Daniel was the first store in Canada to introduce the Giorgio collection, a grouping of uniquely designed furniture made of exotic woods such as mahogany and python (similar to Brazilian walnut).

The Giorgio dining room suite is made with inlaid wood and the bedroom set combines leather, lacquers and a light wood to create an unusual effect. The collection is ideal for someone "who is looking for something different," said Simone. Yet he stressed that the furniture has a classic look that will never go out of style.

Furniture trends are moving away from the coolness of high tech, he said, to the elegance of a contemporary look with a traditional "classic" feeling.

Some of the newest pieces in the Martin Daniel showroom feature lacquers in combination with exotic woods like mahoganies or with lighter woods such as sycamore and walnut.

For the first time since it opened, the store has changed dramatically, said Simone. "It has become a lot softer with a classic influence, which reflects the trends in home decor."

This transition coincides with the recent arrival of furniture from this year's Milano furniture exhibition. "We've never had this much new product at one time," he says.

Simone and his partners follow the color trends in Italy, so upholstery in the showroom is bright and lively. Accessories include hand-blown Murano glass vases in vibrant colors and fine ceramics.

Angelo, Nick's brother, is the buyer for Martin Daniel, travelling to Italy in search of new products and new ideas at least twice a year, and attending U.S. furniture shows.

The interior designer in the family is Ginette, Angelo's wife. She is responsible for the showroom's striking displays. "We really pay a lot of attention to how the showroom looks," said Nick Simone, who is in charge of the store's day-to-day operations.

"We try to create settings so that the customer can visualize how the furniture will look in his or her home. Each setting is coordinated with proper colors, artwork and accessories to match."

Martin Daniel has a complimentary interior design service — a staff designer available to go to customers' home to take measurements, to discuss their requirements and to give them design advice. The service is available for a single room or an entire home.

The salespeople at the showroom do not work on commission, which means they can spend time with customers who are shopping for accessories as well as those looking at big-ticket items.

"If you offer a person good service for $50, they will remember you and come back," said Simone. He added that in the course of a year the store does very well with accessories.

Simone said 1994 has been the best year ever for Martin Daniel. The recession has hardly affected business, he says, since the store carries only high end products and caters to a business and professional clientele.

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Whistler is a world-class resort right in Canada

By MARTY WAGMAN
Special to The CJN

WHISTLER, B.C. — You can experience a world class ski resort here in Canada, with adventure, shopping, excitement and fine dining in one of the most beautiful mountain settings anywhere.

Whistler offers an abundance of activities. The resort has two distinct, separately owned ski areas — Blackcomb and Whistler.

Blackcomb has six high-speed quad chairlifts, three triple chairlifts, two glacier T-bars and an outstanding eight-passenger high speed gondola.

The mountain has a vertical rise of 5,280 feet, the highest in North America. (In comparison, Vail, Colo. has a vertical rise of 3,250 feet.) There are more than 100 runs.

Whistler has four high-speed quad chairlifts, three triple chairlifts, one double chairlift, one Alpine T-bar and a 10-passenger high speed gondola. Whistler's vertical rise is 5,020 feet, with more than 100 marked runs and seven Alpine bowls.

The magnificent Blackcomb glacier is an immense area that offers something for skiers at all levels. The far side has a gentle slope, while the middle allows for major cruising and the downhill has a steep pitch sometimes enhanced by moguls.

You can try the 40 degree Blow Hole, a steep, avoidable double black diamond section. The Blackcomb glacier alone is the same size as some major North American resorts.

Seventh Heaven, with a vertical rise of 1,932 feet, has above-the-tree line skiing. On sunny days, this sun drenched area is well named.

Blackcomb offers well-groomed, magnificent intermediate and easy skiing and big, long, well-marked cruising.

Whistler is just next door to Blackcomb and offers its own adventures. Ride up the Peak Chair and enjoy the incredible view.

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A gondola treks up the 5,020 ft. to Whistler Mountain, B.C.

The ski season is long at these two resorts. Blackcomb opened Nov. 11 this season and will close May 22. Whistler's last day is April 23.

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During the summer, Whistler's delights include dining al fresco, mountain-biking, golf, glacier skiing and other organized events.

Marty Wagman is a syndicated writer who reports on ski products and travel.

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Travel

Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Numerous readers of Travel Talk who return from Caribbean cruises have told me of an interesting discovery they make after their cruise ship docks at Curacao, the little stringbean-shaped Caribbean isle some 63 kilometres from Venezuela.

A rugged and hilly outcropping, Curacao is home to about 160,000 inhabitants. Although most are Catholic, they represent about 80 nationalities and speak four languages: English, Dutch, Spanish and Papiamento, the local dialect. Curacaoans are proud of the island's small but prominent Jewish population of about 600, whose ancestors found sanctuary here in the centuries after the Spanish and Portuguese expulsions.

The first Jews arrived here early in the 17th century, and founded the Mikve-Israel Congregation in 1651. Today the island's Jews are custodians of the elegant Mikve-Israel Emmanuel Synagogue, which is in its fourth building and dates from 1732, and is reputed to be the oldest surviving synagogue in the New World.

A traditional Sephardi structure, Mikve-Israel Emmanuel retains a sandy floor, for which two explanations are offered. The first is that the sand is reminiscent of the wanderings of the Children of Israel through the desert. The second is that the sand was used in post-exile Spain to help muffle the sounds of prayer when any form of Jewish worship was a crime punishable by torture or death.

A major tourist attraction, Mikve-Israel Emmanuel receives some 15,000 visitors per year. Services are still occasionally conducted there. (A minyan meets regularly at an Orthodox shul in the suburbs.)

The synagogue is one of many worthwhile attractions in Willemstad, the capital of Curacao. Visitors will be easily won over by Willemstad's fine Dutch colonial architecture. A longstanding government edict prohibiting white buildings is still loyally followed. Most walls are bright creamy yellow or orange, including those of the synagogue.

Willemstad's century-old Queen Emma floating bridge links the Punda and Ostrabunda neighborhoods. Formerly only the barefooted were exempted from paying the toll but today everyone may cross for free. Nearby is the so-called "floating market," a row of ships that arrive every morning from Venezuela with fresh fruits and vegetables for sale.

After exploring Willemstad, visitors may wish to see the Seaquarium, where thousands of brightly colored fish are displayed. There are several old forts located around the island, including Fort Nassau, which offers a good restaurant and a breathtaking view. Fort Amsterdam houses the Governor's Palace and a Dutch Reformed Church.

Plantation landhouses dot the island, most of them elegant old mansions that overlook vast estates. They provide a strong contrast to the pitiful cement huts that once housed the slaves who worked the plantations. There was an important slave revolt here in 1795, six years after the French Revolution that probably inspired it, but emancipation did not come to the island until 1863.

Languishing in tropical heat, refreshed by constant tradewinds, Curacao is in many ways a study of contrasts. Despite high unemployment, there are about 50,000 cars on the island, one for almost every three people. And on this island where one old-fashioned thatched-roof hut still stands, the government and private interests joined together several years ago to build a $20-million ultra modern convention facility.

The largest of the five islands that comprise the Netherland Antilles, Curacao must compete for tourists with its sister island Aruba. Tourism officials concede that Aruba has finer beaches but argue that Curacao's rich history and variety of attractions make it the place with "something for everyone." They hope that cruise ship passengers who spend an afternoon here, including readers of this column, will return for stays of longer duration.

A hockey fan's guide to touring Miami the Canadian way, eh!

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

MIAMI — Ah, Florida. Land of palm trees, golf courses, the Rascal House, six-inch high lemon meringue pie, sandy beaches and ice hockey. Yes, hockey, and two or three times a week no less.

Canadians who've shoehorned themselves into Maple Leaf Gardens or prostrated themselves before that shrine of hockey, the Montreal Forum, shouldn't crinkle their noses at the thought of enjoying the great Canadian experience down in the Sunshine State.

Snowbirds visiting the Miami area can head from poolside to rinkside and enjoy a transplanted piece of Canadian culture.

The Miami Arena is the home of the Panthers, south Florida's NHL franchise that entered the league a year and a half ago. With a lineup of castoffs and up-and-comers coached by Roger Neilson, the Panthers employ the neutral zone snore-a-thon designed to bore the opposition into giving up bad goals. Nevertheless, a recent game and the accompanying hoopla left this hockey junkie a satisfied customer.

The Tickets

Panthers tickets are available through Ticketmaster. The cheap seats, equivalent to Maple Leaf Gardens grays, are no bargains, running at $30 US. That's each. But determined to catch a game, I was in a Ticketmaster lineup in a Hallandale drugstore when it opened at 10 a.m. on game day.

There's a saying that God looks out for orphans and Snowbird hockey fans, and much to my surprise, I learned that on the day of the game, the team makes available "Panther Pack" tickets in the top three rows for only about $10 US. Glad to do business with you, I said as I pocketed the suddenly affordable ducats.

The Ride From Hell

The Miami Arena, I was told by several experienced Florida vacationers who watch the nightly news, is in a part of town you don't want to visit unless you've already made out your will.

But Panthers' management, who also watch the news, came to the rescue. The team provides shuttle buses and vans from various outlying shopping malls to deliver fans to the front doors of the arena and pick them up there right after. Cost is $10.

The Fans

Unlike a game in Canada, where the crowd is about 75 per cent male (based on my experience in five NHL rinks), the fans in Florida were split about 50-50 along gender lines and were generally quite youthful. Hockey is currently an in sport and many fans wore Panthers sweaters (and shorts) to the game.

The Game

The Hartford Whalers were in town to tackle the Cats and they put on a pretty good show, though Whalers' backstop Jeff Reese played like a sieve and cost his team the game, won by Florida 4-3.

The Hoopla

Florida fans were treated to all sorts of pre-game and between period hijinks. Two young people used elastic slingshots to fling souvenirs into the appreciative crowd; between periods various contests were held where fans tried to throw footballs into rings, shoot baskets and fire pucks into nets. There was even an on-ice tricycle race between fans from outlying communities.

Meanwhile a blimp maneuvered in the air above the crowd, occasionally dropping what looked to be prize vouchers. And of course before the game, the lights were turned down low, menacing music was piped through the sound system and the Panthers skated onto the ice through the jaws of a cut-out big cat in a haze of smoke.

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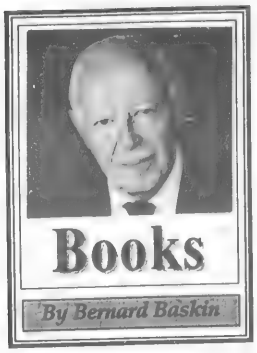

Books

By Bernard Baskin

Stepchild On The Vistula, by S. Simchovitch (Lugus Publishing, 12.50).

What was it like to grow up in Otwoch, a small city 28 kilometres south of Warsaw, during the two decades prior to the outbreak of World War II? How did poor and oppressed Jews eke out a livelihood? What were the conflicting concerns and feelings of a sensitive, thoughtful Jewish boy? How did the various political, Zionist and social movements compete for Jewish loyalty? What was the relationship between Jews and their Polish neighbors?

These are some of the questions the author answers in this evocative book, a bittersweet work of reminiscence from his own earlier years.

Nohum Freidowicz, the son of a pious bootmaker and restaurant owner, excels in his religious studies, but is sent to a Polish school to improve his chances of earning a livelihood. "At home, on the streets and courtyards of the Jewish quarter around the bazaar, the children lived and breathed their indigenous Jewish language and culture which become taboo as soon as they entered the school premises. Here, every subject was taught in Polish, the songs, plays, and celebrations — all in Polish.

A vortex of political activity

"Whenever Pani Pola heard a Yiddish word from one of her pupils, she became angry and dismayed. 'What do I hear?' she would exclaim in a pitched voice. 'Again the ugly jargon? Here is not a Heder, here is a Polish government school!' "

As a naive teenager, Nohum is swept into a vortex of political activity. Idealists filled with revolutionary fervor urge young Jews to cast aside the shackles of Polish oppression. One day Nohum leads his fellow classmates in a Protest Day strike against anti-Semitism. He gradually neglects Orthodox observance and flirts with communism. Apprehended by the police at 15 for distributing prohibited literature, he spends a brief, harsh time in jail before he is released to the custody of his relieved father.

Disillusioned with communism, he joins the Bund — an organization that defended Jewish rights, opposed Zionism and maintained that Jews had a place and a future in a democratic Poland.

The protagonist is 18 when the Germans invade Poland, and the novel ends as he boards a train that will take him to the Ukraine.

The author tells this story in a straightforward fashion, with a poet's eye for telling detail and with vignettes of believable characters — family members, colorful teachers, cronies and fervent radicals.

The reader is quickly caught up in this nostalgic chronicle of a boy's quest for self-understanding and fulfilment, against a rich tapestry of ferment and folklore.

Stepchild on the Vistula was published in Yiddish in 1992 to widespread acclaim. Simcha Simchovitch, a well known Toronto poet and former teacher of Hebrew, is the recipient of the J.I. Segal Prize and other literary awards from the Toronto Jewish Community.

In his introduction to the book, the author reveals that in 1942, the Nazis rounded up and sent 8,000 Jews of Otwoch to their death in Treblinka. An additional 4,000 were shot and buried in several mass graves in the city.

This paperbound book is available in Jewish bookstores in Toronto.

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Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

New Edition of Anne Frank: Written by a teenaged girl while in hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam, *The Diary of Anne Frank* remains "the single most compelling personal account of the Holocaust," as the *New York Times* recently put it.

Half a century after Anne Frank died in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, the American publishing house Doubleday has published a new "definitive edition" of her famous diary, which she filled with entries to an imaginary girlfriend, Kitty.

Evidently Anne's father, Otto Frank — the only survivor of the eight people hidden in the now-famous secret annex for two years — had trimmed much material from the diary upon its initial publication because of space limitations and his own sense of discretion.

"The restored entries, constituting, according to the publisher, 30 per cent more material, do not alter our basic sense of Anne Frank, but they do give greater texture and nuance — and punch — to some of the hallmark concerns of the diary," the *New York Times* observed. The new material also contains sketches for some short stories that Anne was contemplating while in hiding.

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Media Watch: The late and lamented writer Isaac Bashevis Singer, who wrote all of his brilliant stories and novels in his native Yiddish, gave a memorable reply when someone once asked him why he persisted in writing in what the questioner perceived to be a dying language. "Yiddish has been dying for 300 years," Singer reportedly replied.

This month, the Canadian magazine *Saturday Night* contains a long, rambling think-piece by George Jonas called *The End of Jewry?* which purports that Jewish continuity in the West (defined as the United States, Canada and Britain) is "threatened with extinction by our open, secular and multicultural communities in which assimilation is encouraged, while discrimination is forbidden by law and frowned upon by social custom."

How odd that someone would consider tolerance itself to be a foe of the Jewish people! In short, Jonas suggests that Jewish identity is strengthened by tyrants like Hamas or Hitler, and that the Jew becomes an endangered species with nothing to define himself by in the absence of an intolerant milieu.

The inescapable implication of this article is that Judaism lacks a single compelling element of its own, and that the only thing that keeps the Jews from vanishing from the Earth is external persecution and tribal stigmatization — "Jewish mothers throwing fits and Jewish fathers heaping ashes on their heads when faced with sons or daughters attempting to marry outside the community."

A self-defined secular Jew, Jonas' article is filled with sociological observations and statistics, even an uncontextualized quote from Spinoza for added authentification. The author unabashedly admits he has little knowledge of Jewish lore or history. Funny, then, that he would agonize at all over the problem of Jewish assimilation: what's it to him? My opinion is that the piece is valuable because it demonstrates how thoroughly the Jewish people can be misrepresented and misunderstood, even by seemingly sympathetic outsiders.

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In Brief: A Celebration of Student Work showcases the work of nearly 800 students, aged three to 83, at the Avenue Road Arts School, 460 Avenue Rd., Toronto. Public welcome, March 25 and 26, 1 to 5 p.m.

Falsettos, the hip Broadway hit by William Finn and James Lapine, opens at the Tarragon Theatre, Toronto, on June 29. Director is Brian Kremen and musical director is Phyllis Cohen.

Human Edge: The Lapirovs Go West is an 80-minute documentary by French director Jean-Luc Leon chronicling the odyssey of a Russian-Jewish family that moves from Moscow to Los Angeles. TVO, April 12 at 10 p.m.

Get Thee Out! is a powerful 1991 Russian film about Motl, a turn-of-the-century Jew forced to deal with an outbreak of anti-Semitism in his previously peaceful town. It's being screened by the Toronto Jewish Film Society and Cinematheque Ontario at the Art Gallery of Ontario's Jackman Hall, March 19 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets go on sale at 7 p.m.

Closer To The Sun, Garth Drabinsky's long-awaited autobiography written with Marq de Villiers, is expected in bookstores March 30. Weighing in at more than 500 pages, it's published by McClelland and Stewart and costs $35.

Poems cover wide range of subjects

Someone Else's Memoirs, by Ron Charach (Quarry Press, paper).

The Naked Physician, edited by Ron Charach (Quarry Press, $14.95, paper).

Ron Charach is a Toronto psychiatrist, as well as an accomplished, much published poet. *Someone Else's Memoirs* covers a wide range of subject matter — always with depth and sensitivity and with an experienced physician's response to human needs and concerns.

The poems in *The Naked Physician* — a remarkable anthology of the works of some 35 Canadian doctors — are in turn, moving, revealing, honest, surprising — and often humorous.

Both books contain material of Jewish interest and will be cherished by poetry afficionados. Even non-enthusiasts will be rewarded and edified.

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Arts

11-year-old a pinball wizard

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

You can see and feel Daniel Brenner in Tommy.

TORONTO — He lost the coin toss to play young Tommy on opening night of the big musical, but otherwise everything is coming up roses for 11-year-old Daniel Brenner, who alternates in the role.

The Grade 6 student at Willowbrook Public School in Thornhill, son of Sherry and Laurence Brenner, sings the famous "See Me, Feel Me" lyrics in Act II. He had only half an hour to prepare the music with the pianist daughter of a neighbor, before going in to the audition.

He had seen a video of *Tommy*, but didn't like the music.

He'll play the 10-year-old Tommy four shows a week, alternating with Mark Zador, but has to be at the theatre every night and at matinees, just in case. Though he was excused from school during rehearsals and was tutored on the set, now that the show has opened, he has to attend school all day like any other student. But as far as he is concerned, that's a breeze.

The young Tommy sings in the choir at Richmond Hill Hebrew School, and after taking courses at the Leah Posluns Theatre School, got his first major role in 1992 as the juvenile lead in *Another Kind of Hero*, a play about Raoul Wallenberg. He was the youngster sitting on the roof and looking at the stars through a telescope. He had auditioned for the role on a dare. He also played a young villager in *Fiddler on the Roof*.

At home, his 8-year-old sister, Carly, a Grade 3 student, also loves music and can't wait to follow her brother onto the stage.

"I don't know where they get their talent from. Neither my husband nor I have ever been involved in theatre," said his mother, a medical secretary. Daniel's father is a jeweller.

Among his fans at a preview were Daniel's grandparents, Pauline and Bernard Pont of Toronto. His other grandparents, Jean and Abe Brenner, of Leeds, England, are kvelling long distance.

Films look at East Europe Jewry

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Jewish life in Eastern Europe, past and present, is examined through four films to be screened shortly.

The films, to be shown at the Art Gallery of Ontario's Jackman Hall under the auspices of Cinematheque Ontario, are *The Last Klezmer*, *Our Children*, *Through Tears* and *Get Thee Out*.

The most impressive of the lot is Yale Strom's documentary *The Last Klezmer*, which turns on a Polish Jew named Leopold Kozlowski. Two screenings are scheduled for March 21 at 6:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

Kozlowski is a musician and a tireless promotor of klezmer music, which has all but disappeared in post-Holocaust Eastern Europe.

Strom's film is an engaging portrait of a man whose experiences mirror those of many of his contemporaries. Kozlowski was born in a town near Lvov. During the German occupation, he survived as a partisan in a forest, while his parents and brother were murdered by the Nazis.

After the war, he settled in Krakow, changed his surname from Kleinman and found employment as the director of a Polish army musical ensemble. In 1968, during the officially-orchestrated anti-Semitic campaign, he was summarily fired. Bouncing back, he joined a gypsy ensemble, then the Warsaw-based Yiddish State Theatre.

With some success, Kozlowski has tried to pass on the Polish Yiddish musical tradition to his Catholic pupils. But *The Last Klezmer* is not really about Kozlowski the conductor, the pianist, the violinist and the teacher. It's about his Jewish past and the lamentable condition of Jewish culture in present-day Poland.

Accompanied by Strom, Kozlowski makes a sentimental journey to the place of his birth — visiting his old home and the woods where his father was shot and where he, Kozlowski, fought as a partisan.

Along the way, in emotional encounters, he meets a friend he hasn't seen in decades and the somewhat forgetful daughter of his first piano teacher.

Despite the merry aura of Yiddishkeit he exudes, Kozlowski is ambivalent about his Jewishness. And he sees no reason why, at age 70, he should leave Poland and make aliyah.

Our Children, a Yiddish film, was made in Poland in 1948 by the Communist government, but never released. It will be shown on March 19 at 3:30 p.m.

Starring Shimon Dzigan and Yisroel Shumacher, it was one of the first films after the war to grapple with the Holocaust.

Largely filmed in a Jewish orphanage and school near Lodz, it turns on the effects of the Holocaust on children. Quite clinically, they recall the roundups, German subterfuge, the kindness of those Poles who hid children and the impassive reaction of Polish peasants to Nazi cruelty.

Normally comic actors, Dzigan and Shumacher seem rather out of their depth in this serious-minded film. Indeed, their sketches seem clumsy and mediocre. It is the children who shine.

Through Tears, a silent Soviet film with subtitles released in 1928, is based on a collection of Sholom Aleichem stories. Its themes are the family, tradition, economic hardship and anti-Semitism.

The actors, from the Moscow Art Theatre, try hard to recreate the ambience of the shtetl in the Pale of the Settlement. Though dated, *Through Tears* is an interesting curiosity.

Get Thee Out, one of the first Jewish-themed films during the Gorbachev era in the former Soviet Union, was previously shown at the Toronto International Film Festival. It will be screened on March 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Set in a quaint Russian village, it revolves around a Jewish family at the turn of the century forced to cope with racism and a pogrom. Dmitri Astrakhan's feature is quite moving at times.

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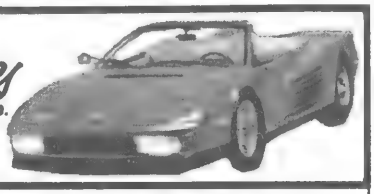
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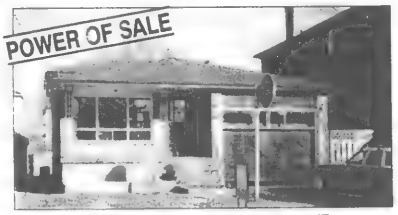

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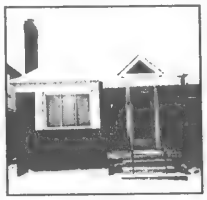

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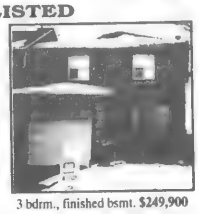

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Vatican and UK to boycott Jerusalem 3000

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Festivities to mark the 3,000th anniversary of the Jewish presence in Jerusalem are quickly turning sour.

Over the weekend, the Vatican and Great Britain announced they intend to boycott Jerusalem 3000, the series of cultural events and exhibitions taking place over 1996.

The move is in response to a recommendation made last year by the European Council not to support the festivities, Jerusalem 3000 director Yossi Tal-Gan said last week.

Most nations, including Canada, do not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and regard the city's eastern portion as occupied territory captured from Jordan in the Six Day War.

Foreign Ministry officials confirmed that embassies in Europe have encountered opposition to the festivities, which will mark 3,000 years since Jerusalem became King David's capital.

"I regret very much that we have run into cool reactions from several elements in Europe, from the Vatican, and even in the United States," Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told Israel Radio.

U.S. Vice-President Al Gore, who is slated to visit Jerusalem this week, is said to be reluctant to accept an Israeli request to head the honorary committee organizing Jerusalem 3000 events.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said the opposition is "misguided."

"We recognize that most of the world does not recognize Israeli rule in Jerusalem, but this is not the issue," he said.

"We are talking about a celebration of a historic fact, not about making any kind of political statement," Tal-Gan said.

The 15-month-long celebrations are scheduled to begin in September.

HELPING THE WOUNDED

A woman is taken to hospital after a March 19 bus attack by Palestinian gunmen outside of Hebron. Two Israelis were killed. ***Please see story page 33.*** ***[RNS photo]***

IRB Israeli 'refugee' numbers soared in 1994

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Despite on-going efforts by Jerusalem to convince Ottawa there's no such thing as an Israeli refugee, Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) last year accepted more refugees from Israel than in the previous five years combined.

According to figures released last week, the IRB in 1994 granted refugee status to 380 claimants from Israel, the vast majority, community leaders agree, originally from the former Soviet Union.

A further 504 claimants from Israel were denied refugee status, and 93 claims were abandoned or withdrawn.

In contrast, from 1989 to 1993 Canada accepted 297 refugees from Israel.

Last year's numbers reveal several new trends in claims from Israel. While the number of those granted asylum has increased, the number of initiated claims was down sharply over 1993. So while there were fewer claimants, more of them were accepted.

Indeed, Canada's acceptance rate of refugees from Israel skyrocketed last year to 55 per cent of claimants, compared to eight per cent the previous year and 10 per cent in 1992.

Israel will likely look askance at the numbers, as the whole issue of Canadian acceptance of refugees from Israel has been a sore point between the two nations ever since the floodgates of Soviet emigration opened in 1989.

The issue boiled over last summer, when Israel publicly called on Canada to stop accepting the claimants, arguing that

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WASHING DOWN THE HAMANTASCHEN

Stephanie Assouline, 3, of Montreal clowned around and enjoyed the treats at last week's annual Purim Carnival of the Centre Communautaire Juif Garderie.

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The News In Brief Everywhere

CANADA

Carr to be Honored

TORONTO — Activist Judy Feld Carr, who has personally helped rescue over 2,000 Syrian Jews since 1973, will be honored in Israel next month.

On April 3, there will be a reception in Carr's honor at the office of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Other functions are expected to take place later in the week.

Carr has also received a personal letter from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"Words cannot express my gratitude to you for 23 years of hard and dangerous work during which you devoted your time and your life to the Jewish community in Syria..

"Judy, the State of Israel salutes you," Rabin wrote.

Sugihara Award

TORONTO — An award to honor the memory of a Japanese diplomat who saved thousands of European Jews has been announced.

The Senpo Sugihara Humanitarian Award is sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the National Association of Japanese Canadians

Against the wishes of his government, Sugihara, Japan's war-time consul general in Kovno, Lithuania, signed thousands of exit visas for Jews fleeing Nazi Europe.

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The association claims some 1,000 members worldwide.

Ontario chapter president Edmond Lipsitz is looking for volunteers for organizing committees. Call him at 416-785-7941.

ISRAEL

Agreements Signed

JERUSALEM — Israel last week signed cooperative health agreements with the former Soviet republics of Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan.

The agreements regulate exchanges of medical information and experts and will enable Israeli manufacturers to operate in the two countries.

The accords also call for the setting up in both countries of medical centres that will use the latest Israeli medical advances.

Christians Study

JERUSALEM — Nineteen priests and one nun were among 21 students from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome who recently completed a semester at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The cooperative program between the two institutions was initiated over 20 years ago.

The students, who are preparing to become Bible teachers at seminaries or universities around the world, came to Hebrew U's Rothberg School for Overseas Students as part of their four-year program. Their studies included the Jewish roots of Christianity

Shopping Babayit

JERUSALEM — Israel's first TV home shopping network is scheduled to go on the air within six months.

Tuvia Saar, the joint-managing director of the group, said the network would bring Israeli consumers into a new era.

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WORLD

Righteous Received

BRUSSELS — King Albert II of Belgium last week received a delegation of 20 non-Jewish Belgians who helped save Jews from the Nazis during World War II. All have been named Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem.

The ceremony came on the eve of a visit to the site of Auschwitz by Belgian officials, including members of the country's federal and regional governments, leaders of political parties, religious and military officials, and representatives of the Jewish community.

New Hate Law

BRUSSELS — New legislation in Belgium making Holocaust denial a criminal offense went into effect last week.

Under the new law, violators may be jailed for up to one year and fined a maximum of $40,000.

Belgium had been one of the few Western European countries where the publication of revisionist literature was not a crime.

Rabbi Bernstein Dies

NEW YORK — Modern Orthodox leader Rabbi Louis Bernstein, a three-term president of the 1,000-member Rabbinical Council of America, died in his Queens home March 12 of brain cancer. He was 67.

Rabbi Bernstein, known for his outreach to the broader Jewish community, was a Yeshiva University professor and member of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency.

Yentl, Part II?

LONDON — Barbra Streisand is contemplating making a film about Rabbi Shmuel Boteach, the leader of the Jewish students' society at Oxford University, and his friendship with Corey Booker, a young black Christian who became co-president of Oxford's L'Chaim society.

The society broke with Lubavitch last year because Rabbi Boteach was seen as too nonconformist. The group had planned to co-sponsor a visit by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whose stance on territorial compromise is opposed by Lubavitch.

Rabbi Boteach described Streisand as "one of the nicest and most humble people I've met, and proud of her Jewish identity."

He added that if the film is made, "I want to be played by Tom Cruise or Arnold Schwarzenegger."

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Agunah vigil fights for women's rights

Denying a get amounts to spousal abuse, says rabbi

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Men who refuse their wives a Jewish divorce were equated to rapists and violent husbands by a local Orthodox rabbi speaking at Toronto's second annual Vigil for Agunot.

It was held last Tuesday evening, the eve of the Fast of Esther, in the lobby of the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC).

"When a husband refuses to give his wife a get (Jewish divorce), that is a form of spouse abuse no different than if he hits or rapes her or abuses her emotionally," said Rabbi Mark Dratch of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Such behavior is also "an abuse of Torah and tradition," said the rabbi. A husband who refuses to give his wife a get is in violation of Jewish law and is manipulating the system, he added.

Rabbi Dratch said he was embarrassed that there weren't more men among the crowd of 70 people who gathered to show their support for agunot (women whose estranged husbands have refused them a Jewish divorce).

David Smor, a tall, grey-haired man bearing a placard, said that his wife brought the issue to his attention. He attended the vigil with her to show his solidarity, he said.

Rabbi Dratch, apparently the only rabbi in attendance, emphasized that the rabbis of the community are "deeply concerned" about the issue and have been addressing it at numerous rabbinical meetings and discussions.

In 1993, the Rabbinical Council of America, an association of Orthodox rabbis in North America, introduced a prenuptial agreement to be used by its members, Rabbi Dratch noted. The agreement was designed to ensure participation in the get process should the marriage not work out.

"It is important to share this information with our daughters, granddaughters, sisters and friends getting married," said the rabbi. "G-d willing marriages will last a long time...but those that do not

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Representatives of the Canadian Coalition of Women for the Get lit candles at last week's Vigil for Agunot. At podium is Marlene Axmith, incoming chair of UJA Women's Campaign for Jewish Women's Federation.

IMPORTANT LEGAL FACTS FOR AGUNOT

- Without a get (Jewish divorce issued by the rabbinical court), a woman cannot remarry under Jewish law. Should she remarry under civil law without a get, children of the subsequent marriage are considered mamzerim (illegitimate) and may only marry another mamzer or a convert under Jewish law.
- Section 21.1 of Canada's Divorce Act, amended in 1990, can be helpful to agunot. The Ontario Family Law Act has specific provisions regarding property rights which may be helpful in cases involving agunot.
- Under federal law, divorcing spouses must remove all barriers to religious remarriage of their spouse before receiving a civil divorce. In cases of non-compliance, judges can impose sanctions.
- Limitations of the law include the fact that it applies only to couples who have not yet obtained a civil divorce.

CORRECTION

It was a mistake worthy of Purim!!! Readers last week undoubtedly noticed that the identities of Ambassador Itzhak Shelef of Israel and Ambassador Mahmoud Farghal of Egypt had been switched. We humbly apologize for the error. We deeply regret any confusion or embarrassment this may have caused.

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Kosher Japanese dinner raises $12,000 for Kobe shul

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — More than $12,000 was raised at a kosher Japanese dinner here on March 9 to help repair the Ohel Shlomo synagogue in Kobe, Japan, which was damaged by the recent earthquake.

The dinner was organized by Kobe expatriate Ruth Erlichman, who moved to Canada with her family in 1975, when she was 18. It was held in the Tama Sushi restaurant, which brought in special food and utensils from New York for the occasion. The restaurant donated the premises and food.

Erlichman told *The CJN* in a phone interivew that 105 people attended the dinner, about 75 per cent of them Jewish. They came from all streams of the community, including Lubavitchers. Many who attended had a Kobe connection as there are a number of former Kobe Jews living in Vancouver.

Erlichman, who was in Kobe last June on a business trip, resumed her friendship with many of her acquaintances and stayed at the home of the president of the shul. When news of the earthquake broke this year, she managed to get through by phone to friends who told her the shul had suffered damage estimated at $50,000 (US) and the tablets with the Ten Commandments had been shattered.

Erlichman had set a goal of $10,000 for the dinner and was delighted that more was raised. Air Canada donated a ticket so that she could take the cheque to Kobe personally; but she decided to auction the ticket and add the winning bid of $1,300 to the proceeds.

All the funds raised will be forwarded to Kobe through the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, which cooperated in the arrangements.

Erlichman said the San Francisco B'nai Brith has contributed $18,000 to the shul and she hopes other organizations will help.

Erlichman's grandfather, Ezra Mattuck, was one of the founders of Ohel Shlomo and its first president. He had escaped from Iraq to Shanghai and then to Japan, where he operated an import-export business. Her father, who carried on the business, met his wife in Bombay and the children were all born and raised in Kobe.

Although her parents were in Japan during World War II, she said they were moved by Japanese authorities to a rural area where they were safe from military action.

"Relations with the authorities were excellent," she said. "My parents weren't prisoners."

Kobe at one time had about 300 Jewish families, mostly from Sephardi countries, but some came from Lithuania and Poland. Built in 1970, the shul is one of only two synagogues in Japan and now has 30 families (75 people). It holds Shabbat and holiday services and serves the entire region of Kansai, which includes Osaka and Kyoto.

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Working in conjunction with the Canadian embassy, representatives from the Canadian Jewish Congress visited Cuba's Jewish community bringing them much needed supplies and assessing their future needs. Seen (from left) are Canada's ambassador to Cuba Mark Entwistle, Cuban Jewish community president Dr. José Miller, CJC president Irving Abella and CJC national executive director and general counsel Jack Silverstone.

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New Ontario health bill concerns Jewish agencies

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Will the 57 per cent of the Jewish people living outside central North York still be able to get home care services from the Jewish agencies they are used to?

This is one of the concerns arising from Ontario's Bill 173, which dramatically revamps such services to provide one-stop shopping for home services and folds 1,200 service groups in Ontario into 150 Multi-Service Agencies (MSA).

Though the bill is to be proclaimed March 31, the effective date of MSA operations is months in the future. In the interval, an Ontario election is due to be held

Under the bill, the Central North York MSA will serve residents in the area between Dufferin and Yonge Streets, and Steeles Avenue and the City of Toronto boundary on the south.

"We are concerned about the implications of the bill for people in central North York and for those who live outside the geopolitical boundary of the MSA," said Moshe Greengarten, vice-president, public and community affairs of Baycrest Centre.

Of the total Jewish population of 162,605 in the greater Toronto area (1991 census), only 43 per cent live in the Central North York MSA area, 20 per cent in Toronto and 27 per cent in York Region.

Preliminary talks with York Region MSA have elicited a very cooperative spirit in providing services to Jewish residents, Greengarten said.

The Bernard Betel Centre in North York faces a 12 per cent cut in funding because of the new MSA, said executive director Esta Wall.

Negotiations on implementation of the Central North York MSA are continuing within a consortium chaired by Michael Scheinert, executive director of Senior Care and including Morris Zbar of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Greengarten and Wall, and about 35 other community representatives. "The final report is a long way down the road," said Zbar.

One concern is that Jewish people outside the boundaries mentioned will not have accessibility to their normal services, Greengarten told *The CJN*. This includes meals on wheels, homemaker and nursing services, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and home support workers.

Though he concedes that there is concern among some Jewish groups, Scheinert believes the new MSA will be able to deliver an even higher standard of care than Senior Care, which is the main agency now providing services to Jewish people. It has a budget of $7 million, serves 3,500 to 4,000 people a year, employs 280 and has 400 volunteers. The Central North York MSA will serve an area with a more than 50 per cent Jewish population, he said.

Michael Sche'nert

Other ethnic communities also have concerns about the effect of Bill 173, Greengarten said. The question of how permeable the geographic boundaries will be has yet to be settled, he noted.

"We don't know if there will be only a limited number of exceptions to the boundary rules or whether it will be more extensive," he said.

The final decisions on this will be made by the District Health Councils of Metro Toronto and York Region.

On the other hand, Scheinert is confident that this should not be a cause for worry. "Your aunt on Spadina Road will still get the services she is used to," he said.

Controversy over Bill 173 is not confined to the Jewish community. The Victorian Order of Nurses, Red Cross and St. Elizabeth Visiting Nurses are opposed to it.

Ontario Health Minister Ruth Grier said the province already spends more than $1 billion on homemaker sevices and it must find a way to save money in the future, as the number of people over the age of 85 will increase by 125 per cent in the next 15 years.

A study commissioned by the Consumers Coalition for Senior Care Reform said the one-stop shopping for home services under Bill 173 will save $90 million in one year.

Coalition chair Jane Leitch told *The CJN* that some flexibility in boundaries is needed, but she is opposed to the idea if it increases the cost of serving ethnic communities.

Some powerful groups are opposed to Bill 173, Leitch said, but she thinks the MSAs will serve seniors better than the present system, because consumers and volunteers will be represented on their boards.

TAU chancellor set to visit Canada

TORONTO — Sir Leslie Porter, chancellor of Tel Aviv University (TAU) since 1993, will inaugurate an Ottawa chapter of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University (CFTAU) on his first official visit to Canada early next month.

Porter and his wife, Dame Shirley Porter, a city councillor in London, England and member of TAU's board of governors, will be in Canada from April 1 to 4. Their stops in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto will include meetings with CFTAU leaders including Sue Carol Isaacson, president of the Montreal chapter; Marty Goldberg, president of the Toronto chapter; and Arnell Goldberg, recently named head of the Ottawa chapter.

The Porters will be hosted by Lawrence Bessner, national president of CFTAU.

Porter, who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1983, served through World War II in the British Army, taking part in campaigns in Egypt, Greece, Crete, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Italy. He is a major figure in the world of British business, in grocery distribution and property development.

Porter is the second chancellor of TAU. He succeeded George Wise, founder of the 25,000-student university.

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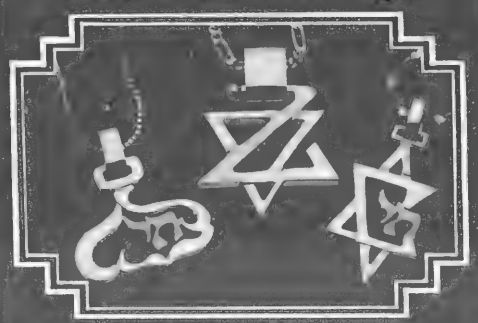

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'Final' blood screening clinic being held for Jay Feinberg

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Time is closing in on Jay Feinberg.

The 26-year-old New Jersey man has seen his chronic myelogenous leukemia accelerate in recent weeks, to the point where drugs can no longer stem its advance.

But there is still a chance.

Supporters of Feinberg are holding what they are calling the last drive — one final mass blood screening to try to find a suitable bone marrow donor, while there is still a possibility that a bone marrow transplant will be successful.

It will be held March 26, from noon to 5 p.m., at B'nai Brith House, 15 Hove St.

His best chance of a successful match is someone of Eastern European descent.

The simple blood test can be taken by anyone 17 or older (younger with written parental permission), and in general good health. Blood type does not matter, and pregnant women can be tested.

Those previously tested need not be re-tested.

Barry Sherman of Apotex Inc., a major Toronto pharmaceutical company, is underwriting the cost of this clinic.

The Sherman family, says Apotex director of public and government affairs Elie Betito, has always been active in and supportive of the community.

When they were approached by the Stanleigh family, whose son, Audi, eight months ago received a life-saving bone marrow transplant from a Windsor man originally tested for Feinberg, Betito said, "they were touched by Jay's story. They didn't hesitate to help."

Audi Stanleigh told *The CJN* that he recognizes that Feinberg has "fought a tough battle.

"I want people to know that this might be the last time [to find a match for him], and that they should come out.

"I'm walking proof that there is hope," he added poignantly.

Results of the clinic will be entered in the Canadian and international bone marrow registries, so that others who need a transplant can benefit, just as Stanleigh did.

For more information, contact Dr. Marshall Deltoff, 416-783-4914.

Mark Hart dies at 17

Mark Hart, a Toronto teenager who was also looking for a bone marrow donor, died last Wednesday. He was 17.

At the request of his family, a mass screening clinic planned by the social action committee of Temple Sinai Congregation, 210 Wilson Ave., will still go on, in Mark's memory.

The clinic will be held at the synagogue, March 26, from 11 to 3, and results will be entered in the Canadian and international registries, if potential donors agree.

The committee is also asking for donations to cover the testing.

— L.S.

Workshops planned for teachers

TORONTO — More than 650 Jewish day school teachers are expected to attend a day of lectures and workshops at Associated Hebrew Schools' Leslie campus Monday, March 27.

Education professor Walter Ackerman of Ben-Gurion University will be the keynote speaker.

The professional development day will offer 35 separate sessions in English and Hebrew on Jewish and general studies. Some of the sessions have been organized in cooperation with the Jewish Vocational Service Educational Counselling Centre.

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אינגער 700 שטענדיקע אינוואָנירער געפינען זיך אין די 3 אָפּטיילונ-גען. „דעי קעיר" באַדינט אַרום 800 פּעו וואָן.

אַ סך דעלעגאַציעס פון טאָראָנטאָ, פון נאָנען לאַנד, און אפילו פון די שטאַטן, קומען זיך באַקענען מיט דער גוטער אַרבעט פון דער אינסטיטוציע און זיך לערנען ווי צו פאַרבעסערן די אַרבעט פון זייערע אַנשטאַלטן: גרויס קרעדיט קומט דער לײַדיס אוקזיליערי פון בעיקרעסט, וועלכע האָט דורך איר אינערגעגענער און בריוס פאַרצוויגטער אַר-בעט, געהאָלפן שאַפן א וואַרעמע, היימישע אַטמאָספער אין שטאָרקן דעם מוט און קולטורעלן מצב פון די עלטערע מענטשן.

ספּעציעלע פּראָגראַמען וועלן דורכגעפּירט צו באַרייכערן דאָס לעבן פון די אינוואָנירער פון דער היים. בײַ די סיעורונגען פון ייִדיש יום-טובים מאַכן די פרויען פון דער לײַדיס אוקזיליערי ספּעציעלע אַשטרענגונגען צו שאפן אַן אמת-פּייערלעכע אַטמאָספער. ראש השנה און יום כּיפּור וועט די שול באַפּוצט מיט בלומען. סוכות וועט אינגעשטאַנען אַן אַלגעמיינע סוכה מיט שיינע קאָלירטעלע דעקאָראַציעס. חנוכה טיילט מען אויס מתנות. פורים וועלן צעטיילט 700 שלח מנות'ן צו די אינוואָנירער. פּסח וועט אָרגאַניזירט אַן אַלגעמיינער סדר. מוסערי-טאָג קריגן אַלע פרויען בלומען. צום מאָטער-טאָג גיט מען פאַסיקע מתנות צו די מענער.

מעטשיואַלן, אַריסאָמער, פּיקניקס, מזל-טוב-אונטן און קאָנצערטן, א ביבליאָטעק, קאָמפּי שאַפּ, א געשעפּט פאַר מתנות, פאַרקויף פון גע-נצטע אַדער ניע קליידער, ראָמעדוש טיילס, מיס, באַגריסונג-קאַרטלעך, ראָפלס, א ביסל פאַרלאָר, אַן אַרכיון און א סך אַנדערע טעטיקייטן. די פרויען גיבן איך אַריוס א בולעטין פאַר זייערע מיטגלידער.

איינע פון די וויכטיקע אַרבעטן אין צו אקטיוויזירן די ייִדישע געזעל-שאפט אַרום דער אַרבעט פון בעיקרעסט. איין מאָל אין יאָר וועלט איינ-געאָרדנט א לאנטשאַן, וואו פאַרטרעטער פון פאַרשידענע אַרבאַניזא-ציעס, קלובן און לאַדסמאַנשאַפטן ברענגען געלט ביישטייערונגען פאַר דער אינסטיטוציע. אַרום 40 אַרבאַניזאַציעס באַשיליקן זיך אין דער אות-טערעמתב. עס וועלן אויסגעטיילט אַנערקענונג-סערטיפיקאַטן צו יחידים אַרבאַניזאַציע.

דורך אידע פאַרשידענע אקטיוויטעטן שאפט די לידיס אוקזיליערי א גאַר היפּשע סומע געלט, וואָס העלפט אַרויס דעם אַלגעמיינעם בודשעט.

א סך זייער גוטע און נוצלעכע אַרבעט וועלט אויך געטאָן פון מענער סערוויס קלוב. אָבער וועגן דעם דאָרף מען שרייבן באַזונדער.

בעיקרעסט פלאַניט איצט אויפצובויען א סערטע געביידע, כדי צו קענען באַזיצן נאָך צענדליקער עלטערע מענטשן, וואָס דאָרפן וואַרטן חודשים לאַנג אַריינגענומען צו וועלן אין דער אינסטיטוציע, וואָס איז אַלע-מאָל איבערפולט.

דער בעיקרעסט צענטער איז א שטאָלץ פאַרן ייִדישן ישוב אין טאָראָנטאָ.

From coast to coast

UIA campaigns put focus on continuity

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

Barney Harris

VICTORIA — United Israel Appeal of Canada (UIA) campaigns have been "crisis driven" in past years, but emphasis is shifting to Jewish continuity in the Diaspora, said Barney Harris, national UIA field director.

Speaking at a meeting of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Victoria, Harris said that because of the crises Israel has faced, "we tended to gloss over the fact that longtime contributors are getting older and there hasn't been a bonding with the younger generation."

Those in their 30s, 40s and even 50s are removed from Holocaust thinking and the establishment of the State of Israel and are more concerned with such local needs as Jewish education for their children. The result, he said, is that UIA "must look to younger people in terms of Jewish continuity."

The Israel experience — sending people to Israel for several weeks, is one way to stir up interest in the Jewish state, Harris said. To help accomplish this, UIA is now prepared to provide funds to send young people to Israel or subsidize their trips.

Harris said the Ontario region has set aside $75,000 to subsidize trips. He said negotiations are in progress with other regions for similar programs.

"If we are concerned about Judaism surviving in the future, we must look to Israel as the linchpin," Harris said, in explaining why UIA funds are being used to encourage younger people to see Israel for themselves. "We must look to the future."

Harris said campaigns have generally been flat. Victoria's federated campaign last year raised close to $60,000, about the same amount raised 10 years ago.

Emphasizing that the UIA is supported now mainly by an older generation, he said that in Ontario, 1,200 cards in 29 small communities brought in a total of $900,000. Of this amount, 25 contributors, mainly over 65, gave $400,000.

The major givers, especially the older ones, are fully aware of Israel's needs and know that the continued welfare of Israel and Judaism is a Jewish problem.

"This type of thinking has to be translated into similar giving by the younger groups," he said.

Noting that in the United States intermarriage is up to 50 per cent and that only 28 per cent of their children will be raised as Jews, Harris said the disappearance of Jews is a fact that must become relevant to the younger element.

And Israel is still rescuing and absorbing large numbers of immigrants from the former Soviet Union and other parts of Europe. The Jewish Agency of Israel, which receives its funds from the UIA, handles this effort.

Harris and Orit Katsov, the Jewish Agency shaliach in Vancouver, called on the federated communities to set up endowment funds in addition to the annual campaigns.

National UIA planning conference in Montreal

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — A total of $12.1 million was raised last year by United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada Women's Division, according to Trudy Pekarsky, national chair of the division.

She described the campaigns as "flat," since the year before more than $13 million was raised.

For the 1995 campaigns, a national leadership conference will be held at the Ritz Carlton hotel in Montreal March 25 and 26, with the theme: In a world of constant change, we must change the way we campaign.

Young Adult leadership has been asked to join the conference and about 200 delegates are expected, Pekarsky said.

The principal speaker will be Itamar Rabinovich, Israel ambassador to the United States and chief negotiator in the peace talks with Syria.

Laurence N. Smith, vice-president of marketing and student affairs at Eastern Michigan University, an expert in marketing not-for-profit institutions, will address the group.

Other speakers include Dr. Baruch Gur, an authority on Jews of the former Soviet Union, and Arna Poupko, Judaic consultant for the Montreal federation.

A special session will be held on March 27 for small and intermediate communities, conducted by Norman Fishman, campaign director of the Minneapolis Federation of Jewish Services.

Home hospitality and a Shabbaton are planned for the Young Leadership delegates.

Rhoda Vineberg of Montreal is conference chair. Dr. Gerald Halbert is president of UIA of Canada.

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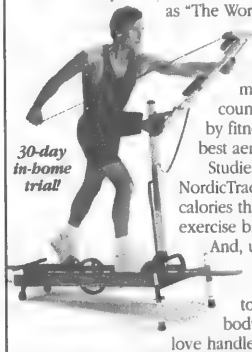

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Sadly, Syria

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher returned to Washington last week after a familiar but fatiguing series of shuttles among various Mideast capitals. In the end, he secured an agreement from the Syrian President Hafez al-Assad to allow the resumption of talks with Israel at the ambassadorial level. The talks are expected to restart within days. Despite the announcement however, there is no celebration in Washington or Jerusalem. It has taken the parties this long simply to come back to where they were at the beginning.

Next year is an election year in both Israel and the United States. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his government will be effectively precluded from negotiating with Assad during an election campaign. Similarly, President Bill Clinton and his government will be "distracted" from attempting to broker a Mideast settlement by the small matter of having to win re-election.

Assad is squandering the opportunity, yet again, to achieve any progress on substantive peace issues. Many seasoned and independent Israeli commentators such as Yoel Marcus of Haaretz are blaming him directly for the current stalemate. This is not surprising. They have seen his equivocation and his prevarication time and time again. What is surprising though, are the increasing indications that some of the American media too are finally beginning to lose patience with Assad's coy and cunning mind twists.

For example, in the March 19 issue of the Sunday New York Times, Thomas Friedman wrote: "Warren Christopher did yeoman's service last week in cajoling and enticing Syria's President Assad to resume peace talks with Israel. But frankly I'm really tired of watching secretaries of state trudge off to Damascus to beg Assad to resume negotiations that are in his self-interest. It's time for a new approach."

Sadly, it seems Syria is stuck in Assad's old ways.

The Jews of Canada

Jews were in Canada even before there was a Canada. In fact, there is a story, perhaps apocryphal, that the first Jewish person here was Esther Brandau, a young French girl who smuggled herself into New France disguised as a boy, at a time when Jews were not allowed in this part of the world.

Whatever the truth of that story, it is indeed known that Aaron Hart came here with the British army when General Wolfe fought on the Plains of Abraham in 1759, and that the first synagogue was organized nine years later in Montreal.

Since the 18th century, Jews have continued to immigrate to Canada. And like all newcomers seeking to build a new life, they helped to build their new land in the process. Today, there are more than 350,000 Jewish people in Canada.

It is now almost 50 years since the end of World War II, the enormous, epoch-making event of modern Jewish history, which was a watershed for the history of Jewish Canada as well. We are also quickly approaching a change in the millenium. It is thus timely to reflect upon the Jewish community of Canada: where we came from, where we are now, and perhaps most important, where we appear to be headed.

Therefore, over the next few months, in a series of six articles organized by Leila Speisman, correspondents from west coast to east coast, in broad and colorful strokes, will paint a picture of the Jews of Canada. In this issue, we put first brush to canvas with a brief portrait of the Jewish community in British Columbia and the Northwest Territories.

Texture of Life

Also in this issue, we introduce an occasional column called The Texture of Life in Israel, in which we will attempt to convey an eclectic range of the myriad "off-beat" details of everyday, ordinary life in Israel. We hope the column will help readers to sense, to understand and even to feel aspects of Israeli life not normally described in the news and wire stories which are dominated by politics and security.

Dry Bones

SUN, SEA, AND SAND... AHHH ISRAEL IN THE SPRING IS BEAUTIFUL!
SOON THE AMERICANS WILL BE HERE ON FACT-FINDING MISSIONS AND SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGES
THEY HAVE TROUBLE "JUST" COMING HERE TO RELAX AND HAVE FUN.
IT'S TOO POLITICALLY INCORRECT.

How to help the disadvantaged

I would like to comment on Rabbi Dow Marmur's article on the federal budget (*CJN* Mar. 9). I was pleased to see Rabbi Marmur raise an argument in a discussion of the budget that, for once, is not based on economics only. It is important for all Jews, not just rabbis, to fight for support of the weakest in our society. The Torah commands us all to care for the widow and orphan, and by extension all who have no one else to fight for them.

The dilemma that our finance minister finds himself in is his hands are tied by a combination of recent history and human nature. Federal governments of the last 20 years have indulged in reckless overspending, to the extent that our debt is seriously out of control. The only choices left are to sharply reduce spending (which will undoubtedly reduce needed health care and social services), or increase taxes. Unfortunately, the Canadian public has made it very clear that they will not stand for increased taxes. Altruism is not of the hallmark of the man-on-the-street. Thus, the finance minister has followed the only course that was left open for him.

I agree that as Jews we must press for help for the disadvantaged. However, I no longer see this help coming from government. I think that the rabbi's arguments must be directed at convincing the general public to voluntarily increase the amount that they provide to charities and self-help groups. Canadians are far less philanthropic than they should be; I think Rabbi Marmur and other religious leaders should be trying to convince the general public that it is their responsibility to help the needy. They can no longer expect government to do the job, as the money just isn't there.

Moishe Kinneret
Toronto

Not enough women on committee

Re: "Plotnick chair of *CJN* advisory board" (*CJN* Montreal edition, March 2). I commend your appointment of a committee to provide the feeling of our Montreal community, its heart and soul. However, do you really think you can get to the heart of the matter with only three women on a committee with 13 men? I don't.

Freda Browns
Montreal

Congratulations to black winners

I was interested to read in the general press of the Black Business and Professional Association Awards given to many young black athletes, students and professionals for their achievements in various fields.

The story listed a number of civic dignitaries who were present, in addition to leading members of the black community. It seemed that every religious group was represented except the Jewish one. Was this an oversight on the part of the organizers, or did someone in the Jewish community not show up? Whatever, I think we should congratulate the young black people involved.

Jason Goldstein
Toronto

Never to return again

By Judith Rubinstein
Toronto

The year 1995 bears much significance for me. Fifty years ago this coming May, I was liberated from the cruel bondage of the Nazis. The Birkenau concentration camp with all its horrors was behind me. I was free at last. However, the first few days of freedom overwhelmed all of us survivors with uncertainty regarding the future. Where would we go? What would we find? Was it possible to heal the unbearable pain and suffering that had reduced us to breathing shells, broken in spirit and body?

The first decent food provided by our American liberators inadvertently caused much sickness and death. Our emaciated bodies simply could not absorb the food given us so generously by the kind-hearted soldiers. The hospitals were filled with former camp inmates whose stomachs had succumbed to the sudden overeating. Typhus and many other contagious diseses ravaged our weary bodies. But the slowest healing was psychological, not physical. It took a long time to be able to enjoy the freedom of walking on the streets without being watched by the Nazi guards. We were simply grateful to be alive, yet it was difficult to absorb the implications of the unexpected new reality.

After six weeks of uncertainty and worrying about my immediate family's fate, I finally returned to Hungary. In despair, I learned what I had suspected all along, that my beloved family was no longer alive. The city where I had been raised and had lived all my life had suddenly become a strange, repelling place, full of sad memories. Our former neighbors were apologetic, and obviously disturbed by our sudden reappearance. In their minds they had already buried all the Jews. Our house was occupied by strangers. The furniture and everything else that had once belonged to us had disappeared.

The final blow hit me when, on my first day back home, I saw a woman walking toward me on the main street wearing my mother's best dress. I just stared at her, stunned and speechless, the tears running down my cheeks. That did it. I ran as if someone were chasing me, back to the railway station, never to return again.

A chapter of my life was conclusively closed. But the pain will endure forever.

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Perspectives

THE JEWS OF CANADA

British Columbia & N.W.T.

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

British Columbia is known as Lotusland but the Jews of B.C., right from its earliest history, were no lotus eaters. They were aggressive, adventurous, courageous — and they helped build a solid economic and social foundation for the province, with a zeal that continues to this day. They practised Judaism wherever they could find space, with or without a minyan.

Victoria was the first major Jewish centre in B.C., long before Vancouver, and despite its ups and downs, the Victoria community is again becoming a factor in Jewish life. At one time in its early history, it had the second largest Jewish population in Canada, after Montreal.

The first Jew in Victoria was Frank Sylvester, who came from San Francisco in July 1858. About 100 other Jews poured into this sleepy British colony on Vancouver Island, operated by the Hudson's Bay Co. The influx began when a gold strike was reported on the mainland and Jews, mainly from San Francisco, joined the rush. Some were miners and prospectors; others were traders supplying the miners.

By the fall of 1858, there were enough to hold High Holy Day services. In 1860, they bought land and consecrated the cemetery. Morris Price was the first to be buried in the Jewish cemetery — a victim of a murder.

Services were held in a local hotel, but in 1863, the Jews built Congregation Emanu-El, one of the first brick structures in Victoria, and now the oldest shul in continuous use in Canada. The land cost $7,300; the building, $9,195.

The opening of the shul was a major Victoria-wide event, complete with a parade of local dignitaries, the Navy band and representatives of most organizations. The opening was re-enacted in 1982, when the shul was renovated and rededicated, with the help of the B.C. government.

Probably because they were English-speaking and involved in business and in the social and cultural life of the city, the Jews integrated easily. This has been the story throughout the province, even after the mainland colony of British Columbia joined with Vancouver Island to form a province and enter Confederation.

The B.C. record of goodwill is clear: the first and only Jewish provincial premier in Canada was Dave Barrett; the first provincial chief justice, Nathan Nemetz; the first Jew in the House of Commons, Henry Nathan, an MP from Victoria; the first Jew in a British North American legislature, Selim Franklin; Selim's brother Lumley was second mayor of Victoria.

When the Canadian Pacific completed its continent-wide railway construction in Vancouver, most of Victoria's Jews crossed the 50 miles of the Georgia Straits to live there, depleting the community. But it is starting to come back. The Jewish population is now guestimated at close to 2,000.

Chuck Waldman, who has been the volunteer representative of the United Israel Appeal (UIA), reports about 200 subscribers, up from the usual 75 to 80. The Jewish telephone directory he compiles lists some 600 families, a substantial increase over the number in the 1993 book.

Waldman came to B.C. from Saskatchewan and first settled in Trail, in the Kootenays, in the Eastern part of the province. There were a few Jews there, who operated stores or worked for the Cominco mining empire.

"We had regular services in the community hall. We didn't have a Torah, but we did have a few siddurim. For very special occasions, we'd go to Spokane, Wash.," Waldman remembers.

When the Trail community diminished, Waldman and his wife Clare moved to nearby Rossland and then to Victoria in 1967, where both have been involved in the community, especially the synagogue. Chuck taught math in the public school system until his recent retirement.

The Victoria Jewish population is an eclectic mix of academics who teach at the University of Victoria (David Cohen, a native of Ottawa, is dean of law); there are Americans from Los Angeles who like the B.C. lifestyle and medicare; some New Yorkers, including a former cop; and a number of Holocaust survivors who erected the first Holocaust memorial in Western Canada.

One of the few Victoria-born residents is Ray Rose, a retired jeweller — but his wife is from Calgary. And there are retirees from the Prairies and a handful from Montreal, population, in contrast to the "revolving door" of the past, when rabbis came and went every year.

The synagogue school reports increased attendance in the preschool and more young people preparing for bar/bat mitzvah — so much so that a $1.5-million extension is under consideration.

Congregation Emanu-El has adopted egalitarian services, but the big question now is whether the women should be required to wear tallesim and kippot, especially when they are on the bimah.

But there are problems. An unofficial analysis of the 1991 census shows that in 64 per cent of Vancouver's Jewish households, both husband and wife are Jewish; in 36 per cent, one spouse is not Jewish. The intermarriage rate is estimated at double the percentage of intermarried Jewish families nationally.

Lawyer Richard Brail, born in Vancouver, says when he was a teenager, the Jewish population of about 8,000 was closely knit. The young people had AZA, BBYO, Young Judaea and other Jewish clubs to keep them together. Intermarriage or even interdating was not a problem then, he says. It developed only when Jews from other parts of Canada came with non-Jewish spouses.

Pioneer families at Hollow Tree in Stanley Park, 1907. (From left) Louis Ripstein, Florence Goldbloom, Connie Ripstein, Nellie Goldbloom and Max Ripstein. (Reprinted from *Centennial of Vancouver Jewish Life*, Cyril Edel Leonoff, 1986)

Former B.C. premier Dave Barrett recalls an active Jewish life when he was younger and director of the Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver (JCCGV). He also thinks "outside influences" have affected the intermarriage trend.

Intermarriage and assimilation are the primary concern of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver. Recently elected president Malcolm Weinstein says, "Our first challenge is to sustain our Jewish identity in the face of growing assimilation."

Last year the federation allocated over $1 million for Jewish education, camping, the JCCGV and other activities to stimulate Jewish life. The JCCGV is just completing a 100,000-square-foot $11-million expansion program which gives it a theatre, library and Holocaust centre, plus recreational and cultural activities, all geared to provide a Jewish atmosphere.

The 1991 census lists the Jewish population of the former Mainland, which includes Vancouver and the suburbs as far south as the United States border, as 19,375, but Drew Staffenberg, executive director of the federation, says it has been growing at a rate of three per cent a year since then. The federation has commissioned a demographic study; the report will be available in March. Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region, which serves B.C. and the Northwest and Yukon territories, estimates a total population of its constituency at about 25,000.

When Vancouver became the predominant Jewish centre in B.C., the five Oppenheimer brothers, who operated trading posts on Vancouver Island, moved and became a major influence there and in the Cariboo. They owned land, began a steamship line and launched the first streetcar line.

David Oppenheimer, who was elected mayor for a four-year term in 1888, bought for the city the large tract of ocean-front property which is now famous as Stanley Park. He is fondly known as "the father of Vancouver." The Oppenheimers are all buried in Victoria.

By 1887, Vancouver Jews had two synagogues and land for a cemetery. The first synagogue was the Orthodox Sons of England, now Schara Tzedek, a fine building on Oak Street, in the area where most Jewish institutions are located. There are now 14 congregations in Greater Vancouver.

The Louis Brier Home and Hospital for the elderly accommodates over 275 people, including one woman whose husband was lieutenant-governor of Jamaica.

A new synagogue-community centre in Kelowna, in the interior, has been built by the bustling Okanagan Jewish community of about 100 families.

Vancouver's population comes literally from all over the world. Of 548 clients served by the Jewish Family Services Agency last year, there were immigrants from Central and South America, Russia, China, India, Morocco, Ethiopia and South Africa, as well as 14 families from Sarajevo. There is also a steady influx of migrants from the Prairies, who prefer the milder (but wet) winters.

Far north, in the Northwest Territories, reports Sheldon Nider, who heads the Arctic region of Congress, Jews came as fur trappers and traders, and many worked on the Dew Line along the Arctic coast during the Cold War.

When mines opened in Yellowknife, the capital, Jewish businessmen were amongst the early residents, joined by teachers, doctors, social workers and other professionals working for the government. There are small Jewish communities in Yellowknife, Hay River, Fort Smith and Iqaluit. Nider's son learned his maftir by using tapes from a Vancouver rabbi. He had his bar mitzvah in Vancouver.

Max Macara of Victoria spent 32 years in Yellowknife. A steam engineer, he worked for the mines and operated a laundry and cleaning firm, and watched the shanty town of 500 grow into a modern northern city. He sent his kids to Talmud Torah in Edmonton for their education.

Leah Glick-Stal of Victoria took all her schooling in Yellowknife, while Esther Tennenhouse-Wynne of Victoria used to build a Chanukah ice menorah in her front yard when she lived in Yellowknife.

Vital Signs

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Jewish Population	23,000
Main Jewish centres	Victoria, Vancouver, Kelowna
Number of synagogues	18
Number of day schools	4
Number of children receiving some Jewish education	1065
Number of kosher restaurants	2
	(plus 4 hotels offering kosher services)

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Jewish Population	75
Main Jewish centres	Yellowknife and Whitehorse

Opinions

Each Israel visit has own message

It's 2:15 a.m., and all around me, on El Al flight 001 to New York, people are sleeping. As for me, my memories seem to keep me awake.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

In a way my latest visit to Israel was an anniversary: it was 60 years ago when I was there for the first time, a brief two weeks to see the land, to report back home and to participate in the Second Maccabiah. I did not come from a Zionist home, but having seen the land and its pioneers I was changed forever.

This time my journey had multiple purposes: to lecture — as I do every year — at Haifa and Ben-Gurion universities (on the concept of chosenness), at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem (on Benno Jacob, biblical scholar), and to participate in the 104th annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

As usual, we heard an array of Israel's political leaders — including President Ezer Weizman, Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres and Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu — some of whom gave us extended time for (occasionally heated) discussion. That was especially true for the president, who loves debate and engaged us in questions about pluralism in Israel versus the religious status quo. (We argued for the former, he defended the latter.) In the end, as is so often the case, no one's mind was changed but the debate revealed much about Israel, which I found vibrant as usual.

Social and cultural issues predominated with the other Israelis whom we met, and our own discussions were lively and informative. And of course we spent time with Israelis young and old. Much of the time it is they who teach us most about the country.

Naturally, wherever I went I asked how people felt about the peace process; what did they think would or should happen. My contacts ranged from family to old friends, some of whom were former diplomats. Besides, there were always cabbies, like those who drove me from Tel Aviv to Haifa, to Jerusalem, to Beersheva and to Lod.

My samples were few, sometimes preselected (like diplomats), but mostly random. The majority expressed a mix of hope and anxiety, and no one thought what had taken place could be reversed. The question in every one's mind was how much Israel could afford to risk and still be secure enough in case the process fails and, as they said time and again, "we have to fight again."

With everyone either serving in the reserves, or having children and grandchildren in the armed forces, war is a terrible possibility which Israelis take into consideration. I heard one woman speak about her family on TV. She explained that she and her husband had decided on having three children, "in case we have to fight again and one of my children gets killed, we'll still have two left." I couldn't sleep that night.

Yet, despite the doubts, the eternal optimism of the people showed through. Everyone wants peace, there is no question about that. But people wonder where the Arabs stand, what their intentions are. They are all hotly debating the pace of negotiations: Is it too fast and too far-reaching? Is there enough time for testing one another out? Since there is no going back, those who talked with me were afraid and hopeful at the same time.

I never tire of admiring the thirst for culture that so many have. There are always appreciative listeners for music and lectures, and many in the audience are experts in the field. To talk to and with them and to taste the flavor of the land anew is my yearly revitalization exercise.

Soon I'll be back in Canada, and Canadian concerns will claim my attention once again. In Israel, Canada is hardly ever mentioned. Only CNN International brought news of the fishing problems off our east coast. Otherwise, whenever I ask what people know about Canada, the answer is always the same: "Cold."

For them, we are far away. Never mind, they are always close to us.

To Jordan and back home

After decades of life behind hostile frontiers, Israelis are eager to experience the thrill of a visit to a neighboring country. Now, as the fascination with Egypt has somewhat receded and as foreign tourists are not all that welcomed by the Islamic fundamentalists in that country, it is Jordan's turn. There are two crossing points, one near Eilat, where the peace agreement was signed and one at the Sheik Hussein bridge near Beth-She'an in the Jordan Valley.

By Yeshayahu Nunez

Our bus was the 18th at the border and after long hours of bureaucratic and security routines on both sides, we entered the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

The nature is beautiful, the country rich in archeological sites. The elaborate architecture of the Nabataean fortress of Petra is of breathtaking beauty. The biblical Mount Nevo offers the visitor a spectacular glimpse of the Holy Land, the same view that Moses was allowed to enjoy shortly before his death.

The capital, Amman, a clean city on several hills separated by valleys, is a large mosaic of boroughs, in which a stratified populace — squalid Palestinian refugee camps at the edges, poor quarters of urbanized Bedouins and luxurious sectors of the very rich — coexist in apparently accepted social calm. Villages look desolate, but here and there planned modernization is underway.

A British-invented desert kingdom at the beginning, and a growing society without a past, Jordan's existence and economy were directly affected by the many political tremors of the Middle East. The 1948 and Six Day Wars brought masses of Palestinian refugees, many of whom then fled to Lebanon during the upheaval of the PLO (Black September, 1970) and further upset the country's delicate balance. During the Lebanese civil war of the '70s, Amman for a while became the financial surrogate for devastated Beirut.

Later, in the wake of the Gulf War, 200,000 Palestinians expelled from Kuwait invested their wealth in the Jordanian economy. Still not forgiven by the Saudis for siding with the Iraqi dictator, the Jordanian King has now chosen peace with Israel as his new option for international assistance and accelerated development.

Visiting Israelis can feel how much hope is being attached by the regime and even by ordinary Jordanians to the prospective dividends of peace. Since promised American aid was slow in coming and even looked uncertain for a while, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres were in Amman for consultations to finalize joint development plans and played their own part in Washington and elsewhere in confirming and accelerating the flow of international aid.

On our return, we found Jerusalem traffic clogged by the visits of British Prime Minister John Major and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher. On his first visit here, Major compared the ups and downs of his own peace plan in Northern Ireland with that in the Middle East.

Christopher was there to revive the bogged down Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, but was mainly active in trying to remove the obstacles which had practically brought the Israeli-Syrian negotiations to a standstill. It seems the American role in assisting the peace process here is changing in both pace and character and, as a result of this latest Christopher visit, things may start moving more rapidly on both tracks.

The negotiations with Syria are to be resumed by ambassadors this week in Washington and will eventually be upgraded if progress is made.

Meanwhile and in a rather oblique way, the Israeli public is being prepared for a settlement with Syria, based on the principle that the possible evacuation of the Golan will be gradual and balanced by tight security provisions, which are still the object of hard bargaining with President Hafez Al Assad.

As for the Palestinian issue, the upset timetable for the implementation of the original Oslo accord is now being readjusted. Though the official government position on the frontiers with the Palestinian entity is still uncertain, the new Israeli aim seems to be a territorial compromise whereby nearly 70 per cent of the Jewish settlers will remain under Israeli jurisdiction and 12 per cent of the West Bank will be annexed. It is obvious that these ideas will be vigorously opposed by both the opposition in Israel and the Palestinians. But as the alternative for both sides is the very dangerous status quo, one can hardly dismiss them.

The Rabin government has 20 months left to regain popularity before it faces the voters. Will it choose to present an image of unyielding toughness or try to win support by speeding up and completing the peace process? Peres seems to believe that the lack of visible progress on the road to peace has eroded public support, and that it can be restored by meeting the hard challenges courageously. Rabin is tight-lipped and is, in any case, committed to holding a national referendum over the Golan issue.

Since the primaries for the next general elections are to start soon, internal politics may well dominate the scene. With politicians in camps struggling for individual survival, the 20 months of grace and choice may in fact be much shorter than expected.

Biblical Academy Awards are back

Last month, I had the distinct (and extinct) honor of sharing with you the deeply moving, profoundly meaningful Biblical Academy Awards, brought to you directly from Holy-Wood, as they have been, since time immemorial.

By Allan Gould

Alas, just like the slightly-more-famous Oscars, we ran out of time (and space). So let me bring you up to date, just in case you were in Israel (donating your precious Canadian dollars to your fellow Jews) or maybe even in Florida (spending your worthless Canadian dollars).

It was the annual Biblical Academy Awards, where the HALO (representing The Heavenly Academy of Laudable Orations) was being given out for the Best Performances and Productions from the Bible. Jonah has just won the HALO for Special Effects (for the film *Jews One*), but, in the grand tradition of Holy-Wood, he went on for far too long. We return you to our program. . . .

(Korach staggers unto the stage, to wild applause and cheering.

Korach: Thanks, Delilah, baby. And my thanks to all of you. (The cheering starts again) You like me! You honestly like me! You know, I'm just thrilled to be alive, again, and here tonight, to present the next HALO for Special Effects. The nominees are . . . (He looks up and reads from the tablet-shaped cue cards):

The Creation of the World, The Burning Bush, The Ten Plagues, The Parting of the Red Sea and the Giving of the Ten Commandments, all from the big-budget epic, *Dial G for G-d*, based on that all time best-seller, The Hebrew Testament, written, produced, and directed by Ha-Shem.

And Jonah Being Swallowed by the Whale, from that remarkable underwater movie, *Jews One*, produced and directed by Ninevah Productions.

Korach: May I have the scroll, please? (To the audience) I can't deny it, I have a personal favorite, since I had some bad experiences during that Exodus flick. (He struggles painfully to unravel the scroll) And the winner is . . . What a surprise! Holy-Wood and Ninevah have often been compared to each other, too! The winner is — Jonah Being Swallowed by the Whale!

Voice off-stage: Accepting for Ninevah Productions is that original "fishy character" of Biblical movies — Jonah!

Jonah: (Marching across the stage in a sheet, he grabs the halo statuette eagerly from Korach) Thanks, Korey! (To audience) You know, I hardly even know how to begin. I'm so unaccustomed to public speaking — which was my problem in the first place!

Korach: Uh, to present our next HALO — please give a big hand, and an outstretched arm, to the man who gave meaning to the phrase "hard-hearted." Would you all please welcome Pharoah!

Pharaoh: (Marches out proudly to a lush musical rendition of the famous spiritual *Let My People Go*. He looks amazingly like Yul Brenner) Thanks, Kory, baby! Now, to show all of you that I'm harboring no hard feelings whatsoever for those nasty things done to my river, my country, my army — not to mention my first-born — I'm pleased to have the honor to present the award for Best Supporting Actor. The nominees are . . . (He looks up to heaven, to read the list)

(To be continued again next month.)

Features

Israel's border wars

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

During the first years of its existence, Israel was beset by mounting terrorism, a recurring phenomenon which took a toll in lives and property losses.

Arab infiltrators, invariably Palestinians who had been dispossessed by the 1948 War of Independence, raided Israel, stealing crops and livestock, destroying buildings, pipelines and equipment, and murdering Israelis.

As a result, settlers lived in dread, while the Israeli government feared that the raids would sabotage its plans to populate strategic border regions.

With no letup in the terrorism, Israel took matters into its own hands, formulating a retaliatory policy that became a hallmark of the Israeli armed forces.

In what is apparently the first detailed account of this period, Israeli historian Benny Morris traces the evolution of Israel's tit-for-tat policy. He examines the types of infiltration that occurred, the evolution of Israel's response, and the role of the Arab states in this cycle of violence.

His book, *Israel's Border Wars:1949-1956* (Oxford University Press, $59.50), is meticulously researched and cleanly written. Morris, a fellow of the Truman Institute at the Hebrew University, scoured the files of the Israel State Archives, the Israeli Ministry of Defence, the Central Zionist Archives and the United Nations Archive, among others. As well, he has immersed himself deeply in the Hebrew and English literature of this topic.

Not surprisingly, then, *Israel's Border Wars* is a sober, thoroughly informative volume that sheds light on events which a new generation of readers may find quite interesting.

The story begins during the War of Independence, a conflict that triggered the exodus of several hundred thousand Palestinian Arabs from their homes in what is now Israel.

According to Morris, the first wave of Arab infiltration began even as the War of Independence raged. Arab farmers who had fled, or been evicted, from their lands returned to reap the summer harvest.

From Israel's perspective, the marauders were not merely enagaged in petty pilfering. They threatened Jewish settlement activity and property, not to mention Jewish lives.

Israeli officials, rightly so, believed that the cross-border raiding was largely politically-motivated, animated by a desire for vengeance, whether personal or national.

The raiders were also driven by other considerations. Some wanted to exact revenge on Israeli Arabs who had thrown in their lot with Israel. Still others, especially along the Egyptian and Syrian fronts, were on spy missions. A handful crossed into Israel with a vague nostalgic desire to see abandoned homes, fields and landscapes.

The marauding peaked in 1952, when the Israel Defence Forces recorded some 16,000 cases of infiltration: 11,000 along the Jordanian frontier, and 5,000 along the Egyptian border. There was a gradual drop in incidents after 1952, police records show.

Israeli civilian fatalities ebbed and flowed. Twenty two Israelis were killed in 1949; 19 in 1950; 48 in 1951; 42 in 1952; 44 in 1953; 33 in 1954; 24 in 1955; and 54 in 1956. During this period, which extended to the 1956 Sinai war, more than 200 Israeli soldiers fell in clashes with infiltrators.

The rash of infiltrations prompted debate in the Israeli cabinet.

The hardliners, led by Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion and Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Dayan, called for firm measures to deter further raids. The softliners, spearheaded by Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, believed in restraint.

The hardliners prevailed.

Until the early 1950s, Arab villages were the targets of Israeli reprisals. But in the wake of the October 1953 Qibya raid into Jordan, Israel's policy shifted and military and police bases in Arab countries were usually targeted.

Morris portrays the Qibya raid as a turning point in Arab-Israeli relations. Provoked by a vicious attack which claimed the lives of a mother and her two young children in the village of Yehud, the reprisal resulted in the deaths of 69 Jordanians, the majority of whom were women and children.

The raiders belonged to Unit 101, which had been set up in August 1953 with the express purpose of combatting terrorism. One of its commanders was Ariel Sharon, a future defence minister.

The Qibya raid caused universal condemnation, and curiously enough, an official denial by Ben-Gurion. In a broadcast to the nation, the prime minister declared: "...Israel rejects with all vigor the absurd and fantastic allegation that ... the Israel Defence Force took part in the action ... it is clear beyond a doubt that not a single army unit was absent from its base on the night of the attack on Qibya."

David Ben-Gurion (front row centre) and Moshe Sharett (to Ben-Gurion's right) were at odds over Israel's policy of retaliation.

Until Qibya, Israel almost invariably dissociated itself from its reprisal raids, attributing the attacks to "unidentified vigilante border settlers." After Qibya, however, the government openly owned up to its retaliatory policy.

Qibya, Morris writes, forced Ben-Gurion to acknowledge Israel's heretofore shadowy policy, and emboldened Israel to strike hard against the Egyptian army in the Gaza Strip in 1954 and 1955.

More often than not, Israel charged Egypt with instigating or encouraging infiltration from Gaza and the Sinai Peninsula. But in Morris' view, Egypt, with few exceptions, consistently opposed infiltration.

It is true, he concedes, that Egypt sent squads into Israel to gather intelligence. Often, its members stole, sabotaged and murdered. But until 1954, the year of a big Israeli raid into Gaza, Egypt's overriding concern was to avoid provoking Israel, he claims.

On Feb. 27, 1955, Israeli commandos raided an Egyptian army camp north of Gaza City, killing a large number of Egyptian soldiers. The reprisal was in retaliation for a series of incidents in the heart of Israel traced to maurauders from Gaza.

In Morris' estimation, the raid had short-term and long-range implications. While boosting Israeli morale, it shocked Egypt's leadership, drastically altering Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's view on the possibility of coexistence with Israel.

The raid, suggests Morris, hardened Egyptian policy toward Israel. It prompted Nasser to sponsor a terrorist campaign against Israel, to stop toying with the idea of reaching a political accommodation with Israel, and to sign a major arms deal with Soviet client state Czechoslovakia to offset Israel's military preponderance.

Jordan's attitude to infiltration, he adds, was clear.

King Hussein, who had enough dire problems at home without antagonizing Israel, opposed infiltration and tried, though not successfully, to prevent it.

The Jordanian government realized that Israeli reprisals imperilled Jordan's viability and its territorial integrity. But since more than half of Jordan's population consisted of Palestinians, King Hussein felt he was under an obligation to consider their grievances against Israel.

Arab commentators were in the habit of writing that Israeli reprisals into Jordan were designed to seize land. Morris disputes this claim, saying there is no evidence for it. Indeed, before the 1956 Sinai war, Israel had no interest in capturing chunks of Arab territory on a permanent basis.

Unlike Jordan and Egypt, Syria exercised strict control over its border with Israel. Consequently, cases of uncontrolled infiltration from Syria were "very rare" from 1949 to 1956.

Be that as it may, Syria allowed infiltrators, usually peasants, into the disputed demilitarized zones along parts of the Israeli border.

Like Syria, Lebanon opposed infiltration, making efforts to halt it. The Lebanese government transferred many Palestinian refugees away from the border, to camps near Beirut, Tyre and Sidon, and thereby ameliorated the problem.

Till 1967, Lebanon was Israel's quietest border. But in the aftermath of the Six Day War, the PLO established camps on Lebanese soil, thus setting the stage for a long series of punishing Israeli retaliatory strikes into Lebanon that continue to this day.

Mideast Analysis

By Sheldon Kirshner

Isolating Iran

Israel has launched an international campaign to isolate Iran, a growing, menacing power in the Middle East.

Under the sway of an Islamic fundamentalist regime since 1979, Iran is viewed as a threat by Israel and most of Tehran's Arab neighbors.

The Israeli government is suspicious of Iran because it rejects Israel's very existence and opposes the current Mideast peace process through proxies like Hamas, Islamic Jihad and an array of Palestinian rejectionist organizations based in Syria.

Arab countries such as Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the Gulf states have accused Iran of promoting subversion with the intention of creating a new Islamic order. By all accounts, Iran is working closely with Sudan, an Islamic fundamentalist state which, observers believe, is supplanting Syria as a hub of Middle Eastern terrorist movements.

All agree that Iran is trying to replace Iraq, humbled in the 1991 war by the United States and a coalition of allies, as the predominant military power in the Persian Gulf.

Under the now ousted pro-Western Pahlavi monarchy, Iran harbored similar ambitions. But it had no interest in subverting its neighbors, nor was it against Israel's existence.

According to a new study by Israeli scholar Ephraim Kam, published in *The Middle East Military Balance* (Westview Press), Iran has embarked on a multi-billion dollar program to rebuild its armed forces and to acquire a nuclear capability.

Iran's army, air force and navy were shattered during its inconclusive eight-year war with Iraq in the 1980s. Now Iran is rearming at a furious pace, buying aircraft, tanks, submarines and missiles, mainly from Russia, China, North Korea and Eastern European countries like Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary.

Iran is also developing a nuclear force. Israel and the United States claim that the Iranians are just five to 15 years away from developing an atomic bomb. Iran counters that its nuclear program is only for peaceful purposes.

Tehran has acquired nuclear technology from a variety of sources, notably Russia, China and Pakistan, and apparently recruited scientists from the former Soviet Union. Analysts believe that Iranian nuclear warheads could be delivered by its surface-to-surface missiles.

Israel wants economic and political pressure to be exerted on Iran so that it will modify its policies. But few countries have signed on, unwilling to curb their lucrative trade with Iran.

Israel has struck back at Iranian-backed terrorism by hitting Hamas, Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah bases in the territories and Lebanon. But these attacks, while sometimes devastatingly effective, have not really deterred Israel's enemies.

Israel has never mounted a reprisal raid on Iran itself. It could be a risky venture, given the logistical problems and the possible political fallout. But nothing can be ruled out.

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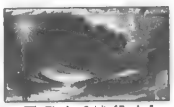

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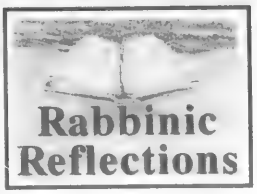

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI
LOUIS I. SCHECHTER

This is a special Shabbat. We take out two Torahs. We learn about a ceremony that was necessary for the Jewish people to enter the Temple.

We learn that anyone who came in contact with the dead would become ritually unclean. To become ritually clean, they had to immerse themselves in a mikvah, and they also had to, on the third and seventh day, be sprinkled with a mixture of water and the ashes of a red cow.

The rabbis are very puzzled by this ceremony. Judaism was the first religion which separated magic from religion. Magic means a person can, by reciting certain words or doing certain acts, gain control and force the gods to do what he wants.

We do not believe in that. We believe we cannot force G-d to do anything. We pray to G-d and ask for His help, but He does not have to listen to us. He takes into account our prayers, but we cannot force Him to do anything. This is probably for the best, too, because sometimes the very worst thing would be to have one's wishes granted.

The ceremony of the red heifer almost smacks of magic. The rabbis tell us that a dead body really does not defile and the ashes really do not clean. This is just a law which G-d has given us, in order to teach us many important things and to let us know that we must obey His decrees.

One of the paradoxes of the whole ceremony was that although the ashes of the red cow purified those who were unclean, anybody who had a part in preparing these ashes themselves became unclean. These ashes had the capacity to make clean the unclean and to make unclean the clean.

There are many interpretations given for this ceremony, but one of the most striking interpretations is that the ceremony was intended to teach man that he cannot arrive at a high spiritual stage unaided.

We need the differing views of other people, in order to clarify our own views and to allow us to reach a high spiritual state. No person can grasp the whole truth. Only G-d knows that. We need the input of other people in order to attain even part of the truth and to clarify and purify the truth so that it will enable us and not degrade us.

I believe that within Judaism there is more of the truth than in other groups. People always ask me, "Rabbi, how can you be so tolerant? If you have the truth, they must be wrong and you should therefore shun them and have nothing to do with them. After all, either you have the truth or you do not. If you have the truth, you are right and they are wrong."

But it is not so simple. Truth must always be put in a context. In Judaism, we have always recognized that no one can attain the whole truth and that only by the interchange of ideas with others can we clarify the truth we have and make it more useful and more beneficial.

The whole Talmud is really an example of this. Throughout the Talmud there are hundreds of disagreements between the school of Hillel and the school of Shamai. Why must we discuss these hundreds of disagreements?

We know that Halachah follows the school of Hillel and not the school of Shamai in all but a handful of cases. Why should we discuss these disagreements?

The answer is that by knowing what the school of Shamai said, the school of Hillel clarified their own views, gained a greater understanding of them, and thus were able to grasp more of the truth. In fact, the rabbis say the school of Hillel learned what the school of Shamai taught, but the school of Shamai did not learn what the school of Hillel taught. The school of Shamai, therefore, did not have enough insight into the truth to understand the problems correctly.

That, I believe, is the symbolism of the red heifer. Man cannot find the truth unaided; we need other people. If we believe that people come to learn from us because we have the whole truth, then we ourselves become unclean.

When it comes to truth, we must approach it honestly. We cannot use tricks or stratagems. If we do, we are lost.

When it comes to truth, we must be honest, and we must honor and work with other people who are also honest, even though we do not believe they have the truth, because by discussing issues with them we clarify and gain greater understanding of our own truth.

Rabbi Louis I. Schechter is the spiritual leader of Lodzer Centre Congregation in Toronto.

Family involvement stressed

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Jewish education is the antidote to assimilation and intermarriage, says the new director of education at the United Congregational Schools of Greater Toronto (UCS), a supplementary Hebrew school with about 300 students.

"It is important, however, to ensure that children are not educated in isolation. The family plays a large role in Jewish education," said Dr. Edmond Lipsitz.

Lipsitz, who recently retired as executive director of Canadian Jewish Congress, is so adamant about family education that he developed the Parent Education Program at UCS, which allows parents to study at the same time as their children.

"Parents who show their children that they too want to learn become good role models," Lipsitz said. "Many parents are unable to help their children with their Hebrew studies because they don't know the language. This is their opportunity."

Pre-bar and bat mitzvah students at UCS undertake a special mitzvah program that also emphasizes family learning. Parents and children come together six times during the year for programs that may include lectures, prayers or a visit to the Holocaust Memorial Centre. Girls prepare a challah cover and the boys prepare tallesim.

UCS also offers the Academy for Advanced Learning, a program for teenagers between 13 and 16 who are not currently receiving a Jewish education. The three-year program ends with a six-week study trip in Israel. "I feel strongly that Jewish studies should not end with the bar or bat mitzvah," Lipsitz said.

The discussion-style Academy courses include the Jewish life cycle, the Bible and rabbinical literature, the Holocaust and Zionism.

Lipsitz says there are about 6,000 students in afternoon Hebrew schools in the Toronto area and he is disappointed about the level of community funding.

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WISDOM OF THE AGES

Do not separate yourself from the community

Pirkei Avot

Kaddish an affirmation of life during mourning

By SUSAN STEINBERG

It is barely a few weeks since my father died. I feel raw, vulnerable, tender. The loss rips through me, as I begin to understand with gripping clarity the difference between lonely and alone.

The void, the loneliness, is intense. Heavy sadness envelops me. I begin to learn the hard work of grieving.

GUEST VOICES

I recall the closing words of a Woody Allen movie: "Memory ... Is memory that which we take with us, or that which we leave behind?" In this intense present moment I learn it is both.

Behind are the times my Dad and I spent together. Behind are moments fondly recalled of things we did together, of values learned and ideas shared, of our history which becomes most precious in this time of loss.

Whether remembering the learning of a skill like swimming, taught with patience, thoroughness and persistence, or the joy of culture through music and ballet, the reflections of time spent with Dad flood my memory.

And then there was his deep love of knowledge and the profound recognition as well as the full joy and awe and wonder of living. Listen. Learn. Read. He spoke about it. He practised it. There were always new ideas to explore and integrate at any age. The great historians, philosophers and thinkers of our time became friends with whom I could learn and grow.

So Daddy, you are gone from our midst. Yet in so many ways your memory, via your values, attitudes, beliefs and personal qualities, live on through us as we integrate into our existence and being parts of who you were.

The ritual of Kaddish, a prayer recited twice daily for a year, assists me in the process of grieving.

As I am welcomed into both familiar and unknown synagogue congregations, I repeat this prayer, which honors life and the living within a community of others learning to live with loss. We share feelings of our loss and pain. Sometimes we say nothing. Yet each of us knows at some deep level what the other has been through. And it soothes. It feels good. We work through the feelings, the pain. We grieve, we mourn our loss, each in our own way.

This wonderful Jewish tradition, which paradoxically celebrates life as it allows us to cope with death, is powerful. On the one hand, life is business as usual as each of us goes about the tasks of daily living. On the other hand this ritual provides a patterned and structured repetitive pause in which to remember. It is an active expression, and in that activity, though I am lonely, I am not alone.

The Kaddish — an affirmation of life in the time of death — contains a wisdom that existed long before psychotherapy and grief support groups were known.

There is such magnitude and simplicity and beauty in this tradition in which our daily presence states that we choose to honor life; we have this built-in opportunity to re-evaluate who we are and where we came from.

I truly appreciate more fully the value and importance of Jewish community, as Kaddish is recited amidst the minimum of 10 men. In my work as counsellor and teacher, as I assist others on clarifying who they are and what they want during their life journey more fully, I learn that Judaism has much to teach about this subject.

In my loss and loneliness, I have a chance to feel and work through my feelings. I have an opportunity to mourn my father and at the same time to value and celebrate life. I grow to appreciate more deeply how my Dad continues to live in me, with me, and through me through my children. The chain of Jewish life continues and the daily recitation of Kaddish says that each life truly matters.

And so I continue to remember. I remember those events that are now history. Yet in so many ways I carry them forward into the present. Through me, in my behaviors and actions, in my values and my activities.

I again recall Dad's last few breaths. I was witness to his final moments. Like a clock winding down, each breath was longer and shallower. This special human being, who gave me life, simply stopped.

Yet I know he would want those he loved to go on. The greatest testimony to his life will be for us to live. And so, Dad, amidst my pain and loneliness, I fondly recall you, my Dad, my teacher, my mentor, my friend. I will also remember to live fully, each day, as a way of honoring you. Yet still, and always, the loneliness and the void.

Susan Steinberg is a Toronto educator.

Monte Carlo benefits JCT

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO —The moment of truth at the annual Monte Carlo dinner — no matter how tasty and sumptuous the meal — comes after the dessert and Birkat Hamazon, when 10 names are drawn for the $5,000 grand prize.

But this year the 10 lucky people whose names were selected opted to split the prize — each of them winning $500.

The Monte Carlo night has been organized for the last 20 years by David Anisman to raise funds for Israel. This year some 400 people attended the dinner, held at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

The big winner of the evening was the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT), which has received the funds raised by the Monte Carlo dinner for the last four years.

Anisman, a member of the board of directors of Canadian Friends of JCT, spearheaded a campaign, which over the years has raised $500,000 for JCT from the Monte Carlo dinner, as well as through private donations.

At the dinner, he presented JCT president Joseph Bodenheimer with a cheque for $200,000, which will go towards the construction of a new dormitory.

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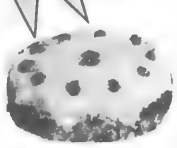

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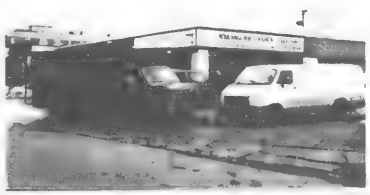

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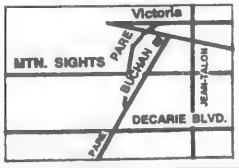

From coast to coast

NCJW prepares to collect for Passover food drive

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Next week Council House, the Bathurst Street headquarters of National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), Toronto section, will begin its annual transformation into a temporary warehouse for Passover supplies as the organization prepares for its largest community service project.

Volunteers are still needed to pack boxes for delivery to over 2,000 local households. Recipients, whose names are supplied by Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), include new immigrants and others on fixed incomes.

Volunteers are also needed on delivery day, April 9, to load cars, drive, accompany drivers and help deliver boxes, said Mindy Rosenberg, Passover drive coordinator and vice-president, service portfolio, for Toronto section. Delivery is usually finished by noon, she added.

Boxes include matzah, wine, candles and a Haggadah (in Russian for Russian recipients), as well as a frozen chicken donated by Chai Kosher Poultry, gefilte fish, chicken soup, jam, juice or borscht, two desserts and tea or coffee.

"[Recipients] have enough to make a seder and to celebrate Passover with dignity," said Rosenberg.

Cash donations welcome

The Board of Jewish Education (BJE), JF&CS and JIAS have been involved in the project since its inception in 1986. The BJE informs affiliated schools of the need for donations and sends students to help with the project.

Cash donations as well as food contributions are "very much welcome," Rosenberg. "It costs over $30,000 over and above what we get from the community" to supplement the food donations with items such as kosher wine, which is purchased at a reduced price.

Last year, Canadian Jewish Congress' Moess Chittin Campaign contributed $15,000 to supplement the food donations.

To help raise funds, the organization recently introduced Passover-themed tribute cards, selling for $10 apiece. Proceeds go to the Passover Food Drive.

Food can be dropped off at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., Willowdale, from March 27 to April 6.

Any food which cannot be used for the project will be redistributed. Passover food received after the boxes are packed will be given to the Russian Jewish Community Centre for distribution to recipients not on the NCJW list. Non-kosher or stale-dated Passover food will be given to North York Food Harvest.

"It's a real mitzvah," said Rosenberg of the project. "It makes it worthwhile to know that you've done something good for somebody."

For more information or to volunteer, call Council House at 416-633-5100.

WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR

Teens of the Lake Ontario region of B'nai Brith Youth Organization gathered last month at the Bathurst Jewish Centre to celebrate the annual Beauheart convention with the theme When You Wish Upon A Star. Discussions were held about Israel, Judaism and the future of BBYO. At the annual Beauheart Ball, the Regional Beau, Matthew Gorman from Toronto and the Regional Sweetheart, Danielle Blake from London, were crowned. Seen here preparing centre pieces are (from left) Ryan Goldhar, Simon Rotstein, Oren Shefa, Sherri Rotstein and Miriam Hambourg.

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Agunah vigil held in Toronto

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last should provide an opportunity for the partners to go on with their lives.''

The vigil was spearheaded by the International Coalition for Agunah Rights (ICAR) and organized by the Toronto branch of the Canadian Coalition of Women for the Get, which comprises the Beth Tikvah Social Action committee, B'nai Brith Women, Emunah Women, Hadassah-WIZO, Na'amat, National Council of Jewish Women, Women's Toronto ORT and Jewish Women's Federation.

A vigil was held concurrently in Montreal, and vigils are scheduled imminently in Vancouver, Edmonton and Winnipeg. Educational programs are planned in other Canadian cities.

At the Toronto vigil, representatives of the eight member organizations participated in a candlelighting ceremony and read descriptions of agunot who had suffered beatings, broken bones and other forms of abuse by their husbands.

A former agunah who attended the vigil told *The CJN* that her four-year ordeal was ''very lonely and demeaning.''

Joyce Eklove, acting chair of the Toronto Coalition, who has been married for 32 years, emphasized that participants in the vigil were not necessarily agunot. ''Each person must take responsibility and be accountable,'' she said.

Glennie Lindenberg, president of the Toronto Jewish Women's Federation, an umbrella organization representing 50 women's groups, told the audience that Canadian divorce law can help agunot. (see sidebar)

She cautioned that appropriate legal recourse is neither automatic nor universally known, even among lawyers. ''If you know a woman in the midst of a separation or divorce, make sure she knows the legal remedies,'' Lindenberg advised.

Ophira Sone of the Beth Tikvah social action committee, wearing a Freedom for Agunot Now button and a yellow ribbon to symbolize solidarity for captives, read ICAR's Prayer for Agunot.

Following the conclusion of the formal ceremony, a number of participants marched with placards to demonstrate on Bathurst Street at the suggestion of Etty Danzig, president of Na'amat.

''Something has to be done,'' said one agunah, who wished to remain anonymous. ''It's a tragedy to get a divorce, but it's still more traumatic to be married when your marriage is over.''

Time for a good night's sleep

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Don't blame today's stressful world if you can't get a good night's sleep.

''Life has always been tough; it's no worse today than it was 1,000 years ago,'' said psychiatrist Dr. Mortimer Mamelak, coordinator of the Sleep Disorders Program at Baycrest Centre.

His formula for six to eight hours of restful sleep is to arrange your lifestyle so that you go to bed at the same time each night and get up at the same time.

''The best way to get a good night's sleep is to enjoy your life in the daytime,'' Mamelak said. The problem with some elderly people is that they are not active enough in the daytime, and may be the victims of too much sleep during the day. However, the lack of sleep may be rooted in depession or medical problems.

''Don't tell me you need a sleeping pill,'' he told an elderly man who was in the habit of interrupting his sleep at about 1 a.m. to watch a favorite TV show.

The patient followed the doctor's advice but later complained, ''This is joyless, I enjoyed that show very much.''

Two of the problems Mamelak often sees are sleep apnea and periodic leg movements in sleep (PLMS). The former can be treated with a flow of air to keep the throat open and prevent interruptions in breathing.

In PLMS, the sleeper kicks or jerks his or her legs regularly during sleep. This also leads to night time waking and prevents refreshing sleep. It can be treated with a drug that is normally used in Parkinson's disease.

''It's a real puzzle,'' Mamelak said of PLMS. ''But we know it's just as common as sleep apnea.''

He is not an advocate of the school that says if you are having trouble sleeping you should get up, go into another room and read or watch TV. It's more important, he said, to establish a regular sleep routine.

Though sleeping pills may be needed at some times, he warns that their efficacy wears off if they are used night after night and they don't actuallly increase real sleeping time by even five minutes. Also they may become addictive. He sadly recalled that he once treated a man who had been taking sleeping pills for 20 years.

He advises seniors ''not to fight old battles'' in their minds when they go to sleep. ''There is enough to worry about without that.''

At the Baycrest program, he said, an increasing problem is dealing with people who sleep too much.

As for the problem of snoring and its effect on sleep, Mamelak said weight loss is a good way to cure it because it may be caused by tissue laxity. ''Snoring runs in families,'' he added.

NAME GAME

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Bloor JCC holds cabaret in an effort to reduce mortgage

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Top Canadian entertainers kicked off a Bloor Jewish Community Centre (JCC) fundraising campaign with a cabaret-style show.

The campaign is to reduce the centre's $3-million mortgage, acquired when it separated from the Bathurst Street Jewish Community Centre, which went into receivership last August.

The cabaret performers — all are JCC members — included film and TV actor Don Franks; songwriter-satirist Nancy White; actress and singer Theresa Tova; comedian David Gale, creator of *Chutzpah a Go-Go*; singers Marie-Lynn Hammond and Jay Jackson; and Take Three, an R&B group that does most of its rehearsing in the shvitz.

The show offered diverse musical fare from Yiddish love songs to R&B and gospel, peppered with lots of humor for the fortysomething crowd.

The sold-out show, attended by 350 people, was the brainchild of Hammond. She told *The CJN* the cabaret "was meant to be a moral booster to raise the profile of the Y."

An 18-year JCC member, Hammond said she volunteered to organize the show not just to get a reduction on her health club membership, but because she's attached to the place. "This community centre is part of my life, she said. "I had to ask myself, 'If it vanished, how would I feel?' "

The centre needs to raise $5 million over the next three years, said centre director Bill Emery. "First and foremost we have to reduce the mortgage."

A task force committee is overseeing a restructuring plan to help the Bloor JCC better serve the downtown Jewish Community, Emery said. "The goal is to make an independent JCC which is part of the Federation of the Greater Toronto area."

CJN Yom Ha'atzmaut Contest

The CJN's Yom Ha'atzmaut contest is co-sponsored by the Embassy of Israel. We are asking students in junior high and high schools to submit an essay on the subject of: What Israel means to me.

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The contest closes at 5:00 pm on April 24th, 1995.

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We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only two will be chosen for publication. The judges' decisions will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

How the winners will be notified:
The students whose submissions are chosen will be notified by telephone before the start of the Shabbat on Friday, April 28, 1995.

When the prizes will be awarded:
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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

The Law of Babysitting

PART 4 OF 6 *(continued from March 9 issue)*

It is my opinion that parents should not leave children unattended unless there is a responsible individual who has been trained to deal with emergencies left in charge. The age that such an individual must be is not specified anywhere in the law or in insurance policies.

However, it appears that parents' conduct could lead to charges under a provincial child welfare statute if the child left behind has a pattern of irresponsible conduct, being someone who the parents should clearly not have left in charge. Maturity appears to be more important than the actual age of the child. At the same time, age obviously is an important factor and there seems to be a consensus among informed authorities that no child under the age of 11 years old should be left alone to supervise other children. Between the ages of 11 and 16, the answer to the question depends very much on the circumstances of each case.

If the authorities arrive because of some incident, then in determining what is "reasonable in the circumstances", many questions have to be answered: How many children were left alone? How old were the younger children? Have there been previous incidents or problems? Does the child in charge have a background under the *Young Offenders Act* or under the *Criminal Code?* Did the parents leave a number where they could be reached easily? Was the home stocked with food? Were the children's diapers changed? Was the home in good repair and orderly?

Assuming that all of these questions receive positive and satisfactory answers, it is unlikely that police would charge a parent under a provincial statute for leaving the child alone for a few hours if they were aged anywhere between 11 and 16 years of age. However, depending upon the seriousness of the incident and how scared the children were, the police will usually attempt to contact the parents and insist that they return home immediately.

It is also unlikely that such parents would be charged under the *Criminal Code,* unless they did something that put the children's safety at immediate risk.

APRIL 6 ISSUE: Liability for your children's actions.

John Syrtash is a litigation lawyer with the Toronto firm of Kronis, Rotsztain, Margles, Cappel & Gertler. Mr. Syrtash's preferred area of practice is Civil Litigation and Family Law. Neither Mr. Syrtash nor the law firm of Kronis, Rotsztain, Margles, Cappel & Gertler nor B'nai Brith Canada is liable for any consequences that may arise from any party relying upon the information in this material. Mr. Syrtash can be reached at (416) 225-8750.

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Building nation's future with caring and courage

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Helen Lieberman

TORONTO — An illegal act by a South African Jewish woman some 25 years ago changed her life forever, as it did for those she helped as a result.

Then a young speech therapist at a Cape Town hospital, Helen Lieberman went to check on a black child after surgery, and discovered he had been discharged. Lieberman was certain the child would die without follow-up care.

So Lieberman traveled to the sprawling black township of Langa, near Cape Town — then illegal under the apartheid regime — to find the mother and child. She discovered them, like hundreds of thousands of other blacks, in a shack made of rusted, corrugated iron with no floor, and a toilet shared with over 100 others. She was appalled by the experience but in the process, she also found a calling.

Today, Lieberman is the driving force behind Ikamva Labantu (The Future of our Nation), a massive safety net of nearly 500 projects aimed at helping South Africa's most disenfranchised people help themselves.

In a society where more than 60 per cent of adult blacks are said to be illiterate and have had little or no vocational training; where one-third of non-white children are not in school; where unemployment in some townships approaches 90 per cent; and where non-whites have generally come to expect virtually no social services from the government, Ikamva Labantu has become a godsend for the teeming black townships and squatter camps that have yet to reap the benefits of the end of apartheid.

Lieberman and her thousands of volunteers, white and black, have spent years working with township leaders — especially women.

The fruits of that labor are seen in five job training centres for adults and older adolescents; adult education in health care, nutrition and things like sewing and brick laying; facilities for emotionally and physically challenged adults; two smaller units for children; four senior citizens centres; classes for some 10,000 pre-schoolers; several youth and community facilities; and over 150 day-care centres.

Users of the services pay what they can, while facilities are stripped down. The umbrella organization survives on an annual budget of between $250,000 and $300,000 (US), which comes from private foundations and foreign governments.

"Every project in the townships is community-owned," the soft-spoken yet steely-eyed Lieberman told *The CJN* while on a recent swing through Toronto for a series of interviews and lectures. "There's been a wonderful change in human relations in South Africa. I feel it."

But with the country's non-whites holding out rising expectations from the government of President Nelson Mandela, Lieberman cautions that real change is far off.

"The reorganization of the whole infrastructure will take a long, long time. South Africa has changed [but] there's been little or no physical change [since Mandela assumed power]. One infrastructure that is still in place is the civil service, and that has to be changed drastically."

Lieberman recalls that at the beginning of her crusade, the only way whites could legally enter the townships was if they were clergy. So the woman raised in a Jewish family got some basic training in Calvinism and some Bibles, and went in as a "preacher." She was thrown out several times, but returned day after day — initially using her own money to repair buildings — because conditions "were so horrible, so terrible, I can't describe them. Tuberculosis was rampant. I'm still amazed [residents] survived."

Lieberman then borrowed a truck and began hauling food and supplies to the townships, a direct violation of law. "I knew at the time that what I was doing was right." Would she do it again today? "I don't know if I would have the courage," she sighs.

Meanwhile, Lieberman encountered (and still does) stiff resistance from friends, relatives and neighbors. Privately, she concedes that many in South Africa's mostly comfortable Jewish community of 80,000 "sat on the fence" when it came to apartheid. "They should have done more. But like all whites, Jews felt threatened and were afraid of violence. They worried about what would be, and turned inward."

Throughout, Ikamva Labantu has been driven by the old philosophy of teaching someone how to fish, versus giving them fish. "The whole purpose has been to make people self-sufficient," she says.

Today, Lieberman confesses to being exhausted. "I know I can't carry on forever. It will be for another few years. My success will come when I know I am no longer needed."

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From coast to coast

Jewish Dateline closes doors after 11 years

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As of March 31, there will be one less place to find your beshert.

Jewish Dateline, Toronto's community-supported introduction service, is folding because of budget cutbacks.

Lack of new clients and a drop in renewals, coupled with the general squeeze in funding, are responsible, says Dateline director Debbie Cowitz, the community's official shadchan since 1986.

Founded in 1984 to counter rising intermarriage rates in Metro Toronto, Dateline has brought together about 3,000 people over the years and resulted, Cowitz beams, in over 80 marriages and "lots of Jewish babies."

The service last year ran a deficit of $15,000. About one-third of its $74,000 budget came from Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, with an $11,000 grant from Jewish Family & Child Service, which oversaw operations.

"I'm very sad," Cowitz told *The CJN*. "But we're going out proud of what we accomplished."

The 1991 federal census showed there were over 22,000 "unattached" Jewish adults in the Toronto area. They can now turn to the roughly half-dozen private dating services which cater to the Jewish community, Cowitz noted.

Debbie Cowitz

Cowitz said she never tired of bringing together never-marrieds, widows, widowers and the divorced. Her philosophy has been "a lid for every pot." Clients came from throughout southern Ontario and as far as New York state.

Their ages ranged from 21 on up. The "oldest" marriage was between a 68-year-old bride and her 71-year-old groom.

She also had to fight the stigma attached to a dating service. "There was nothing wrong in coming here. There were no losers here."

Dateline's approach was scientific. Clients paid an annual fee and filled out a questionnaire that gauged attitudes on everything from children and pets to smoking and keeping kosher.

A computer was then used to suggest pairings, but it was usually Cowitz's finely-honed sixth sense that knew when two people would click.

The service's clients are invited to a goodbye bash on March 29 at the Leah Posluns Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Cowitz, ever the matchmaker, says everyone should attend because "you never know who you'll meet there."

To our *CJN* readers:

May 7, 1995 is the 50th anniversary of VE Day. We are looking for VE Day reminiscences and photographs from our readers. If you have a special memory to convey about where you were or what you did on VE Day, please put it in writing, not more than 200 words, and send it to us. Or, if you have a unique photograph of VE Day, please send that along as well.

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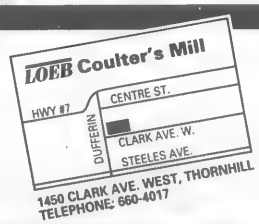

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From coast to coast

Cultural differences slow Ethiopian integration

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Six hundred Ethiopians made aliyah in 1994 under Israel's family reunification program, but thousands of Ethiopian olim are still separated from close family members whose status as Jews was questioned during Operation Solomon.

That's according to Avraham Neguise, co-ordinator of South Wing to Zion, an organization devoted to bringing 20,000 Falashmura to Israel.

Neguise spoke at Beth Tzedec Congregation, with sponsorship from Beth Tzedec, Holy Blossom Temple and the New Israel Fund (NIF), which supports South Wing.

When the Israeli government opened a consulate in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa in 1990, Neguise said, representatives determined that some Ethiopians — the Falashmura — had willingly converted to Christianity and so were ineligible to enter Israel under the Law of Return.

The Ethiopian community in Israel, however, regards the Falashmura as Jews who drifted away from traditional Jewish communities and adopted customs of the mainstream culture.

"We are pursuing our government to facilitate their immigration under family reunification," Neguise said.

As a result, the Israeli government recently decided to raise its quota of Ethiopians allowed to enter Israel from 100 a month to 200, but the plan has yet to be implemented.

Neguise's talk included a videotape documenting both the extreme poverty of the 4,000 Falashmura living in a camp in Addis Ababa, and their enthusiastic return to Judaism.

Extreme poverty

While Israeli society has been hospitable to Ethiopian Jews, Neguise said olim are having some difficulty integrating because of their cultural differences.

Ethiopians, he said, experience severe culture shock.

"Coming from a traditional society to a modern, technological society, it's always very hard. Our community has paid high psychological prices, even more than the average immigrant."

In Ethiopia, parents are the centre of the family, he said, while Israeli families are child-centred. With children learning Hebrew quicker than their parents, they translate for their parents and become the family's leaders. "This always brings a conflict and a challenge to the family. What South Wing to Zion is doing is trying to educate the family to accept the reality in the situation."

Noting that more than half of the 46,000-member community are without permanent accommodation, Neguise said Ethiopian villagers could build their huts on any available land in the countryside.

"In Israel, when we come to the families and say 'Take a $100,000 mortgage to buy an apartment,' people get shocked."

With the help of Shatil ("seedling" in English), a NIF supported project for volunteer organizations, South Wing to Zion is training leaders in the Ethiopian community to help residents of absorption centres find permanent housing.

Until this year Ethiopians could not marry unless they went through a "symbolic" conversion, said Neguise, but under pressure from the community, the chief rabbinate appointed eight rabbis who may conduct marriage ceremonies without demanding conversion.

The employment rate in the Ethiopian community is high, he reported, with 85 per cent of those capable of working holding jobs, although the work they do usually requires little education.

While Ethiopians want their children to attend university, Neguise said the majority are unable to help them with their homework. "We want to create after-school programs to help these children. We want our children to be doctors, lawyers, professors, so it will give them a good future, status and respected work in the community."

Health care project launched

VANCOUVER — The Louis Brier Home and Hospital for Jewish elderly will participate in a provincial government project to deliver health care services to the culturally diverse comunities of the Lower Mainland.

Announcement of the two-year project was made here by Premier Mike Harcourt and Multiculturalism Minister Moe Sihota.

The aim of the $300,000 project, said the premier, "is to develop a framework for integrating multicultural needs into the provision of quality health care for British Columbia."

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Anshei Minsk Congregation will hold elections, 11 a.m., 10 St. Andrews St. for all paid up members. Call 588-8512 for information.

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Royal Canadian Legion, General Wingate branch general members' breakfast meeting is at 9:30 a.m., 968 Eglinton Ave. W.

ADULT EDUCATION

Temple Sinai adult education program features **Dr. David Factor**, who will speak on Parenting: Communication and Control. Breakfast, $2, follows 9:30 a.m. service. Admission is free to lecture.

USDS OPEN HOUSE

Richmond Hill campus, United Synagogue Day School, 9711 Bayview Ave. is hosting an open house, 2-4 p.m. Featured will be childrens' entertainers Judy and David, performances by school choir and folk dancers. No charge.

CHILDREN ARE GEMS

Torah Tots Preschool presents **Prof. Elliot Melamet**, who will speak on Won't you Please, Please Listen: Raising our children to care about themselves and others, 2-4 p.m., Elite Banquet Hall, 272 Codsell Ave. Tickets $10, children free. There will also be a fashion show, special children's program and a sweet table.

BACK TO THE CAMP

B'nai Torah Congregation invites the public to a lecture, Back to the Camp: 50 Years Later We Shall Never Forget, featuring **Irving Eisner**, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave.

GRANDPARENT SUPPORT

A self-help peer support group for grandparents, Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity, meets 1 p.m., 16 Spadina Rd. to hear mediator **Antoinette Clarke**. Non-members $5 at the door.

BOUTIQUE DAY

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood presents Boutique Day, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Admission, $1 and non-perishable food items to be donated to a food bank.

Monday, March 27

VALUES FOR CHILDREN

Discover Judaism's wisdom in instilling good character in children, with **Rabbi Yaakov** and **Mrs. Lori Palatnik**, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah, Promenade Mall, Suite 303. Free admission. Call 636-7530.

WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

Chana Weisberg will speak on Who is Better, The Man Who is Born Righteous or the Man Who Has Made Himself Righteous?, at the Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study, Shaarei Tefillah, 3600 Bathurst. St. Register, 905-889-6066.

PASSOVER FOOD PREPARATION

United Congregational Schools of Greater Toronto presents **Sue Devor** of Sweet Sue Pastries in a demonstration of Passover food preparation from appetizers to desserts, 7:30 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Advance tickets $12, at the door, $15, call 633-1338.

Tuesday, March 28

AJL ONTARIO CHAPTER

Association of Jewish Libraries, Ontario chapter, is having an arrangements committee meeting, 8 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

KEHILLAT SHAAREI TORAH

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks will speak on Preparing the House for Pesach, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 2640 Bayview Ave. Call synagogue office, 229-2600 for more details.

HEALTHY PASSOVER

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood presents Healthful Eating for Passover, with dietician **Carry Greenberg**, 7:30 p.m. $5 members, $7 non-members. RSVP synagogue office, 633-5500 by March 27.

PASSOVER HAGGADAH

Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation continues his in-depth analysis of the Passover Haggadah for men and women, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Haggadot provided. No charge. Call 787-1631.

SURVIVING THE SEDER

Beit Rayim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, presents **Rabbi Sol Tanenzapf,** who will talk about How to Survive the Family Seder. Participants are asked to bring a Haggadah. Members free, non-members $5. RSVP, 905-770-7639.

Wednesday, March 29

KOLLEL PROGRAM

Rabbi Avi Schochet, principal, Netivot HaTorah Day School will be the guest speaker at Or Chaim's Kollel Program, 8-9:45 p.m., 159 Almore Ave. Call 630-6772 for details.

HANDWRITING ANALYSIS

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham Sisterhood presents **Tilda Shalof**, who will give an introduction on the principles of handwriting analysis, 8:15 p.m., 55 Guardsman Rd. Cost $4 includes refreshments.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Stump the experts. Novices and experienced alike can ask genealogical questions, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Refreshments served. Non-members $3. Call **Alex**, 256-1985.

BEREAVED JEWISH FAMILIES

Self-help organization that provides support to families following the loss of a child will hold a Family Night. featuring **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl** who will speak on Why is this Night Different? Holiday Celebrations are Different Now, 8 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 4th Floor. Call 638-7800, ext. 202 for details.

JEWISH STUDIES PROGRAM

Prof. Shemaryahu Talmon, Hebrew University, will speak on The People of the Dead Sea Scrolls: Their Calendar and Identity, 3:15-5 p.m., Room 108, Koffler Institute for Pharmacy Management, 569 Spadina Ave., Sponsored by Jewish Studies Program, University of Toronto.

Thursday, March 30

JEWISH CONTINUITY

Association for Jewish Continuity presents a panel, Assimilation and Intermarriage — What Should We Do? What Can We Do?, featuring **Aaron Brotman, Leslie Klein, Dr. Edmond Y. Lipsitz** and moderator **Lydia London**, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave. Admission free, voluntary donations accepted.

ALTERNATIVES TO LITIGATION

Jewish Family & Child Service is sponsoring a presentation by **Lorne Wolfson**, who will speak on Alternatives to Litigation: Mediation, Arbitration, 7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800 for registration.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

THE THIRD SEDER

Holy Blossom AIDS committee, Sisterhood and Brotherhood invite the community to attend The Third Seder, a Passover celebration for those affected and infected

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JTS CONVOCATION

Toronto's Harold Malitzky was conferred with the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy, honoris causa, by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at its recent convocation held at the seminary in New York. Dr. Malitzky (second from left) was sponsored by Rabbi Mordecai Waxman (left) and presented by Dr. Avraham Holtz (right). Dr. Ismar Schorsch, (second from right), JTS Chancellor, conferred the degree.

MELAVA MALKA

At a recent malka held by the Russian Jewish Community Centre Talmud Torah, Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, executive director, explained the reasons for the candle, spices and wine used during a havdalah service. Student Rimma Rishes was chosen to hold the candle.

What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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by HIV and AIDS, Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m., Philip Smith Hall, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. No charge, donations appreciated. Transportation available upon request. RSVP by Tuesday, April 4, by calling in confidence **Tania** or **Noreen**, 789-3291.

LEARN HEBREW IN EIGHT HOURS

National Hebrew Literacy Day, sponsored by Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning and ARZA Canada takes place across Canada, and in five Toronto locations, April 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost, $47, includes textbook, kosher lunch and all materials. Registration closes April 7. For information and registration call **Robin Neray**, 905-764-1-DAY.

NARAYEVER SINGERS

New choir members wanted for the Narayever Community Singers, who get together and sing for the love of it most Sunday evenings, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Call **Brian Katz**, 656-5995.

SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

Monthly Sisterhood lunch, Thursday, March 23 at Grisante's. Non-members welcome. Monthly adult education meeting, Monday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. Passover workshop, Sunday, March 26, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Preparation information and recipes provided. Call office for reservations. Pot luck Shabbat dinner, Friday, March 24. Family services, Friday, March 24, 7:30 p.m. Call Solel 905-820-5915.

CHILDREN OF THE STORM

Student groups are invited to attend the April production of *Children of the Storm*, a young person's perspective of the Holocaust, to be held at the Bathurst Street Theatre. Tickets for school performances $5. Call 635-7969 for more information.

FAMILY CONCERT

Toronto New Leadership Division, Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation presents The Treetop Kids, for children 2-6 years old, Sunday April 2, 10:30 a.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Proceeds go to Neonatology Intensive Care Unit. Tickets $10. For prepaid reservations with VISA or Mastercard, 781-3584.

PEACE PROCESS

Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave. is holding a weekend with **Daniel Polisar**, founder and director of Peace Watch. Saturday, March 25, following Shabbat Services, he will speak on The Current Peace Process; on Sunday, March 26, 8 p.m., he will talk about Monitoring the Oslo Peace Agreement — Are Both Sides Honoring their Signatures.?

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

Passover vegetarian food preparation and demonstration, Sunday, April 2, 11:30 a.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Reserve soon by leaving message, 485-9164.

BBYO DANCE-A-THON

Youth from the community are invited to attend BBYO, Lake Ontario region's seventh annual Dance-A-Thon, April 1-2, Bathurst Jewish Centre, 8 p.m.-12 a.m. $5 BBYO members, $8 non-members. BBYO members who have a minimum of $45 in sponsorships as well as parent authorization will be able to attend the remainder of the Dance-A-Thon until 8 a.m. Sunday April 2. Sponsor forms available to all members at the office, 4588 Bathurst St., Suite 213. Call **Yael** for information 635-9411.

KABBALAH LEARNING CENTRE

Thirteen-week course on Kabbalistic meditation begins Thursday, March 23; youth seminar on dreams, Sunday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.; Passover seminar, Wednesday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. For information on all courses call Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., 631-9395.

LEONARD WOLINSKY LECTURES

Prof. Walter Ackerman, Ben Gurion University is guest lecturer at the Leonard Wolinsky Lectures, sponsored by Centre for Jewish Studies, York University. On Thursday March 23, 11:30 a.m., N812 Ross Building, he will lecture on Curriculum and Identity Formation: An Israeli's Perspective; and on Sunday, March 26, 2:30 p.m., Vanier Senior Common Room, his topic will be Jewish Education and Social Change. Lectures open to the public and free of charge. Call 736-5823 for more details.

MITZVAH AT THE SEDER

Community Integration Program of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Bathurst Jewish Centre is seeking Canadian families who would like to host recently arrived families from the former Soviet Union at one of their seders. For more information call 636-1880, ext. 261 or ext. 380.

JUDEO-SPANISH MUSIC

Sephardi Discussion Group of Toronto is hosting an evening of Judeo-Spanish music featuring musicians, **Batsheva** and **Aaron Skitri**, Sunday, April 2, 7 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 4th Floor. Admission $7 in advance, $10 at the door, $7 students. Call **Richard**, 789-3134 or **Ayal** 512-6693.

TURN FRIDAY INTO SHABBOS

The community is invited to attend Turn Friday Night Into Shabbos, March 31, Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, Forest Hill. Participants will explore the Jewish tradition with **Rabbi Les Fried** and enjoy a festive dinner. Cost $15 per person or $45 per family. For further details and reservations call 483-0883.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is running the following groups: Adult Children Losing a Parent begins March 28; Positive Parenting Groups for preschool, school age, pre-teens and teens begins after Passover; Single Parent Challenge begins April 18. For more information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

ISRAEL FAMILY TOUR

Rabbi Baruch and **Josette Frydman-Kohl** of Beth Tzedec Congregation, along with the Israel Studies Institute, a Jerusalem-based touring and educational program is coordinating a family oriented Israeli tour June 26-July 10. Tour includes a guide and educator to enable families to have their own mini-tours within the framework of the group. Deadline for applications is Friday, March 31. For information and a brochure call 484-7434.

for seniors

LZA Seniors Club, Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. is now planning trips for summer and fall, including Stage West, Stratford, Catskills and Western Canada. Registration for Western Canada trip will be at luncheon meeting, Wednesday, April 5. Third seder is planned for Sunday, April 16. Tickets on sale at the centre.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club next Sunday dance with live band, April 9, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Community Centre, $4 members, $5 non-members. Variety show featuring Scarborough Showstoppers, Monday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. North York Board of Education classes resume April 17. Trip to Holocaust Memorial in Washington and then to Atlantic City includes three nights in Washington, two nights in Atlantic City, all meals, medical and more. Call **Ted Sidon** 222-5247 for details.

Association of Jewish Seniors is observing its 24th annual seder, Saturday, April 15, Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles W. Doors open 8 p.m.; seder begins 8:45 p.m. Fee is $18 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the centre. Call **Goldie Liebman**, 635-2860.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). March 27, **Mr. Gilbert**, Zionist Youth Movement will speak on Natural Conservation in Israel.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is taking reservations for five-day trip to Washington, April 30-May 4, including kosher meals, cruise, health insurance. June 13 Buffalo trip includes shopping, kosher lunch, 2-hour cruise through canals and locks. For information on all trips and programs call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities, 645 Castlefield Ave. will hear **Avrom Gossack**, who will speak on Israel and the Peace Process, Thursday, March 30, 2 p.m.

Baycrest Centre's Wellness Education Group presents Managing Incontinence, Wednesday, March 29, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Joseph E. & Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Open to the public. $2 at the door. For seating purposes, register by calling 785-2500, ext. 2267.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band, Sunday, April 2, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

Due to numerous requests, the Remembrance Tour to Poland in May has been changed to include six days in Poland and eight days in Israel including five nights in Natanya and two nights at the Dead Sea. Unique experience for the whole family, great price. Call **Helen Issenberg**.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Acupuncture for Pain Relief, Thursday, March 30, 1:30 p.m. On Tuesday, March 28 there is a talk on Cutbacks to the Ontario Drug Benefit List; admission free.

Wednesday afternoon social, March 29, 1:30 p.m. features a March birthday celebration with **Marvin Rosenshein**.

at the JCC/BJC

Senior Adult Services, Bathurst Jewish Centre, is having an Oneg Shabbat luncheon, with entertainment by **Cantor Louis Danto**, Friday, March 31, at noon. Tickets must be purchased in advance, by calling **Teme**, 636-1880.

PEARL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Batya Grundland, a graduate of Associated Hebrew Schools, is the recipient of the Ernest Richard Pearl Scholarship, which is administered by the Associated Hebrew Schools. The presentation was recently made at a special Junior High assembly at both Neptune and Danilack branch. Standing from left, Gidon Grundland, Pearl Grundland, Jerry Rosenfield, Sharrona Pearl and Mayeer Pearl. Sitting from left are Batya Grundland and Susan Pearl.

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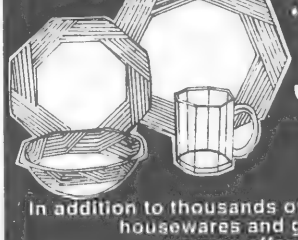

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More than 80% of residents at the Jewish Home for the Aged are cognitively impaired in some way. As the elderly live longer, they become more susceptible to disease and disorders that cause cognitive damage. That's why we're building a new 372 bed Jewish Home for the Aged and an innovative 100 bed Centre for Cognitive Disorders at the existing campus. The new JHA, with larger rooms, wider hallways, more activity space and dining facilities on each floor, will assist people with illnesses such as Alzheimer's Disease.

The Centre for Cognitive Disorders will care for those whose cognitive abilities have been damaged by medical events such as stroke. Quality of life means more than the construction of a new JHA. Enriching the lives of our elderly is the thread that runs through the fabric that is Baycrest. To meet these needs, we must expand the number of researchers and scientists working in the area of cognitive disorders, so that we can apply the knowledge we have gained directly to the problems of aging and caring for the elderly.

Campaign funds will also be used to establish programs in areas such as rehabilitation, family support services and education. By educating our staff, we support our families; by supporting our families, we meet the needs of all the elderly; and that brings us full circle to providing the best care and quality of life. And that's something we can all be proud of.

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*(campaign funds will be combined with capital contributions from the Ontario Ministry of Health and the City of North York to build the Home, which has a total building cost of approximately $65 million)

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Ida Charney, secretary of Ontario region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, presents Certificate of Charter to Steve Jacobson, president of Beit Rayim Synagogue in Richmond Hill. Beit Rayim is now in its second year at the United Synagogue Day School Bayview campus. Through Shabbat services, which include stories for the children, holiday celebrations featuring children's entertainment, Beit Rayim emphasizes family Judaism. For more information on the congregation, call 905-770-7639.

Singles Events

Singles events is an advertising feature of *The Canadian Jewish News*. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates, or to place an ad, please call Sharon at 422-2528.

Adath Israel Synagogue Singles Group, 35 plus (Bathurst & Wilson) presents a Sunday Brunch, March 26th, 1995 - 11:30 a.m. with psychologist Dr. Arnold Rubenstein.

Topic: **"Hypnosis, Memory Retrieval and the Law."** Learn about hypnosis, its mythology, and its powerful effects on health, wealth and romance.

Cost $8.00. Prepaid reservations **only** at the synagogue office. Deadline is Thursday, March 23rd. Visa accepted. For reservations, call the synagogue office, and for further information contact Rabbi Sheldon Kom (416) 635-5340.

Large Masquerade Purim Night in Hava Negila, March 17, 8:30 p.m. Tickets at door $20, including full dinner with appetizer, Hamantaschen and coffee. 739-7371.

REENA MARDI GRAS. Sunday, March 26, 1995, 8:00 p.m., Ford Centre for the Performing Arts. 5040 Yonge Street. Hors d'oeuvres, casino gambling, silent auction, great D.J. dance music. All proceeds to the Reena Foundation. **Tickets $45 advance, $55 door.** Advance tickets will be available from Ticketmaster or the Reena Foundation.
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Singles Dance and Karaoke, Saturday, **March 25th, 8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.** at North Toronto's prestigious and most exclusive private club, at 25 Fairway Heights, between Leslie & Bayview on Steeles. **Single Professionals Network 416-760-7169.**

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You are invited to the Jewish Dateline Adieu on Wednesday, March 29, 1995 at 7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst Street, North York. Mingling, Music and More... All members and friends welcome. Admission $10.00 **R.S.V.P. before March 26, 1995.** Call (416) 789-0110.

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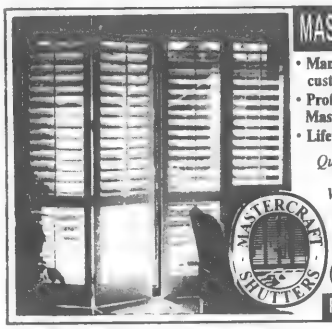

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Teen has 'special' bar mitzvah with zayde

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Michael Klasner had three Torah readings for his bar mitzvah, one with 100 Israeli orphans and one at Jerusalem's Great Synagogue, but the most poignant was with his grandfather, Holocaust survivor Joseph Klasner, in Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

The simchah was extra special because Joseph Klasner never had a bar mitzvah. He was living in hiding in Poland when he was 13.

"Most people don't get a second chance, but my zayde did and I am honored to share my bar mitzvah with him," Michael said.

Born in Dzialoszyce, a small shtetl 50 kilometres south of Krakow, Joseph was sent into hiding when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939. He was 10. His parents believed that as the oldest of five children, he had the best chance of surviving. He was the only one in his family to survive the war.

He hid in a barn with his aunt and uncle. When he went back to look for his family, he found only his father. Their house had been looted and was occupied by a Polish family.

Shared simchah

Back in hiding, with their money gone, the four were promised by the Poles who hid them they would be moved to a safer place. They were delivered to the Germans instead. Their protectors had turned them in for a sack of sugar.

The Germans loaded Joseph and his relatives onto a transport bound for Auschwitz. His father pulled away the barbed wire at the window of the box car with his bare hands and pushed his son out, ordering him to run and hide. He never saw his family again.

Joseph worked for a while in Oskar Schindler's Plasow work camp, and in Prokochim, where he worked despite typhus. He escaped again but ended the war in Mauthausen concentration camp. He came to Canada in 1950.

Joseph told the 125 bnei mitzvah guests that his belated bar mitzvah was "one of the most important days of my life."

With wife Katie, Joseph had two children. Their son Jerry is Michael's father.

"Sharing in today's ceremonies with my firstborn grandson is one of those emotional moments in one's life when memories of the past and hardships endured meld into the excitement of this young man's beginnings," Joseph told those assembled.

Bnei mitzvah, Michael Klasner (left) and his grandfather, Joseph Klasner, a Holocaust survivor, enjoy their double simchah.

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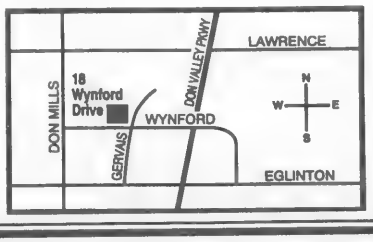

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Halifax doctor retires after 46 years in practice

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritime Correspondent

HALIFAX — Nearly 50 years after starting his gynecology and obstetrics practise in Halifax, Irving Perlin has retired quietly, as is his nature.

But many of his patients — he has delivered close to 10,000 Nova Scotians in his 46-year career — won't allow his retirement to remove him from their thoughts and affections. They have started an Irving Perlin Scholarship to promote research and education in obstetrics.

"I'm honored they would think to do this," Perlin said with typical modesty. "I did the job I was supposed to do and don't feel people should be obligated."

Being a caring doctor wasn't Perlin's only forte. Like every Jewish boy raised in Cape Breton from the early 1920s through the mid-1960s, Perlin learned Hebrew, the order of Shabbat and holiday services and the cantorial trop from Rabbi Isaac Kenner. He became part-time cantor of Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Halifax when the congregation formed in 1954 and, still blessed with a fine tenor voice, continues to hold that part-time position.

But he is better known to the wider Halifax-Dartmouth community as a man who has devoted his life to bringing children into this world.

Born in 1920, Perlin said he wanted to go into medicine from the time he was a teenager at Sydney Academy. The son of a peddlar who came to Sydney from Eastern Europe prior to World War I and later opened a corner grocery-confectionary store, Perlin graduated from Dalhousie University Medical School in 1943.

He served two years overseas in World War II and came home thinking orthopedics might be his field, but quickly turned back to his first love, obstetrics and gynecology. He was certified in 1949.

"In the first few years, I practised alone so I took no holidays at all. Later on, I would trade time with other doctors and more recently, was part of a group practice where other doctors were there to cover."

Since his early days in practise, Perlin has always lived in Halifax's south end. "I wanted to be close to the Grace Maternity Hospital and can recall many occasions walking through snow storms to get to the hospital."

One of his more intriguing deliveries occured when a patient, not his, started giving birth in a hospital elevator. "It must have looked odd to see me on my kness when the elevator door opened," he laughed.

On another ocasion, he climbed to the top floor of a multi-storey apartment building and delivered the first boy to a family of 12 girls. "It was a very exciting time for everyone," he said.

Most of his deliveries, however, he considers routine, although he understands the pain and discomfort a woman experiences is not.

"An obstetrician has to be a caring individual, one who recognizes the other person's feelings as much as possible," he said.

And, he said, "you have to have an understanding and supportive wife. I couldn't have been away from home as much without Freida there to look after things."

Technology has changed since Perlin started practising 46 years ago. Labor has been eased somewhat with the use of painkilling drugs. Ultrasound and better diagnostic methods are also a plus.

"But one thing that hasn't changed is that babies still come out the same way they used to," he smiled.

Jewish charities get bequest from Christian businessman

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Correspondent

HALIBURTON — Four individual bequests totalling $20,000 were left by a recently deceased Minden resident. John Birmingham, a Christian, died on Oct. 11 last year. He was 85 years old.

"Mr. Birmingham was a lovely person who was adamant in his belief that the Jewish people were God's chosen race," said Glenda Burk, the executor of the will. "He knew he wanted to leave money to the Jewish community but he didn't know to which charities he would leave the funds."

Burk, a legal secretary, befriended Birmingham several years prior to his death. "He left it to me to divide the money," she said, adding that Birmingham wanted the funds to go to aid Jewish children and families.

Consequently, it was suggested by Burk and approved by Birmingham that $5,000 payments would be given to the following four groups: the Reena Foundation, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Jewish Family and Child Service and United Jewish Appeal.

Donald Finn, Birmingham's lawyer said the charities involved were notified of the bequest by the public trustee.

Birmingham, a Canadian-born factory worker, lived in Toronto until he relocated to a small apartment in Minden, Ont., about seven years ago.

"He didn't believe in television," Burk said.

Although his eyesight was poor, Birmingham subscribed to a number of Christian magazines and he spent Sunday mornings listening to *The People's Gospel Hour* with Pastor Perry Rockwood, a religious radio broadcast from Nova Scotia.

"He kept pretty much to himself," Burk said, adding that relations with his two sisters were such that the three didn't have much contact.

"He was a quiet man and he had an almost negative side to him but his faith was strong in his mind." Burk said he had no children and his wife had predeceased him.

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JFGT hires first central campus services director

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A major step in the restructuring of Toronto Jewish campus organizations has been taken with the hiring of a director of central campus services, the city's first.

Manchester native Zac Kaye, 47, will fill the newly created position May 1. He is currently executive director of Vancouver's B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, which hired Kaye, is in the process of creating an umbrella campus agency. Kaye will be responsible for the Jewish Student Federation at York University, the Jewish Student Union (JSU) at the University of Toronto, and the Jewish Student Council serving Ryerson Polytechnic University, Seneca College, U of T's Scarborough campus and York's Glendon campus.

The campus groups will retain their individual structures and will continue to have their own programming co-ordinators. Current JSU director Rabbi Michael Skobac will serve as chaplain for all three campuses.

As part of the plan, which has been in the works for over two years, federation has committed to increase the joint campus budget by $140,000, to just over $400,000 for the 1995-96 year.

One of Kaye's first tasks will be to set up a centrally located office, or as he put it, "to find a tent and pitch it somewhere."

His relaxed manner belies the serious issues underscoring his work. Jewish continuity, the buzzword of North American Jewry for the past several years, is a top concern.

Zac Kaye

Over 20 years experience

"It's very challenging [work] because of the informality," Kaye said during a recent interview at federation offices. "You really have to extend yourself. You have to be a role model, teacher, 'rabbi,' and counsellor."

Kaye, a teacher by profession, has over 20 years of experience in Jewish community work. He is considered "one of the leading professionals in terms of campus activities," said Morris Zbar, federation's director of community planning and allocations.

Following the completion of his MA in the Jewish Communal Service program at Brandeis University in 1982, Kaye worked for five years in Australia as Hillel director of New South Wales before moving to Vancouver. He also has Jewish community work experience in Israel, his home from 1978 to 1980, and in England.

Kaye relishes a challenge, and Toronto poses a number of them, among them the large number of commuter students and the city's size.

"You have to use the city to your advantage," said Kaye, who would like to bring activities off campus.

Kaye, like a growing number of his North American counterparts, believes in reaching out to both Jewish organizations and high school students. He pioneered major high school outreach programs in England and Australia; their importance was reinforced for him when a former day school student told him in Vancouver she wouldn't go "anywhere near Hillel" because she'd had enough of the atmosphere.

"If that girl had been reached out to [in high school], maybe she wouldn't be as negative. If she'd had the opportunity to vent some of her anger, maybe she would have felt differently."

Programs must reflect students' needs

Some students prefer not to identify with Jewish campus groups because of a longstanding "image problem," Kaye said. "Is Hillel for Nerds?" was the subject of a nine-page article in last month's issue of *Moment* magazine, he pointed out.

Successful programming has to reflect the needs of students who have a variety of interests and religious backgrounds, Kaye said. An observant Jew, Kaye makes a point of noting in his resume his "respect for the pluralism of contemporary Jewish life." Making everyone feel welcome is part of his work philosophy, he said.

He estimates there are between 8,000 and 10,000 Jewish students and faculty members on Toronto campuses. Most of them are not involved with the campus organizations. "That's an enormous challenge," he said.

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USDS founder celebrates his 90th birthday

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Successful businessman and community leader Ellis I. Shapiro recently spent his 90th birthday surrounded by family and friends.

Shapiro, founder of the United Synagogue Day School and Jewish community day camps, welcomed guests to the Pompano Beach, Fla., celebration.

Granddaughter Michelle Glassman-Feldman told *The CJN* Shapiro is "known by his family as a superman and a '90s kind of guy."

Shapiro plays golf several times a week, "and can equate mathematical problems faster than you or I could punch them into a calculator," she said.

Born on Simcoe Street, he attended Niagara Street Public School and the Central High School of Commerce in Toronto. He established a manufacturing business, Dominion Gasket Mfg. Co. Ltd., and in 1934 married Fanny Enushevsky.

Shapiro was a driving force behind the development of Jewish community camps. He served as the president of the YM-YWHA, forerunner to today's Jewish Community Centre, chairman of the Jewish Camp Council, and is credited with the purchase of their camp site in Haliburton.

He was also one of the founders of the United Synagogue Day School and was president of Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

"On his 90th birthday," said Jack Orenstein, executive vice-president of Beth Tzedec, "all those who have known and worked with him pray that Litch will enjoy many more years of health, years in which he will shep naches from his children and grandchildren, and from the synagogue that he loves with all his heart."

Toronto community leader, Ellis Shapiro (centre) is seen with his children, Elaine Glassman and Barry Shapiro at his 90th birthday celebration in Florida.

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The program is co-chaired by David Markowitz and Henry Morton.

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David Markowitz

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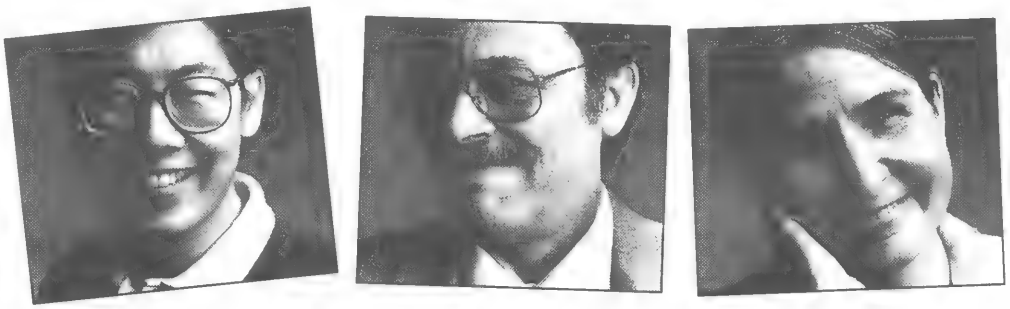

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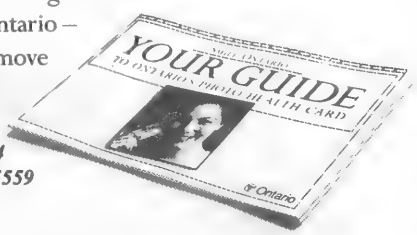

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Two Israelis killed in bus attack

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Two Israelis were killed and five wounded last Sunday night, when terrorists ambushed a bus travelling from the West Bank settlement of Kiryat Arba to Jerusalem.

Israel Radio reported that gunmen overtook an Egged bus outside Hebron and sprayed the bus with gunfire.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack, which took place about 8 p.m. local time, but officials reportedly believe hardline Palestinians were involved.

In response to the attack, Israeli settlers reportedly ransacked several Palestinian shops in Hebron before the Israeli army imposed a curfew and began searching for the attackers.

The attack came after several weeks of quiet and after Israeli and Palestinian negotiators reported progress in their efforts to expand Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank.

The Israeli government had been gradually easing the closure imposed in the wake of the January suicide bombing in Beit Lid. On Sunday, officials announced that 3,000 more Palestinians would be issued entry permits to work in Israel. That brings the total number of workers allowed in from the territories to 25,000.

Also Sunday, Israeli police reportedly found the bodies of two Arabs who were killed in an explosion near the West Bank town of Jenin.

The authorities said the two had apparently been building a bomb that went off prematurely.

CANADIAN LEADERSHIP MEETS AVRAHAM BURG

Avraham Burg, the new chair of the Jewish Agency for Israel, met recently with a group of Canadian leaders attending Agency meetings in Jerusalem. Burg said he expects to have close relations with Canada's Jewish community. From left are: Steve Ain, executive vice-president, United Israel Appeal of Canada; Amnon Shinar, director general, UIA Israel office; Jack Rose, former UIA Canada president; Gerald Halbert, UIA Canada president; Julia Koschitzky, chair, World Board of Trustees, Keren Hayesod; Burg; Shlomo Hillel, chair, Keren Hayesod; Lester Lazarus, president, Montreal Federation CJA; and Harvey Wolfe, campaign chair, Federation CJA.

Increase peace talks King Hassan says

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — As the Middle East peace process continues to move in fits and starts, a key supporter, King Hassan II of Morocco, brought his vision of Middle East peace to U.S. President Bill Clinton earlier this month.

The peace process is stalling because it is not a full-fledged peace yet, Hassan said in his welcoming remarks at the White House.

"Peace hasn't taken place in all areas of interest," Hassan said through an interpreter. "For peace to be achieved, the pace of the negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis needs to be accelerated away from any equivocations liable to cause the peace process to falter."

Hassan's visit also focused on strengthening Moroccan-U.S. economic ties, the Arab boycott of Israel, negotiations between Israel and Syria and the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The boycott is an important issue for the peace process, said Hassan, whose country has taken significant steps to ease its own boycott of Israel.

"We are not looking into the peace process without looking into the economic peace process also," he said.

SS captain to be extradited

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine officials have promised to extradite to Italy a former Nazi SS captain involved in the massacre of 335 Italian civilians.

In a meeting last week, President Carlos Menem assured Tommy Baer, president of B'nai B'rith International, that 82-year old Erich Priebke would be "on his way to Italy by the end of the month," a spokesperson for Baer said.

Baer was in Argentina as part of a weeklong trip to South America.

Italian news reports quoted a spokesman for Menem as saying the March 31 deadline was "very probable."

Priebke was tracked down in Argentina last year during an investigation by ABC Television's *PrimeTime Live*. After the program, officials placed Priebke under house arrest and the Italian government began extradition proceedings.

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Reform rabbis gather in Israel

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — "If, in the new Middle East, Israel can recognize the PLO, then it should be able to recognize Reform Judaism," said Rabbi Amiel Hirsch, at the recent international convention of Reform rabbis.

Rabbi Hirsch, who heads Artza, the Reform movement's Zionist organization, was one of 300 participants at the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), which meets in Israel every seven years.

The priorities of the gathering, which was attended by a number of leading Canadian Reform rabbis, were to push for religious pluralism in Israel and to forge a working vision of Reform Zionism for the 21st century.

Israeli leaders who addressed the convention showed little sympathy for the Reform movement's call for religious pluralism in Israel. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin did not relate to the issue at all. Opposition leader Binyamin Netanyahu, who was sharply criticized by ultra-Orthodox leaders for addressing the Reform rabbis, said he favored the continuation of the status quo in religious affairs.

"For us, the status quo means severe discrimination," said Rabbi Hirsch, in response.

Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist rabbis have no religious authority in Israel; marriages and other ceremonies they perform are not recognized by the Rabbinate. The movements also maintain that the Israeli government discriminates against them in funding.

To combat this, the CCAR has launched Operation Equality, a campaign to raise $2 million to underwrite the pursuit of religious rights in Israel.

CCAR launches Operation Equality

"The Israeli secular leadership doesn't understand how serious an issue this is for us, because they don't take religion seriously," Rabbi Michael Stroh of Toronto's Temple Har Zion told *The CJN*. "But religious pluralism is as fundamental a right as freedom of speech. It is not something we can compromise on — not even for the sake of peace," he said.

"Strangely enough, the openness that is being shown towards us in our relations with the Vatican is not paralleled in our attempts to deal healingly with our brothers here," said Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Toronto's Temple Sinai.

Rabbi Gunther Plaut of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple was less equivocal. "I think we ought to say openly and forcefully that pluralism is, as far as we are concerned, the desirable mode for Israel," he said.

One highlight of the conference — a co-ed prayer service at the Southern Wall of the Old City — passed quietly despite anticipated trouble. Past prayer services led by women at the Western Wall have sparked protests and even violence from ultra-Orthodox demonstrators. The Rabbinate, which has no jurisdiction over the nearby Southern Wall, did nothing to interfere with the service held there.

Rabbi Pearlson said he hopes all Jews will be able to pray at the Western Wall in the future.

"Given the length of the wall, there are possibilities for variant forms of prayer to take place side by side — and these should be allowed despite the overt contempt of those who disagree," he said.

During the convention, Toronto Rabbi Dov Marmur unveiled a draft of a proposed platform for Reform Zionism. Calling it a historic document, he said the CCAR-initiated project would be presented in its final form by 1997 to mark the first centennial of the Zionist movement.

"The time has long passed for the ritual of breastbeating for our earlier sins of omission," said Rabbi Marmur, referring to the Reform movement's initial rejection of Zionism. "Today our involvement in Israel is the greatest challenge the Reform movement faces. It is also a true test of Reform, in that it changes its emphasis in order to respond to historic reality."

The document, drafted by an ad hoc committee that included Rabbi Marmur, affirmed the centrality of Israel in Jewish life, called for enhancing the presence of Reform Judaism in Israel and proposed that Diaspora Jews consider the option of "partial" aliyah.

"We are realistic and acknowledge that at present only a minority of our people will choose to observe the mitzvah of aliyah fully. We therefore offer several suggestions as to how it can be fulfilled partially," Rabbi Marmur explained.

The document also proposed a new relationship between Israel and the Diaspora based on equality and mutual respect.

The final version will constitute the fourth major platform of Reform since the movement adopted its first platform in 1885.

The Week in Israel

March 13:

• American armed forces began military exercises in the Negev Desert. The exercises had been planned months before. A year ago, the Americans conducted joint military exercises in Egypt with the Egyptian army.

• At a news conference in Jedda, Saudi Arabia, American Secretary of State Warren Christopher urged the Persian Gulf states to end their economic boycott of Israel.

March 14:

• British Prime Minister John Major met with Yasser Arafat in the Gaza Strip and pledged aid to the Palestinians totalling $130 million over three years. At a separate meeting, Major told Foreign Minister Shimon Peres that he opposes the establishment of a Middle East development bank.

March 15:

• In an interview with *Ha'aretz*, a senior air force official stated Syria has the capability to develop its own prototype of a SCUD missile.

• The Consumer Price Index rose .2% in February.

• Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said his country will sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty "if the period in which the treaty will be in effect is limited."

• The head of Israel's delegation to the Cairo peace talks with the Palestinians, Yoel Singer, reported an agreement regarding elections in the territories is nearly complete.

March 16:

• New reports are circulated in the media that Iran is running an underground technological network with bases in Germany in an effort to acquire nuclear weapon capability.

• According to *Ma'ariv*, Iranian security officials have reported the capture of an Israeli spy. The identity of the alleged spy was not disclosed.

• Israeli media reported U.S. President Bill Clinton has hailed the decision by Syria to resume direct talks with Israel "as a realistic opportunity to achieve peace."

March 17:

• At the meeting in Tunis of the PLO Central Committee, Yasser Arafat rejected the demands of his opponents to share decision making.

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Hebrew language's beauty flows throughout land

By EMILY HAUSER

You may very well have studied Hebrew at some point, but did your dictionaries feature words such as "blyn-deight" (n: romantic outing for two people who had never met previously)? How about "soo-pear-mo-dell" (n; well-known and top-level model, synonyms, see Cindy Crawford)? Pupils may not learn words like this in the average ulpan, but Hebrew-speaking Israelis use them all the time. My, my. What would Eliezer Ben-Yehuda say?

THE TEXTURE OF LIFE IN ISRAEL

Linguistic genius Ben-Yehuda reinvented Hebrew as a modern, spoken tongue; a labor of love and not a little insanity, his contribution to the third Jewish Commonwealth can be heard on the streets of Israel everyday. The language is beautiful, powerful and resonates with the ages. And it exists in a vacuum.

Only Israeli Jews (and, it must be noted, Arabs) speak Hebrew on a daily basis — five million people at most, many of whom speak something else altogether at home. The other 99.9 per cent of humanity speaks many other things, and for better or worse, the dominant culture in the world is American. Perhaps it should come as no surprise then that the language is rife with bastardizations of English and American concepts.

This is especially so among the young and trendy. As the self-designated representatives of all things hip. Tel Aviv's weekly newspapers (the rough equivalent of the *Village Voice*) are replete with words that would have Ben-Yehuda flummoxed. A radio personality gives an interview and confides that he is worried that his foray into television will be a "flohp" (flop); a column towards the back of one paper tells the readers where they can order food "taik-a-whey" (take-away); a two-column wide headline begs the question. "Wot ells eez nu?" (What else is new?). English words like "supermarket," "classy," and "pub" have been in circulation for so long that they're virtually considered to be Hebrew.

Such corruptions of the language tend to get the nation's intelligentsia into a flap on a regular basis. The best example can be found in the to-do some months ago surrounding an Education Ministry plan to develop a new study program in some schools in which a few of the classes are taught in English.

The idea first caught the public eye last summer, when it was incorrectly reported as the intention to establish schools with English as the language of instruction. At the time, the Hebrew Language Academy had a collective fit. The body's scientific secretary told the press: "We are calling an emergency meeting to raise a warning cry against the Education Ministry's strange and saddening decision." Members of the academy who were vacationing abroad were told to return to Israel to face off with the ministry. Within days the plan was returned to a back burner — not canceled, officials explained. but still "under consideration," where it remains until today.

Ironically, the issue was eventually debated by Education's chief inspector for English studies and a member of the academy — in English, during an English-language broadcast on the *Voice of Israel*. Judy Steiner explained that the whole program was experimental in nature, had been misrepresnted and would involve at most two to three subjects in a given school's curriculum, classes along the lines of music, physical education or crafts — nothing terribly weighty. One could hear the wind whoosing out of academy member Avi Avners' sails.

In impeccable English, Avner opened with a warning that once you start teaching non-English subjects in the language, it won't stay there. There is a certain momentum to these things," he cautioned, but was quickly reduced to criticizing the ministry for allowing the "popularization" of English, insisting that a second language must be taught through great literature. "There's a problem with the secondary schools in general," he said, "a problem of culture."

And that is the crux. The Hebrew language and its daily use as the national tongue of the Jewish state hasn't been endangered. What is under threat is the dearly held notion — held by the nation's founders and their children, today's older generation — that Israel will be a high-brow light unto the nations. This same view led the government to deny the country television until 1970. It was David Ben-Gurion's reason for refusing to allow the Beatles to play Israel.

Yes, Hebrew is spoken incorrectly by a disconcerting number of well-educated people, and it is sometimes hard to figure out just what the Tel Aviv weeklies are talking about. But this is normal. Ben-Gurion is famous for having wanted a country for his people in which both the policeman and the thieves would be Jewish; the invasion of Americanized English into Hebrew is the linguistic equivalent of Yiddishe catburglers, for better or for worse.

I lean towards "better." Israel, once a weak, fledgling country under siege, no longer has to carefully watch all its sides and continue to insist that it exists to anyone who will listen. We're here, and we're not going anywhere. The squads of school children who used to harass people in the 1930s and 40s for daring to use anything other than Hebrew in their daily transactions are no longer necessary. There are now millions of people who have never thought in any other language, and Hebrew no longer needs a guard dog. Isn't that glorious? We are normal — high-brow, low-brow and everything in between. That's what we wanted all along.

Emily Hauser is a freelance writer living in Jerusalem.

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emigres from the Soviet republics were using the Jewish state as a stepping stone to the West.

Israel continues to say that claims by Soviet olim of harassment and persecution are spurious.

Canada, in effect, has told Israel to mind its own business.

Some estimates put the total number of Israelis seeking refugee status in Canada at 2,000.

"Canada is the only country in the world which recognizes refugees from Israel," Itzhak Shelef, Israel's ambassador to Canada, told *The CJN* last week after reviewing the latest figures.

He attributed the increase in the acceptance level to "the failure of the IRB to understand that Israel is a democratic, lawful country [and] a society that does not produce refugees.

"I hope that with more information, they will understand. Israel will continue explaining this. Even one [successful claimant] is too many."

Typically, claimants allege that in Israel they were subjected to harassment, threats, mistreatment of children, job discrimination, even rape and beatings by police because of mixed marriages or questionable status as Jews.

Those who succeed in their claims, like all other refugees, have managed to convince the IRB they had a well-founded fear of persecution in their last country of citizenship.

Israel has estimated that about one-third of all olim from the Soviet republics are non-Jewish according to Halachah (meaning they had non-Jewish mothers). Nevertheless, they have been able to prove at least one Jewish grandparent — all that is needed to obtain Israeli citizenship under the country's Law of Return.

In a landmark decision last year, the Federal Court of Canada upheld an IRB ruling which had denied refugee status to a family that immigrated to Israel from Kazakhstan.

The family claimed it had been persecuted in Israel because of its mixed status. But the court ruled that discrimination — if there had been any — did not amount to persecution.

The court added there was "no evidence that [the Israeli government] is persecuting those persons who they have invited to come to their country."

Susan Davis, national director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), told *The CJN* that in the past, the majority of successful claims from Israel have been granted in Quebec.

She said there is "a very different culture operating" at Montreal IRB panels than those elsewhere, but stopped short of calling Quebec panels anti-Israel.

Also last week, two former IRB members told a parliamentary committee that the board is incompetent and incapable of screening out criminals, terrorists and fraudulent claims.

The former members said some applicants tailor their claims to match guidelines available at any refugee board office.

Shelef and Davis said there are plenty of immigration "consultants" in Israel who specialize in Canada.

David Matas, president of the Canadian Council for Refugees, last week countered that only 38 people out of 122,000 have defrauded the IRB in the last five years.

Matas based his study on the number of times between 1989 and 1994 in which the IRB stripped refugees of their status after finding out they had misled the board.

Sri Lanka, Somalia and Iran topped the IRB list of source countries for refugees last year. Israel was eighth overall, sandwiched between Pakistan and Haiti.

Helms lashes out at Syria

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

WASHINGTON — Powerful U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Jesse Helms has again lashed out at Syria, saying he doubts it would respect a peace treaty with Israel, and adding that Damascus stands no chance of receiving U.S. financial aid.

Helms's statements came in a letter sent last week to MK Avigdor Kahalani, who earlier met with Helms's foreign policy aides during a visit to Capitol Hill. Kahalani released the letter to Israeli journalists here.

Acknowledging that only Israelis must decide on a Golan Heights-for-peace deal, Helms wrote: "The U.S. should make no attempt to provide sweeteners in order to induce Syria or Israel to make concessions. This certainly includes the Clinton administration's promise of U.S. troops on the Golan, which I am persuaded would be a mistake.

"Insofar as Syria is highly unlikely to abide by a peace agreement, American troops could easily be caught in the middle of renewed violence between Syria and Israel. Furthermore, our troops might become targets of terrorist attacks from southern Lebanon, a terrorist stronghold."

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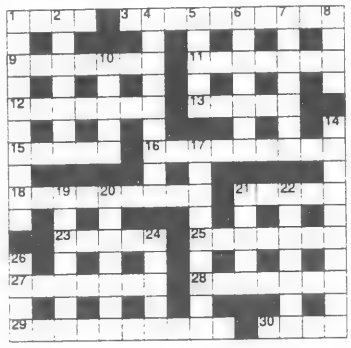

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Bronfman showdown averted

U.S. oil company cancels billion-dollar Iran deal

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Under the threat of a U.S presidential order and dissent within its own parent company, Conoco, a major American oil company, has canceled a $1-billion deal with Iran.

The move drew praise from Jewish groups and averted an anticipated showdown between Edgar Bronfman and the board of directors of Du Pont, Conoco's parent company.

Bronfman, along with his brother Charles and son Edgar, holds a controlling interest in the Seagram's company, which owns 24.3 per cent of Du Pont.

Bronfman, a leading Jewish philanthropist and president of the World Jewish Congress, stood to gain hundreds of millions of dollars from the deal. Instead, he led the charge to scuttle the agreement on Capitol Hill.

In visits to Capitol Hill last week, Bronfman had signalled he would do everything he could to block the deal when it came before the Du Pont board, according to legislative aides who attended the meetings. Sources close to Bronfman said if "push came to shove, he had the support" to kill the deal.

As Clinton was poised to sign an executive order banning U.S. companies from entering into contracts for the financing, supervision or management of oil development projects in Iran, Conoco announced it would abandon its deal signed March 6.

Under the agreement, the Houston-based oil company was to have built two off-shore rigs and natural gas lines for Iran. The company stood to gain $1 billion from the deal.

According to Capitol Hill staffers, Bronfman told senior House and Senate leaders that he is "unequivocally opposed" to the deal with a "rogue, terrorist state." Bronfman reportedly was trying to persuade members of Congress to pass legislation banning other American companies from stepping in with the National Iranian Oil Company.

"Du Pont and Conoco pride themselves on being good corporate citizens in the United States as well as around the world," the company said in a statement. "As a result, Conoco will not proceed with the agreement."

Edgar Bronfman

Young talent agency owner has her future all mapped out

By MOURA WOLPERT
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Too young at 14 to get a job, Sarah Freeman went into business for herself, painting anything from murals at Parkview High School in Dundas to a cat shelter in Toronto.

Now, six years later, she's the owner of Freeman Talent Associates Ltd., a flourishing agency that's doing so well, she's just opened an office in Toronto.

Within the year she hopes to open an office in Vancouver and by the end of 1995, in Montreal and Los Angeles as well.

Meanwhile, she's also reading scripts in preparation for the production company she plans to have one day.

Sarah Freeman has her future all mapped out — and the determination to make it happen.

Born in Toronto, the daughter of lawyer David Freeman and Paula Willinsky, she has lived in Dundas since she was 8. She took her last year of high school in Nice, spent the summer travelling, then studied at the Dundas Valley School of Art for three years.

She was also acting, both here and in Toronto, and doing some modelling.

Originally she wanted to be an actress but to succeed, she said in a recent interview, "you've got to be very, very hungry for it." Freeman realized she wasn't hungry enough.

Sarah Freeman

But the business side of the industry interested her. When the agency she was working for went bankrupt, she bought it with the help of her father and her stepfather, Richard Sniderman of Dundas.

When we met at the old house that serves as both office and home, Sarah said she has 400 clients on her books and both offices are "flooded with calls."

Clients of all ages, from a few weeks to 87 years, all hope for work as extras or actors in commercials, movies, TV series or theatre.

Basic pay for an extra is $7.15 per hour, which goes up with specific skills, location work and for speaking parts and major roles.

Prospective clients must provide a portfolio of 8 by 10-inch glossy photos in a variety of moods and poses, which are then circulated and matched with casting directors' requirements.

Business in 1994 was unbelievably good, Freeman said, and with the combination of the low Canadian dollar and Toronto's reputation as a city that can easily double for almost any in the United States, the outlook for 1995 promises to be even better.

Her agency represents people from all over Ontario. Among recent film and television credits are *The Santa Claus; The Ref; Road to Avonlea; Street Legal* and *Boogie's Diner*, while she has done TV commercials for companies such as Kellog's, Toyota, Bell Canada, Labatt's and Molson.

Credibility key to getting credit

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It's not easy for fledgling entrepreneurs to get credit, but paying bills on time is the first step to building one's reputation and credibility, an expert on credit and collections told participants at a recent seminar sponsored by the YMCA Enterprise Centre, Jobs Ontario Self-employment training program.

Business consultant Helen Rubinoff, who has more than 14 years of credit management experience with Silverwood's Dairies, Federal Express, Nestle and Maple Leaf Foods, had practical tips on giving and getting credit to the 11 seminar participants, all of whom have started or are about to start their own businesses.

Novice entrepreneurs should not be discouraged if they get turned down for credit, Rubinoff said. She advised them to focus on building credibility in the eyes of suppliers.

Applicants for a line of credit with a bank will have more success if the business plan includes a strategy for collections, she said.

For those whose businesses will lend credit, Rubinoff advises writing out agreements which specify their customers' credit limits and time frames for payment. She suggested a COD-type payment would be the most worthwhile for small businesses.

But before that, the business would need information about the customer and his or her company. Forming "strategic alliances" with other, non-competing companies who deal with the same customers can often be the best and cheapest way of finding out how these customers pays their bills, Rubinoff said.

Business operators should exercise caution with customers who break credit agreements, she said. "They [customers] have to start proving themselves early in the game."

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Tips from The Pros

Imagine: You've just purchased a house and you're all set to move in. To your surprise the previous owner hasn't left by the agreed closing time. As Toronto lawyer Edwin Durbin illustrates the legal term "vacant possession" can have different interpretations.

By EDWIN DURBIN
Special to The CJN

In a real estate transaction, the agreement of purchase and sale typically states that "the purchaser is entitled to vacant possession of the property upon completion." In other words, there must be no one living on the property when the deal closes.

Vacant possession has many meanings

What happens if the vendor has not vacated the premises at the scheduled closing time? The consequences depend on what the purchaser is trying to accomplish.

In Cooper v. Mysak (1986), the purchaser looked for a "legal way" out of a deal. Although he had agreed to purchase a building, his plans changed and he no longer wanted it. At the scheduled closing time of 4:00 p.m., the tenant was still occupying the premises.

The purchaser's lawyer tried to take advantage of this situation by refusing to close because the vendor could not "give vacant possession" at that time.

When the vendor sued for breach of contract, the court decided in her favor. Because the purchase agreement did not specify the exact time the building had to be vacated, the vendor was allowed to vacate any time before midnight on the closing day.

In Foord v. Smith (1993), the issue was whether the purchaser could require the vendor to assume costs for delaying his entry.

In this case, the lawyers closed the transaction in the registry office at 4:24 p.m., but the purchaser's movers were not allowed access to the house at 6 p.m. because the vendors had not yet moved out. The movers left and returned several days later, billing the purchaser for the additional trip. The purchaser sued the vendors to recover the extra moving costs.

The vendors argued that they were entitled to occupy the house until midnight of the closing date. This argument was rejected. The court ordered the vendor to pay the purchaser's extra costs because the purchaser was entitled to possession of the house immediately upon completion of the transaction.

These decisions indicate that interpretation of the same words can be different, depending on the question to be decided.

Edwin Durbin recently co-published the Annual Review of Real Estate Law (Ontario) 1994, *with Reuben Rosenblatt. The 1995 edition is currently in the works.*

Business Briefs

Russian cards access machines

TEL AVIV — An agreement was signed recently by Russian and Israeli financial institutions to allow over 100,000 holders of the STB plastic card, Russia's first and largest credit card system, to have access to 324 ATM machines at Bank Hapoalim group locations throughout Israel for withdrawals in New Israeli Shekels (NIS). The cash machines will respond to STB cardholders in the Russian language.

These STB cards may also be used by Russian tourists and businessmen visiting Israel to obtain U.S. dollars at three central branches of Bank Hapoalim, in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. The agreement does not cover the use of STB cards at commercial points of sale in Israel.

STB cards are issued by more than 160 Russian banks, as well as credit companies in Latvia and Ukraine.

Israeli diamond industry expands

RAMAT-GAN, Israel — The Israel diamond industry is making a strong start in 1995 with expanded diamond sales predicted on a worldwide basis.

In the first two months of the year Israeli exports of cut diamonds reached $728 million (US), 24 per cent more than the $587 million in 1994, when the Israel industry had record sales of $3.5 billion. A striking 66 per cent increase in gross exports to a surprisingly strong Japanese market in January and February — $158 million compared to $95 million the first two months of last year — combined with continually rising imports by the United States, is putting glitter in the diamond business outlook.

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Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN. This week the spotlight's on:

Alan Newton Real Estate

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — State of the art technology helps keep **Alan Newton Real Estate's** 80 sales agents up to date and in constant touch with their clients.

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He adds that office computers also record all transactions, from the minute a property is listed until it closes.

"Everything is on computer — which agents are working on a sale, expenses incurred and any change in price. This allows for quicker and more up-to-date information and it is also easier to follow-up on past clients. The computers are automatically programmed to remind agents of the anniversary dates of their sales."

Newton says that sales staff in the agency's apartment division use laptop computers when presenting a property to clients.

"This division, manned by three agents, opened in 1990 and currently has 24 apartment buildings listed throughout the city and surrounding towns. All necessary statistics are on computer and clients come away from a meeting with a full understanding of such things as what the income from the building will be for up to five years, as well as the income from each apartment. That way, they really know what they are looking for."

He says that the residential division, with properties listed all over Toronto but predominantly in the northern part of North York, Thornhill and southern Richmond Hill, had its best spring in five years.

"Prices have levelled off and there has been a marginal increase. I believe that the bad times are behind us and that prices will come back. This is probably the best time in the last five years to buy a property."

Newton's advice to potential buyers is to work with an agent who knows the area. "Someone who is not fully conversant in a desired area could miss the perfect home."

He discourages people from selling privately because vendors are not always available to show their home and they are not able to follow up potential buyers. "Over 90 per cent of private vendors end up listing their homes with an agency," he says.

He cites efficiency, good management and easy accessibility as some of the reasons for his agency's success.

"We run a weekly training seminar featuring selling and listing techniques. My job is to work with the salespeople, and I leave all the paperwork to an office administrator. There are few offices in which the manager or owner is free to work full time with the sales staff. Most of my agents have years of experience. Many have been in this office for nine or 10 years and some have 20 years experience in the field.

"Another factor behind our success is that we have something for everyone. There are properties listed from $180,000 to $5 million and each buyer gets the same treatment, regardless of income or price range."

Newton, who has been in the business for 15 years and has had his own agency for 11 years, says an agent should never stop learning.

"I believe that we learn something every day. I am constantly reading industry books on the economy and on selling techniques. The most important thing in any profession is to continue to learn and to have an open mind."

Arts

Books

By Bernard Baskin

What Do Jews Believe: The Spiritual Foundations of Judaism by David S. Ariel Random House of Canada $35.00

Sigmund Freud once cautioned a Jewish colleague, who was thinking of raising his children outside of the Jewish community, with these words: "If you do not let your son grow up as a Jew, you will deprive him of those sources of energy which cannot be replaced by anything else. He will have to struggle as a Jew and you ought to help him develop all the energy he will need for that struggle. Do not deprive him of that advantage."

The author of this valuable guide to the convictions and vision of Judaism is convinced that the many-sided struggle to remain a Jew is essential because Judaism represents a serious and sustained effort to address human concerns with a distinctive and unique system of values. He emphasized that Judaism is the longest continuous tradition in Western civilization to ask fundamental questions about the purpose of life and human destiny.

In a word, what most distinguishes Judaism is its unending quest for finding a transcendent purpose for human existence. He quotes from a letter by a Jewish mother to her child living in the Warsaw ghetto in 1940, shortly before they were murdered by the Nazis: "Judaism, my child, is the struggle to bring down God upon earth, a struggle for the sanctification of the human heart. This struggle your people wages not with physical force but with spirit and by constant striving for truth and justice. So, do you understand, my child how we are distinct from others and wherein lies the secret of our existence on earth?

In this well-informed and thoughtful study the author, president of the Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, expounds on the abiding elements of Jewish belief: God, human destiny, good and evil, the chosen people, the meaning of Torah, the mitzvot, prayer and the Messiah.

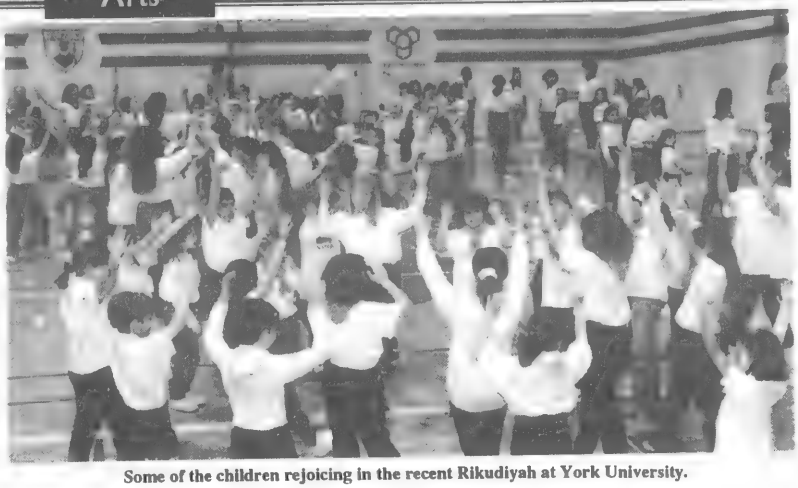
The author has no ideological investment in any form of Judaism and the reader is impartially informed about the basic and major tenets of all the wings in modern Judaism. This sweeping and eclectic approach enables him to call upon such diverse personalities as Maimonides, Leo Baeck, Martin Buber, Samson Raphael Hirsch, Abraham Heschel, Franz Rosenzweig and the Baal Shem Tov.

In discussing the quest for spirituality in Chassidism, the author affirms that every human being has a vocation in life, a specific and unique calling. Thus, the world needs each and every person because his or her mission is to create something perfect in this world.

A poignant chapter in the book involves the author's letter to his children, based on the Jewish tradition of the ethical will. He exhorts them to carry on the traditions of their fathers, both for their own sakes and for the continuing contribution that Judaism makes to world culture.

"If Jews do not care about Judaism, who will? And if Jews cease to be Jews, who will represent this vision of a higher purpose of life to the world? But the real answer to the question 'Why be Jewish?' has to do with you. If you choose to disregard your Jewish heritage, you will lose something that cannot be replaced by anything else."

This stimulating and useful volume is highly recommended. It offers guidance and orientation within the rich and complex world of Jewish thought.



Some of the children rejoicing in the recent Rikudiyah at York University.

Rikudiyah Festival draws 400 kids

By ROSE TOGMAN HEILBRONN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — More than 400 children from Hebrew day schools and Jewish community centres in Toronto, Hamilton and Kingston recently danced in the 25th annual Rikudiyah at York University.

They opened the 1½-hour program with a rendition of *Haben Yakir Lee Ephraim*. Choreographed by festival director Teme Kernerman, the dance is based on Jeremiah's prophecy that God's children will return to their land.

"The dances, based on biblical quotations, traditional prayer and modern Hebrew songs, reflect Israel's aspirations for peace," she said.

The sold-out audience cheered a kaleidoscope of blue and white from the beginning of the opening ensemble number, in which each group created its own introductory pose before they all joined together in the dance.

In addition to seven fully choreographed dances, the children learned *Hevenu Shalom Alechem* on the spot, as Kerneman instructed from the centre of the room.

A special feature of the festival was the presentation by the Chai Dancers, the performing dance group from the Senior Adult Services Department of the Bathurst Jewish Centre. The group was created by Kerneman 16 years ago.

The afternoon's two other guest performance groups from the Bialik Hebrew Day Schools danced in bright colorful costumes.

In his opening remarks, Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, paid tribute to festival director and award-winning choreographer Kerneman, who pioneered Rikudiyah in a small room at the Bathurst Jewish Centre with 40 children.

"In some families," said Kerneman, "three generations have danced with me."

The Rikudiyah was co-sponsored by the Koffler Centre of the Arts, the Bathurst Jewish Centre and the Toronto Board of Jewish Education.

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A whale of a show

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A new musical coming to town promises to be a whale of a show.

Jonah, an original children's musical based on the biblical story of Jonah and the whale, is being produced by the Beth Tzedec Youth program.

The show premiers at Beth Tzedec March 29 at 7 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Reena Foundation.

Ari Kaplan, a first-year law student, co-wrote *Jonah* two years ago with screenwriter and actor Elliott Hurst. Kaplan told *The CJN* that the show, which combines the theme of repentance and teshuvah, is filled with unusual, humorous characters to allow students to have fun and learn about their heritage at the same time.

Kaplan, with *Jonah* director Ruth Rumack, started the Beth Tzedec youth drama program last fall. Program participants chose to put on *Jonah*. "They really liked the idea of bringing something original to the stage," Kaplan said. "They feel like they're creating something new and fresh."

Rehearsals have been held twice a week since February. CHAT Grade 12 student Darren Kagel will perform the music live, and Andrew Rosen of the Canadian Film Centre will take care of lighting and sets as the show's art director.

The eight-member cast, all students of United Synagogue Day Schools Bathurst campus, are 11 to 13 years old. The lead, 13-year-old Darrah Teitel, has studied drama at both Young People's Theatre and the Lean Posluns Centre.

The whole cast is enthusiastic. Liora Norwich, 13, said "I like seeing how it's all being put together. How it started with a script and it's grown into songs and characters."

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Arts

Artist's work pokes fun at the world of international business

By
ROSE TOGMAN HEILBRONN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Gary Silverberg, one of Canada's leading contemporary artists, reaches out to the business world in his current show, Reactionism '95: It's a Business World, After All.

In his exhibition at Toronto's Gallery One, Silverberg satirizes the world of international business.

In *Out of Reach*, a businessman's contorted body is upside down. His mouth, the only feature on his face, is wide in rage. Fury is in his clenched hands. What is out of reach is a deal.

"Business is our culture," Silverberg says. "Business is unifying the world."

He fills almost all of his 17 oil paintings on canvas with instantly recognizable icons of this culture: credit cards, share certificates, telephone cards and travellers' cheques.

In *Fearless Leadership*, the leader's featureless face is in a cloud, surrounded by a halo of electric lights. This heavenly figure speaks to our view of corporate heroes and the false messiahs of the real estate industry in the past five years.

Silverberg, 39, is an insider in both the business and art worlds. For the past 18 years, the native Torontonian has been a successful real estate developer.

While a student at York University in the '70s, he was one of the founders of the Reaction Movement in which the artist depicts events in his own life.

Since graduating in 1977, Silverberg has continued to paint, mounting two sold-out shows based on business themes in 1991 and 1993.

The emotions in Silverberg's boardrooms are anger and anguish. Faces portray the panic of deadlines or the frenzy of negotiations. "Everyone is anxious," he says.

Bold, bright colors and large, stretching figures make the paintings uplifting. No one wallows in defeat in Silverberg's world, which is also charged with energy and humor.

His humor is tinged with cynicism, however, as he compares business to religion with *In Business We Trust;* to sports in *Pre-Negotiation Work Up;* and to show business with *11 Dancing Stars*.

Even in this exhibition, Silverberg is the perfect blend of businessman and artist. Taking a cue from the Barnes Exhibit, he has incorporated a souvenir shop into the show.

Among items for sale are ties, silk screened with one of six pictures from his last show. Attached to each tie is one of Silverberg's quotations about the corporate world.

The show's opening on March 7 attracted more than 200 guests. It runs until March 29.

Anne Frank documentary airing on WTN

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

On the 50th anniversary of her death in Bergen-Belsen at age 15, the Women's Television Network (WTN) is presenting an award-winning documentary on Anne Frank.

The film, *The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank*, will be broadcast on March 27 at 9 p.m.

Immediately afterward, WTN will screen another documentary about the Holocaust in Holland, *Married With A Star*.

Both films are directed by Willy Lindwer. The first won an International Emmy Award in 1988.

The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank begins where her diary ended in August 1944. In that fateful year, Anne and her family were arrested and placed on the last transport of Dutch Jews from the Westerbork holding camp to Auschwitz, which, together with Sobibor, devoured some 100,000 Dutch Jews.

Sharing Anne's fate were eight Dutch Jewish women who knew her in the final months of her life. Among them is her closest childhood friend, Lies Goosens. Their memories help create a poignant cinematic document.

Married With A Star is based on a fragment from a grainy home movie of a Jewish wedding in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam in March 1942.

The protagonists are the bride and groom, Clara De Vries and Max Werkendam.

When they met, Clara was 19 and Max 25. The wedding, someone speculates, was a "desperate attempt" on their part to maintain a facade of normalcy under great duress.

Some smile, others are dour. Nearly everyone at the wedding, including the cantor and the rabbi, were murdered by the Nazis.

Married With A Star is a fine documentary, but it's marred by a translator's voiceover which often renders the soundtrack almost unintelligible.

Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

Play Reading at Bloor JCC: After 10 years of research, writing and rewriting, Beth Kaplan hopes the upcoming public reading of her play, *Gordin in America*, about the Yiddish playwright Jacob Gordin, will restore his reputation, demolished in a long-forgotten ideological feud.

The play, co-winner of the 1994 Canadian Jewish Playwriting Contest, is set to be premiered in a staged reading at the Bloor JCC (750 Spadina Ave., Toronto) on Sunday April 2 at 8 p.m., under the direction of Corinne Copnick. Admission is $5.

Kaplan, a great-granddaughter of Gordin, was drawn to his story because so little was known about him even within her own family. What she discovered both surprised and angered her.

"What infuriated me was that his reputation was demolished by a campaign of deliberate and calculated vilification waged against him by Abraham Kahan, the editor of the *Forward*, the leading Jewish journal of its time," she says. "In fact, he was a great idealist, a passionate advocate of social change, a model for his time, and for our self-centred time, too."

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Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall bestowed various civic awards upon numerous accomplished Torontonians earlier this month at Toronto City Hall. Rhona Mickelson, founder of Star Tracks talent agency, was one of seven people to receive awards of merit for improving the city's quality of life.

Mickelson, a paraplegic since age three, studied film at university and noticed while on a movie set one day that able-bodied actors were given crutches and wheelchairs so they could portray people with disabilities. Why can't they use authentically disabled people to play these roles? Mickelson thought.

Star Tracks, which she established seven years ago, now has 50 clients with different talents and different disabilities. Mickelson, who does not charge any commission or fee to represent them, runs the agency from her home, and offers free weekly training workshops on acting and modelling.

Others to receive awards were Jane Beecroft, Paul Beeston, Terry Costaris, Diane Dupuy, J. Fraser Mustard and Harvey Perrin.

The mayor also bestowed the William P. Hubbard Race Relations Award to artist-musician Mendelson Joe and racial harmony pioneer J. Gerald Rose. A singer, songwriter and painter, Mendelson Joe has promoted racial harmony in songs, paintings and articles in newspapers and magazines.

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Friend of Yiddish: Harvey Atkin, one of Canada's most familiar commercial voices and television faces, has become honorary chair of the Committee for Yiddish Studies at the University of Toronto.

Harvey Atkin

The voice of Leon's Furniture commercials and a regular on the former *Cagney and Lacey* television series, Atkin says he looks on the chair-person's role as honoring his grandmother and grandfather who nurtured his love of Yiddish.

In this, Atkin takes his cue from these words from Isaac Bashevis Singer's Nobel acceptance speech: "Yiddish has not yet said its last word. It comprises treasures which have not yet been revealed to the eyes of the world."

To reveal those treasures, "a proper academic stage has to be set, says Atkin. "The Yiddish courses offered at the U of T, as part of the Jewish Studies Program, open up for students the opportunity to learn in a disciplined manner. My hope is that these students will in turn become teachers and enthusiasts who create new treasures in Yiddish."

For further information on the committee, contact Sylvia Lustgarten, 416-635-2883, ext. 155.

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In Brief: The Yorkminstrels, North York's oldest and largest musical theatre group, presents *Hello Dolly!* April 27 to 29 and May 4 to 6 at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on April 30. The venue is Cringan Hall, Earl Haig Secondary School, two blocks east of North York Centre subway stop. For tickets ($10 and $12), phone 905-271-1532.

The Soul's Awakening, a five-hour play directed by Mark Levene dealing with karma and reincarnation and featuring an international cast of 35, is being presented at the Bathurst Theatre, March 24, 25 and 26. Each performance runs 3 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. with a dinner break and several intermissions. 905-773-4750.

"Honest" Ed Mirvish, who operates the Royal Alex and Princess of Wales theatres in Toronto, is being inducted into the 1995 Hall of Fame, along with three other Canadian business leaders, at the upcoming 17th Annual Canadian Business Hall of Fame Banquet. Another honor for an extraordinary man!

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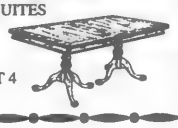
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People Mover a convenient way to tour Detroit

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN
CJN Correspondent

DETROIT — I was not looking particularly forward to spending the day in Detroit by myself while my companions attended an annual convention, when I spotted the People Mover.

Essentially, this is Detroit's answer to the Toronto subway — a mini-system, but nonetheless an effective way to hit all the downtown sights.

Cavalcade of Cars

The four-car transit system has 13 stops, and at 50 cents per person, the ride is worth every U.S. penny if you want to see a good mix of historical and modern sights.

First stop is Times Square, where Detroit's first street railway tracks were laid in 1863. An organized tour of the People Mover is available here.

Michigan Avenue

If you have a nose for news, the Fort/Cass Station is the stop you'll want. The *Detroit Free Press*, the *Detroit News* and WDIV-Channel 4 are located here. It should be noted that the *Free Press*, housed in an impressive historical building, was the first Michigan newspaper to have a full-time correspondent during the Civil War.

The Cobo Centre Station, named for former Detroit mayor Albert E. Cobo (1950-57) who was heralded for his financial reforms, takes visitors to one of America's premier convention centres. It's worth hopping off the train just to take a look at the size of the centre. While you're there, make sure you take a look at the massive statue of Joe Louis in the main foyer.

The Joe Louis Arena Station is next. It was named after the "Brown Bomber," who was the 1937 world heavyweight boxing champion.

The next four stops — Financial District Station, Millender Centre Station, Renaissance Centre Station and the Bricktown Station — feature the best in shopping, architecture, antiques, jazzeries and pubs.

This tour will also take you to the Du Mouchelle Art Galleries and the Old Mariner's Church (c. 1849). Seafarers, including those mentioned in Gordon Lightfoot's classic ballad *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald*, are still remembered here.

If you're looking for a lively nightlife, go no further than Greektown Station. Here Trapper Alley, an area that pops with color, is housed in the Traugott Schmidt and Son's fur and leather processing plant (c. 1852). Although I couldn't make this stop at night, one brochure stated that some of the plant's original equipment is still evident in the stores and eateries along the way.

The Cadillac Centre Station will take you to the Downtown Library. On a gruesome note, the last public execution in Michigan (1830) took place on this site.

The last two stops — Broadway Station and the Grand Circus Park Station — will please art buffs. Here, you can visit the local artist community and galleries, and see the alternative theatre and dance companies.

If the destinations are not enough to keep you busy, the stations themselves will keep you occupied until the next train. The Downtown Detroit People Mover Art Commission (also called Art in the Stations) was created to incorporate major works of art into the setting.

Regional, national and international artists were invited to create proposals for each station; tile, mosaic and other durable materials were given preference. Fifteen artists, nine of whom are from Michigan, were selected to bring their designs to life in the stations of the Detroit People Mover.

As a former commuter, my favorite was by Kirk Newman, whose work can be found at the Michigan Station stop. Entitled *On the Move*, it features 14 humorous figures running to catch the train. Newman's cast bronze shapes give the impression of constant movement, which certainly reflects the action of the commuters.

Another favorite is called the *Cavalcade of Cars* by Larry Ebel/Linda Cianciolo Scarlett. This mural features seven vintage automobiles in a tribute to Detroit's automobile industry.

Using the People Mover is a convenient way to see downtown Detroit. However, after one whole afternoon on the system, I was only able to investigate three station stops. According to the tourist information available, one stop per day would have been a more realistic pace.

Weak dollar keeps Canadians at home during March Break, Decima poll shows

TORONTO — Only nine per cent of Canadians who took a March Break vacation this year, and one-quarter of those who stayed home say the weak dollar had a major influence on their decision, according to the Decima Quarterly Report released recently.

For the nine per cent who will travel, the United States is the favored destination (39 per cent of those surveyed); 19 per cent will vacation in their home province; 24 per cent will visit another province; and 17 per cent will travel to another destination.

"What's interesting is that 18 to 19-year-olds are more than twice as likely to travel as the general population (21 per cent compared with 9 per cent)," said Marjorie MacPherson of Decima Research. "That age group is also the most likely to travel outside their home province, but stay within Canada, perhaps to visit friends and families. Eighteen per cent of university students say they'll take a trip this March, as do 15 per cent of single Canadians.

Single travelers display a preference for travel outside Canada and the United States (25 per cent), while 48 per cent of married travellers are heading for the United States. "Residents of Quebec and British Columbia are most likely to vacation within their own province — probably on ski vacations," said MacPherson.

A quarter of those not traveling said the low value of the Canadian dollar had a major influence on their decision not to travel this March, and an additional 17 per cent said the dollar was a minor influence on their decision. Overall more than half of Canadians who are not taking March Break vacations say the dollar had no impact on their decision.

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Enlarged Jewish Museum inaugurated

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUDAPEST— The rebuilt and newly enlarged building of the Budapest Jewish Museum was inaugurated recently with the opening of a new art exhibition, Victims and Killers.

The art exhibit included drawings by a Hungarian Jewish artist who depicted the Jewish victims of the Budapest ghetto 50 years ago. Another display by a Jewish artist depicts the war-crimes trials of Hungarian Nazis after World War II.

The Budapest Jewish Museum's new building was enlarged by some 780 square feet. The museum, established in 1930, was originally housed in the home where Zionist leader Theodor Herzl was born. The museum, now part of a complex of buildings attached to the Central Dohany Synagogue, will soon include a permanent exhibit on the history of Hungarian Jewry.

The reconstruction of the whole complex now is under way and will be completed by the end of the year if funds promised by the Hungarian government and other donors are soon received, said Gusztav Zoltai, head of the Hungarian Jewish community.

Also on exhibit is the collection of Jewish relics that were stolen from the museum in December 1993. These works of art, valued at $200 million (US), consisted of more than 180 works collected since 1916, including gold and silver religious objects, paintings and carpets. Most of the collection was recovered in Romania in August 1994 as the result of a joint effort of Hungarian, Romanian and Israeli police.

About 90 per cent of the collection has already been returned to Budapest, with some of the pieces remaining in Romania under the control of the police there. Those pieces will be returned to the Budapest Jewish Museum in about two months, said Zoltai.

Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

On my first visit to Israel not too many years ago, I approached the Western Wall with awe and trepidation, trying to fathom the passing of two millenia of Jewish history since the destruction of the Second Temple. Transfixed, I stood in a transcendental stupor before this most holy site, my heart filled with reverence, my existence paling into insignificance beside these solemn stones.

Was it my secular garb or perhaps my expression that conveyed to locals that I was a newcomer? Was I wearing the wrong color yalmulke? No matter. With his black coat and scraggly white beard, the bent and elderly man who tapped me on the shoulder looked like a rabbi from another century. Evidently, he was collecting money for something. "Give me a dollar and I'll say a brachah for you," he said.

I confess, I found this commercial proposition inappropriate, considering the location. Why should this self-appointed gatekeeper interpose himself between a visiting Jew and his ancient heritage? "I'll give you two dollars if you leave me alone," I wanted to say. But instead I paid the reverent stranger what he asked and watched as he supplicated the Almighty on my behalf. I made my own prayers afterwards.

A typical street in Old Jerusalem. Circa 1846

It is the supreme privilege and right of North American Jews (as it is of Jews everywhere) to forge a direct and dynamic relationship of their own with the land of Israel. Born in Russia a century ago, my grandfather (may he rest in peace) came to Canada as a boy and prayed continuously for the return to Zion. For most of his life, travel to Israel involved great hardship and prohibitive expense. Only in the age of jet travel, when he was in his 80s, did he finally reach Israel to attend the bar mitvah of a great-grandson at Masada.

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This month, the Israel Government Tourist Office hosted a series of trade shows for travel agents in major cities across Canada. In Toronto, a ballroom of the Park Plaza Hotel was filled with representatives of the many hoteliers, tour operators and other suppliers.

Representatives of Dan and Moriah Hotels were there, as was someone from the Neve Ilan Hotel, a lush hilltop resort north of Jerusalem. Air Canada was promoting its new twice-weekly, non-stop service to Israel, commencing June 20. As well, Air Canada Vacations was publicizing its exciting combinations involving air and car, air and hotels, kibbutz accommodation, motorcoach tours, spa holidays and sidetrips to Jordan.

Other tour operators on hand included Conference Travel and Tours, Canadian Travel Abroad Ltd., Tourcan Vacations, Nordic Tours, Triaena/Poseidon Tours, Dan Tours and Sunworld, whose Mediterranean offerings include an 8-day coach tour of Israel and a specialized tour of the Negev.

Also present was Joanne Cothran from Regent Holidays, who was handing out copies of an attractive 32-page color brochure. Entitled *The Many Faces of Israel*, it is filled with exciting travel possibilities, including eight touring holidays to Israel, Egypt and Jordan, and a variety of "go-as-you-please" combinations involving car rentals and kibbutz accommodations. City by city, hotel prices are clearly laid out in colorful tables.

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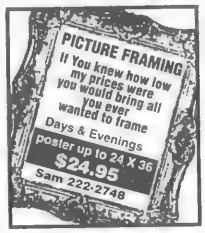
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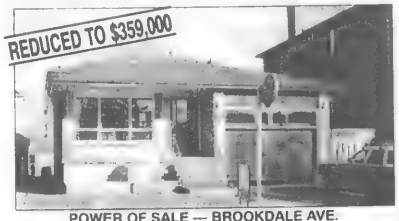

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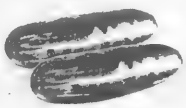

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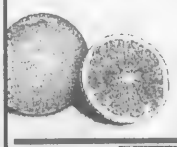

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So, please enjoy this Passover Guide, we hope it helps you get started with your holiday planning. And, on behalf of the Goodbaum family, I send along sincere wishes for a happy, healthy and harmonius Passover.

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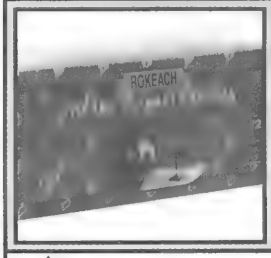

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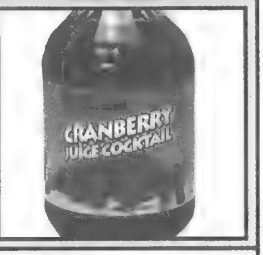

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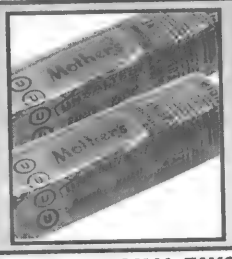

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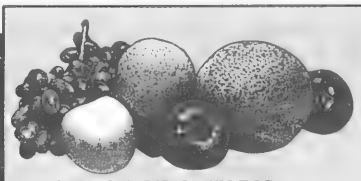

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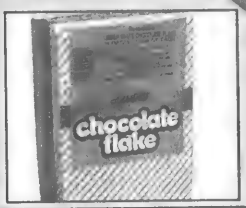

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SWEET & SOUR MEATBALLS

1 lb. Ground Beef
1 lb. Ground Veal
2 Eggs
1 Medium Onion, Minced
1 tsp. Salt
A Few Dashes Pepper
1/2 tsp. Garlic Powder
4 sp. Matzo Meal
1/4 Cup of the Sauce
SAUCE;
20 oz. tin Tomato Juice
1 Cup Ketchup
1/2 Cup Sugar
3 tsp. Fresh Lemon Juice

Combine meat, eggs, onion, seasonings, matzo meal & 1/4 cup of the sauce. Mix well. Form into small balls. Combine remaining ingredients in a large saucepan and bring to a boil. Add meatballs. Cover & simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Remove cover & simmer 1/2 hour longer.

From The Kitchen of Mrs. C. Huberman

BAKED MATZOS & CHEESE

1 lb. Cottage Cheese
1/2 tsp. Salt
5 Eggs
6 Whole Matzos
1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
2 tsp. Sugar
2 Tbsp. Sugar

Combine cheese, salt & 3 eggs. Mix well. Dip whole matzos in remaining 2 eggs which have been beaten lightly. Place layer of matzos in buttered 8" square pan. Cover with a layer of cheese. Sprinkle cinnamon & sugar. Alternate layers of matzos & cheese. Bake 350° for 30 minutes. Serves 5-6.

From The Kitchen of Ruth Sobot

CINNAMON BALLS

2 egg whites
6 oz. Ground Almonds
3 oz. Castor (Fruit) Sugar
1 Tbsp. Cinnamon
Icing Sugar

Whisk the egg whites until stiff and then add almonds, sugar & cinnamon. Roll into small balls and bake on a greased tray 350 ° for approx. 25 minutes. They should be soft inside as too much cooking will make them hard & tough. Cool for about 5 minutes and then roll in sifted icing sugar.

From The Kitchen of Mrs. Goldberg

FROZEN STRAWBERRY WHIP

4 egg whites
1 1/4 cups Sugar
2 Pints (or more) Sliced Strawberries

Beat whites stiff, adding sugar gradually. Add berries & continue beating until double in volume, about 15 minutes. Pour into glass bowl & freeze. Garnish with sliced berries or grated chocolate, if desired. Serves 12 - 15.

From The Kitchen of Mrs. Haberman

FARFEL MARSHMALLOW TREATS

1/4 Cup Margarine
3 1/2 Cups Passover Marshmallows (With or without coating)
1 Cup Nuts (Walnuts or Almonds)
3 Cups Matzo Farfel
1/2 tsp. Cinnamon
2 large Passover Chocolate Bars (About 3 oz. each)

Melt margarine on low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until melted. Remove from heat. With steel blade on your processor, chop nuts until finely chopped. Add half the nuts to the marshmallow mixture. Reserve remaining nuts for garnish. Stir in matzo farfel & cinnamon. Mix well. Spread evenly in a buttered 9" x 13" pan. Wet hands & pat down evenly. Melt chocolate bars & drizzle over farfel mixture. Sprinkle with reserved nuts. Cool until chocolate is set, cut into squares. Makes 4 dozen squares.

From The Kitchen of Mrs. L. Shainbaum

PASSOVER MANDEL ROLL

3 eggs
1/2 Cup Oil
1 Cup Cake Meal
1/2 Cup Sugar
1/2 Cup Finely Crushed Nuts
2 Tbsp. Potato Starch

Cream eggs & sugar. Add oil, crushed nuts, cake meal & potato starch (sifted) & mix well. On a board, spread 1/2 cup cake meal & knead the dough on it. Add more cake meal if needed. Divide dough into 3 parts. Roll out & place each roll on a slightly greased baking sheet. Bake 350° for 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from oven, cut in 1" pieces. Replace on baking sheet for about 10 to 15 minutes until golden brown.

From The Kitchen of May Adler

DILLY DUMPLINGS

1/2 Cup Grated Onion
1 1/3 Cups Matzo Meal
1/4 Cup Vegetable Oil
1/2 Cup Chicken Broth
2 Large Eggs
2 Egg Whites
3 Tbsp. Chopped Dill
Salt & Pepper to taste

In a large bowl, wisk together oil, broth, eggs & egg whites, salt & pepper. Stir in grated onion, diill & matzo meal. Cover & refrigerate overnight or for a few hours. Bring a 10 qt. pot of water to the boil, add salt if desired. Spoon mixture onto a flat plate. Holding the plate in 1 hand & a blunt knife in the other, cut teaspoon sized pieces of the dough into the water. Simmer for 20 minutes, remove with a slotted spoon & serve as a side dish with chicken.

From The Kitchen of Mrs. Minnie Torem

PASSOVER CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

3 eggs
1 stick Margarine (1/4 lb.)
1 Cup Sugar
1 Cup Cake Meal
1/4 tsp. Salt
1/2 Cup Potato Starch
10 oz. Chocolate Chips
3/4 Cup Walnuts

Beat together eggs, margarine & sugar. Combine dry ingredients and add to egg mixture. Add chips and nuts. Mix well. Drop by spoonful on a greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-15 minutes in a preheated oven, Cookies should be light golden brown. Remove from pan quickly and cool. Store in airtight container. These cookies freeze well. P.S. You may also use brown sugar.

From The Kitchen of Shirley Cohen

ALMOND TORTE

6 eggs
3/4 Cup Sugar
1/2 Lemon with juice & rind
1 tsp. Vanilla
1/2 tsp. Baking Powder
1/4 Cup Matzo Meal
1/4 Cup Cake Meal
1 Cup Ground Almonds

Cream egg yolks with sugar. Add lemon juice & rind, vanilla, baking powder, matzo meal, cake meal & almonds. Cream well, fold in egg whites which have been beaten stiff. Bake in layer pans which have been lightly greased at 350° till sides leave edge of pan. (About 45 minutes)

FILLING:
4 oz.Bittersweet Chocolate
1 Cup Sugar
1 Cup Milk or Water

Combine & Boil the above until thick. Add 2 egg yolks & 1 Tbsp. Sour Cream or Yogurt and 1 Tbsp. Rum or Rum Flavouring. When torte cools, place filling between layers & on top. Garnish with slivered almonds.

From The Kitchen of Esther Koven

PASSOVER CHICKEN FINGERS OR NUGGETS

2-3 lbs. Chicken Breast sliced into Fingers or Nuggets
2 Eggs (Well Beaten)
250 mL Matzo Meal
3 boxes Crushed Soup Nuts or Mandlen
2 mL Pepper
Pinch salt
5 mL Garlic Powder
15 mL Parsley Flakes

Wash & pat dry chicken. Dredge in matzo meal, then dredge in beaten egg mixture. Mix together crushed soup mandlen and spices. Dredge the chicken well in this last stage. Bake at 350°on a foil wrapped cookie sheet till golden brown.(About 15 min.) Can be prepared ahead of time and frozen. Serve with honey or dipping sauce

From The Kitchen of Susan Liebman-Engels

LEMON COOKIES

3/4 Cup Cake Flour
1/4 Cup Potato Flour
1 Cup Sugar
1 Cup Finely Chopped Nuts
1/2 tsp. Salt
3 eggs - Separated
1 Lemon

Beat egg yolks & sugar. Add juice & rind of lemon. Add nuts after adding sifted dry ingredients. Beat egg whites until stiff & fold into mixture. Let stand 30 min. until it thickens. Drop by teaspoon on greased cookie sheet. Bake 20-25 min. at 350°. Makes 40 cookies.

From The Kitchen of Ruth Sobot

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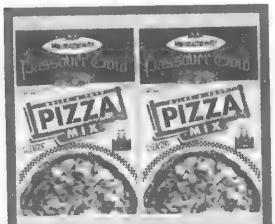

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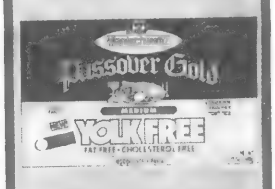

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Support dropping for PLO talks: poll

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last Sunday he is "not one bit sorry" for branding the opposition Likud "an accomplice" to Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu countered that "Rabin has evidently ceased to function as a prime minister. Instead of assuming responsibility for government policies and unifying the nation, he seems bent on ripping it apart."

Meanwhile, a poll released Sunday showed that if elections were held now, Netanyahu would win with 60 per cent of the vote.

The latest furor was kindled by a television interview in which Rabin repeatedly said the Likud is an accomplice to Islamic terrorists.

As the war of words continued, the gloom in Labor party ranks was underscored by the findings of a survey carried out by the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

The poll, which surveyed over 1,000 adult Jewish urban dwellers earlier this year, showed that Israelis are more concerned about their personal safety than a year ago.

While a majority of the population favors continuing negotiations with the PLO, the number dropped from 60 per cent in 1994 to 53 per cent.

Twenty-nine per cent felt the PLO is able to contain terrorism, compared to 35 per cent last year.

The poll found that 36 per cent of respondents were opposed to the Oslo peace accords, an increase over a year ago of four percentage points.

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Ottawa to name war crime suspects

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Federal officials are expected to announce this week that another Metro Toronto man will be accused of Nazi-era war crimes.

The naming of the suspect, along with a Metro man already battling allegations that he took part in the killing of Jews in Nazi-occupied Latvia, represents Canada's newest tactic in hunting down war criminals: attempting denaturalization and deportation, instead of criminal prosecution.

Federal officials say a third suspected war criminal is to be named next week, while a fourth suspect, also from the Toronto area, will face an inquiry before the Immigration and Refugee Board because he is not a citizen.

Earlier this year, Justice Minister Alan Rock said war crimes investigators have evidence against 12 suspects but will pursue these four cases first, a move seen as a test of the legal waters.

The flurry of activity in the past 10 days came at the same time as revelations that Canadian officials knew as far back as 1966 that suspected Nazi war criminal Erichs Tobiass was living in Metro Toronto.

Canadian Jewish Congress last week released a copy of a letter written June 13, 1966 by the Vienna-based Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal to Margaret Meagher, then an official at Canada's embassy in Austria.

The letter says Wiesenthal's office had learned that four men of Latvian origin, who had convinced Canadian officials following World War II that they were legitimate refugees, were living in Ontario.

Included on the list was Tobiass' name and address, along with allegations that are now part of Ottawa's complaint against him.

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SHARING ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

U.S. Vice-President Al Gore speaks with Israeli high school students about their project on environmental protection. *[RNS photo]*

A day in the life of a social worker

By HARRIET TOBMAN & BARBARA VICTOR

Jewish Family Services of the Baron de Hirsch Institute (JFS) in Montreal is a 132-year-old organization funded by FEDERATION CJA, serving some 1,000 cases a month. It is staffed by 45 full- and part-time social workers. The CJN brings you this look at the problems our family agencies face.

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8:30 a.m.: Judith arrives at work, picks up her messages and begins her day taking calls.

The first is from Mrs. B., who is anxious about an upcoming child custody hearing. Her children spent the weekend with their father and came home refusing to continue to visit him. They were unhappy because their father paid no attention to them but was focused on his new bride and her children. Judith listens, offers support and makes an appointment to see Mrs. B. within the week.

The next call is from Mr. D., a new client who recently lost his job. He needs information about unemployment insurance and employment counselling. Judith refers him to the unemployment office and to Jewish Vocational Services for job placement.

9:00-11:00 a.m.: Judith has client interviews.

The first is with Mr. and Mrs. G. and their three sons, ages 10, eight and five. The couple have asked for help in handling the boys, who are having difficulty with daily routines like mealtime, bedtime and refusal to do homework. The school is complaining that the 8-year-old is disruptive and the 5-year-old falls asleep in class.

Judith spends an hour helping Mr. and Mrs. G. learn to parent effectively by supporting and reinforcing each other and by using consistently applied expectations and consequences.

The second interview is with Mark, a 16-year-old who is under-achieving in school and showing signs of withdrawal from his friends and family. Mark was referred to the agency by his school principal and has agreed to come once and "check things out."

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CHRC Report

OTTAWA — Last year was "a mixed bag of positives and negatives," the head of the Canadian Human Rights Commission said last week.

Releasing the commission's annual report for 1994, Max Yalden expressed disappointment at what he called the government's failure to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The report said the most pressing human rights issues in Canada last year were those facing aboriginal peoples.

The commission also expressed concern over racial discrimination and hate propaganda, and stressed its efforts to shut down telephone hate lines.

Klein to Israel

EDMONTON — Alberta Premier Ralph Klein will lead a trade mission to the Middle East this June.

In addition to visiting Israel, Klein will travel to Egypt, Lebanon and Dubai to market Alberta's petrolium know-how to the Arab states and to boost trade with Israel.

At the same time, the Jewish communities of Edmonton and Calgary are planning a UJA mission to Israel, which the premier will join for certain events.

ISRAEL

Suicide Attack Averted

JERUSALEM — Security forces last week headed off a planned suicide attack by seizing a truck laden with explosives in southern Israel.

Police arrested two Palestinians in connection with the vehicle. Both suspects, residents of Gaza City, later told investigators they were planning a suicide bomb attack in Beersheva, using a truck holding several kilos of explosives.

Tsomet MK Pini Badash accused local Bedouins of helping to prepare the truck.

The following day, the government barred the entry of Palestinian vehicles from the Gaza Strip.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat condemned the planned attack, but also called for an end to the vehicle ban.

TNT Being Smuggled

JERUSALEM — Tons of the explosive TNT are being smuggled into the Gaza Strip from Egypt and Israel by Israeli citizens, mostly Bedouins, a senior Palestinian Police source said last week.

As well, terrorists supply themselves with an ample number of unexploded shells and mines still strewn about the region, the source said, adding that Palestinian police cannot confiscate such a vast amount of weapons.

Oman Ties Near

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Persian Gulf nation of Oman are close to establishing diplomatic ties, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin said last week after holding talks with his Omani counterpart in Cairo.

The two reached an agreement in principle to allow El Al to fly over the Gulf Arab state's air space, Beilin said.

He added that Israeli businesspeople would visit Oman in the coming weeks, and that the two countries would cooperate on water desalination projects.

Israel Aids Arab States

JERUSALEM — Israel will expand its growing Third World assistance program to include Jordan, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and the Palestinian Authority.

The Mashav program provides mostly technical courses in Israel for Third World officials, in such areas as agriculture, public health, water and science. Last year, officials from 136 countries took part.

Israeli experts also teach about 4,400 trainees in 50 countries and supervise model farms in Egypt and Morocco. There are plans to do the same in Tunisia.

Drug Use Down

JERUSALEM — Drug use in the Israel Defence Force is dropping, the Knesset war on drugs committee was told last week, with only four per cent of soldiers admitting to drug use last year, compared to 10 per cent in 1982.

Smoking Down Too

JERUSALEM — A new survey shows that Israel's smoking rate has dropped from 30 per cent of the population to 26 per cent in just over a year.

Twenty-three per cent of Israeli women smoke, compared with 29 per cent of men.

Six months ago, a law barring smoking in the workplace (except in designated smoking areas) went into effect.

Eban Marks 80th

JERUSALEM — An 80th birthday is as good a time as any for nostalgia, and Israeli statesman Abba Eban had plenty of company for his reminiscences last Wednesday.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin joined a group of Knesset faction heads, former foreign ministers, deputy speakers, and committee heads to mark the milestone.

"The State of Israel never had a better spokesman in the world than Abba Eban," Rabin said.

More Tourists

JERUSALEM — The number of Israelis permitted into Jordan daily has been raised to 900 from 600, the Tourism Ministry announced last Tuesday.

WORLD

Torah Scroll Returned

PRAGUE — Czech President Vaclav Havel recently helped return a repaired Torah scroll to this city's historic Altneuschul synagogue.

Two scribes from Israel repaired the scroll, which had not been mended since 1907.

Accompanying the Torah in a procession to the synagogue were Klezmer musicians, singers and dancers.

Havel said the ceremony reflected the revival of the Jewish community in the Czech Republic.

Jordan Debt Forgiven

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate has voted to forgive all of Jordan's remaining debt to the United States by the end of the 1996 fiscal year.

The Senate agreed to include $50 million in debt relief now and an additional $225 million in fiscal year 1996.

On-Line Haggadah

NEW YORK — The Haggadah is now available on the Internet, Chabad-Lubavitch here has announced.

The on-line Haggadah can be accessed at the gopher site (gopher.lubavitch.chabad.org), according to Rabbi Yosef Kazen, director of Chabad Lubavitch in Cyberspace.

According to Rabbi Kazen (yyk@lubavitch.chabad.org) over 1,000 people visit the Chabad Gopher and World Wide Web Sites daily.

The Web Site address is: http://www.utexas.edu/students/cjso/Chabad/chabad.html.

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Canada to rejoin Pan-Am Maccabi Games

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — For the first time in eight years, Canada will send a contingent of Jewish athletes to the Pan-Am Maccabi Games, next Dec. 25 to Jan. 2 in Buenos Aires.

The last time Canada sent a team to the games — back in 1987 in Caracas — it came back with a slew of medals, even though only 25 athletes took part. Canada also sent teams to Mexico in 1979 and to Brazil in 1983.

Bob Luxenberg, who will be captain of the team, stressed that the Pan-Am games, which will attract about 2,000 athletes in all, are meant primarily as a springboard for talent looking towards the next full-fledged Maccabiah Games in Israel in 1997.

Luxenberg said while the team

Bob Luxenberg

will try to bring down "six to eight" top prospects for the 1997 Maccabiah, any "decent" Canadian Jewish athlete who meets a minimum standard can apply to come.

Unlike the Israeli event, the trip to Buenos Aires will not be subsidized by Maccabi Canada.

"These games are a catapult," said Luxenberg, 37, and himself a former Maccabi medal-winning swimmer.

"It is meant to give athletes maybe their first taste of international experience and a flavor of Maccabi competition. They are more developmental than anything else."

Luxenberg expected the team to number from 40 to 50, with competition in the juniors, seniors and masters categories.

The Pan-Am event, held quadrennially and two years after the Israeli games, are primarily intended for countries from the Americas, especially Latin America. But the U.S. team, Luxenberg noted, will number 200, and Israel, Australia and even some European countries are also expected to take part.

Since it will also be summer in Buenos Aires, the competition will reflect it. Canada will send down a softball and rugby-7 team, as well as talent in swimming, golf, tennis, table tennis, wrestling and squash.

Luxenberg, who is also chair of Maccabi Canada's national athletics committee, recalled that several of Canada's top Jewish athletes, such as swimmer Chantal Harrison and runner Joseph Kibur, first made their marks at the Pan-Am Maccabi Games.

In general terms, Luxenberg said that a new sense of purpose has infused the Maccabi Canada organization as it looks toward '97.

The next summer games could also see some changes. Ice hockey and/or figure skating could be included, Luxenberg said, if four countries (Canada and Israel would be two of them) have the talent to send, and if Israel's planned Olympic-sized hockey venue is completed.

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CORRECTIONS

In the sidebar to last week's article on the Vigil for Agunot, the item regarding limitations of Canada's Divorce Act was only partially true.

While the law does have limitations, courts are able to apply sanctions against recalcitrant spouses under certain circumstances, even if the couple has a civil divorce. This is particularly true when the divorce decree has called for some form of financial support.

The CJN regrets the error.

WE'RE GETTING AN ATLAS!

In Maurice Lucow's article about the Jewish community of British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, several editing errors were made:

The 1991 census listed the Jewish population of the Lower Mainland. The heading of Vital Signs should have read Northwest and Yukon Territories. Whitehorse is the capital of the Yukon; Yellowknife of the Northwest Territories.

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Schools play down fears after anti-Semitic daubings

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

Swastika painted on the walls of Associated Hebrew Schools Finch Avenue campus.

TORONTO — Following three separate anti-Semitic daubings at Jewish schools in Toronto and Winnipeg, school and community officials are making it clear that students should not feel threatened.

"It is not an attack on children," said Canadian Jewish Congress community relations director Bernie Farber in the wake of the March 17-18 incidents at Associated Hebrew Schools' Finch Avenue and Leslie Street campuses.

Foot-high swastikas and "Jews Die" were spray painted in red and black on the two Associated buildings, said Det. Dino Doria of the Metro Toronto Police Hate Crimes Unit. The graffiti were removed before students returned to school that Monday.

Similar slogans were spray painted on Winnipeg's Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate March 1. Police are investigating all three incidents.

"We just gave students clear information and the opportunity to discuss it," said Joseph Wolinsky principal Jerry Cohen. He said none of the 294 students in grades 7 to 12 approached staff with fears of possible violence.

Associated education director Rabbi Abraham Soffer said he has reassured parents and students that the daubings do not pose a threat to the children. "They are well protected," he said.

As for discussion, Rabbi Soffer said the younger students cannot understand, while the older students already learn about anti-Semitism through their Holocaust studies. "This is a place for learning, not a place to cause unnecessary fear," he said.

Toronto Board of Jewish Education director Rabbi Irwin Witty also emphasized the need not to overreact to such acts of vandalism.

"It doesn't mean that the world is being overrun by anti-Semites," he said. "We must simply remain vigilant and continue to mobilize all possible help."

Congress is offering a $5,000 reward for information on the Toronto daubings. Call Congress at 416-635-2883, ext. 186, or Crimestoppers at 416-222-8477.

El Al ordered to honor teen's winning ticket

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A small claims court in Ottawa has ordered El Al to reinstate a ticket to Israel won by a local teenager, then rescinded by the airline.

The court last week ruled that El Al has until June 10 to honor a roundtrip ticket won last year by 12-year-old Ariel Greenbaum-Shinder.

The Ottawa girl, a Grade 7 student at Hillel Academy, was awarded the ticket after winning first prize in last year's United Jewish Appeal Walkathon. She raised $125.

El Al stipulated in a letter last April that the ticket was non-refundable and non-transferable, and had to be used by Dec. 31, 1994.

But Greenbaum-Shinder's father, Jack Shinder, hoped the ticket could be extended in order to take advantage of school holidays later in the year, or that it could be sold.

According to Shinder's testimony, El Al told him the ticket could not be extended until this June — the end of the low season — but that it could be transfered if it did not have a name on it, and that it would be honored by anyone who presented it.

Shinder said the ticket did not have a name on it.

Last October, he received an offer to buy the ticket after he placed an ad in the local Jewish newspaper.

A few days later, Shinder received a letter from the airline cancelling the ticket, stating his attempt to sell it contravened the original agreement.

When Shinder asked for an explanation, he said he was told the matter was closed.

Shinder told *The CJN* his daughter "is really excited" now that she's going to Israel for the first time. He said the court did not explain its decision.

He said future misunderstandings could be cleared up if El Al simply issued prize tickets in the winner's name.

When contacted by *The CJN*, Yona Nechustan, El Al's general manager for Canada, said he had no comment on the case.

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From coast to coast

York students launch AIDS research chapter

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When York University students Lisa Stein and Alina Grinblat organized a fundraising bash for AIDS research last year, the results exceeded all expectations.

On a Saturday evening in January 1994, 1,000 people filled The Opera House, a Queen Street East club catering to the young and hip, to dance the night away to local disco band Chunk o' Funk. The two friends raised close to $10,000 that night for CANFAR (Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research).

Stein, 23, and Grinblat, 22, are best friends from Forest Hill Collegiate Institute. It is easy to mistake them for sisters with their long, dark curls and their habit of finishing each other's sentences.

When Stein first learned of CANFAR through a volunteer, she discussed the dearth of student involvement with Grinblat. Last year they set about establishing Canada's first and only campus CANFAR chapter at York.

Stein, who now volunteers in CANFAR's Toronto office, admits it was hard to organize the first event. "We're not bar people or clubbing people," she said.

"We just learned as we went along," said Grinblat during a recent interview. They spent weeks handing out and posting flyers from the north end of town down to the Queen Street clubs, obtaining corporate sponsors, writing and distributing news releases and tending to countless details.

The threat AIDS poses to their generation motivated their hard work, said Stein.

She was joined for the interview, held prior to this year's benefit, by Grinblat and two other high school friends — Adam Newman and Jay Goldberg — whom they had recruited for this year's organizing committee. The 1995 benefit, at $10 a ticket ($15 at the door) was held on March 18. Over 500 people attended.

Organizers of the second annual AIDS benefit show a poster advertising the event. Clockwise, from top left, are Adam Newman, Lisa Stein, Jay Goldberg and Alina Grinblat. [Frances Kraft photo]

Newman, 24, is a student at Osgoode Hall Law School, and Goldberg, also 24, is a recent York graduate and manager at Bregman's bakery-restaurant.

This year's benefit, which went on until about 2 a.m., was again held at The Opera House. Dizzy Spell, a local downtown band, was introduced by Toronto veejay Master T, who also distributed donated raffle prizes.

"People are coming because it's a party," said Goldberg. "The benefit is that we're getting the message of AIDS across subliminally."

"It's opening people's eyes," Newman said.

Partygoers received a tangible reminder about AIDS prevention in the form of condoms donated by Meditrust.

The annual AIDS benefit constitutes the CANFAR campus chapter's main activity. "We hope to make it bigger as the years progress," said Goldberg.

"This is something that's really come from our hearts," said Grinblat.

Kelowna programs

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

KELOWNA, B.C. — The director of young leadership and development for United Israel Appeal of Canada and religious leader of Congregation Habonim in Toronto was a guest here for a recent Shabbat weekend.

Eli Rubenstein conducted Friday night and Saturday morning services at the Okanagan Jewish Community shul, and spoke on Why Be Jewish. On Saturday night his subject was Jewish Folk Tales and he told Jewish stories to the school children on Sunday morning.

A March 12 Purim party included games and a potluck supper.

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From coast to coast

Anti-racist group leaders meet in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Leaders of four western Canadian anti-racist groups met in Winnipeg on March 11 to plan their strategy for the spring and summer.

Yaron Walter, a son of Holocaust survivors, who represents United Against Racism (UAR), a anti-racist skinhead group in Winnipeg, outlined their program.

"Probably in April, we will have a rally, maybe on Hitler's birthday, with B'nai Brith and other anti-racist groups, to get us started. Then in late June or early July, we are planning an anti-racist youth conference with people from across Canada and the northern United States ... to educate people in dealing with racism. This will be one of the biggest anti-racism conferences ever held in Canada."

The other anti-racist leaders present at the meeting were Allan Dutton, executive-director of the Vancouver-based Canadian Anti-Racism Education and Research Society (CAERS); the Western Anti-Racist Network's Ron Bourgeault of Regina; and Helmut-Harry Loewen of Winnipeg.

Walter predicts a lot of neo-Nazi activity this summer in Winnipeg and across Canada. He reports that there are rumors about a neo-Nazi conference in Winnipeg.

"We can easily move out 200 people within a couple of days to counterattack if need be," Walter says.

The four also held a press conference to outline the activities of right wing racist groups such as the Northern Hammerskins, Ku Klux Klan, Aryan Nations and the Heritage Front in western Canada, and to provide an update on neo-Nazi recruitment and agitation in the west.

They also dealt with the issue of hate group activity in the Canadian Armed Forces and released a copy of a letter they sent to Defence Minister David Collenette, calling for an expanded inquiry into racist activity in the armed forces beyond the disbanded Airborne Regiment. The letter calls on the RCMP and CSIS to become involved in the inquiry.

Bone marrow clinic draws 875 people

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There were people all over the place. They filled the parking lot, jammed the surrounding streets and nearby plaza, and wended their way through baby carriages, knots of determinedly cheerful teenagers and couples grabbing a few minutes from Pesach cleaning.

An astounding 875 people came to the Bnai Brith building in North York to be tested as potential bone marrow donors for New Jersey man Jay Feinberg, who is suffering from chronic myelogenous leukemia. His disease is progressing rapidly, and according to reports from Friends of Jay in New York, he is becoming weaker.

On every side you could hear the whispers — "this is the last chance to find a match for him ... I hope it's not too late ... I had to come ... the last chance."

Almost-11-year-old Chana Brothman and her 7½-year-old sister Shayna insisted on being tested for Feinberg.

"Chana kept asking if they have found a match for him," said her mother Susan. "When she heard that they were having another clinic, she was a little scared, but she insisted on being tested. So I gave her my permission.

"Then Shayna wanted to try to help too. So of course I drove her down too."

Sunday's testing was paid for by Barry Sherman of Apotex pharmaceutical company.

Sherman modestly shrugged off compliments and thanks for his generosity, saying, "It just seemed the right thing to do. I had to help."

He was presented with an original painting by artist Dubie Ari by the Jewish Russian Community Centre and Friends of Jay Canada, who had organized the drive along with Jerome Stanleigh, whose son Audi received a bone marrow transplant last summer from a Windsor man originally tested for Feinberg.

The theme of the painting, said presenter Carol Seidman, is the Garden of Eden. "The Garden of Eden," she said, "talks about a better world. These two people [Barry and Honey Sherman] are helping all of us become part of a better world."

Helping Feinberg became a Sherman family affair. Daughter Lauren, a student at the University of Western Ontario, organized a drive there, also paid for by Apotex, which garnered nearly 100 more potential donors.

Apotex director of public and government relations Elie Betito called the response "a tremendous outpouring of love.

"People were still coming at 5. We had to turn some away because we didn't expect so many people and we ran out of testing supplies."

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Media awards presented

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — An Ottawa radio station and the *Toronto Star* were awarded the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada's 20th annual Media Human Rights Award on March 20.

Radio station CFRA 580 won for a live phone-in program on the Holocaust coordinated by Rabbi Reuven Bulka. During the program, Toronto Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel called in and engaged in a dialogue with another caller, a survivor.

The *Star* won for its expose of the Canadian Airborne Regiment's conduct in Somalia.

Another winner in the print medium was the *Concordia University Magazine* for its look at native students at university.

Television winner was CBC Alberta for a news feature on a Metis family abused by the foster care system.

Keynote speaker was Global Television head Izzy Asper, in Ottawa for CRTC hearings. His daughter Gail Asper read his speech.

The City of Winnipeg presented its community service award to Lyle Smordin, national chair of the League for Human Rights, senior vice-president of B 'nai Brith Canada and one of the co-chairs of the evening.

Seniors' advocate dies at age 84

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Seniors advocate Sara Wayman died of cancer in Edmonton March 13. She was 84.

Wayman was a social worker in Toronto, Kingston and Hawkesbury, Ont. and Vancouver and Prince Rupert, B.C. before retiring from the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and joining Canadian Pensioners Concerned, a seniors advocacy group.

Wayman was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne and came to Canada with her family at age 3. She received her undergraduate degree in social work from the University of Toronto and her master's degree from the University of British Columbia.

Former social worker

She worked with children and families before coming to Baycrest in the 1960s. "She was a very committed individual to the old people and their needs," said Sorel Urman, director of client services at Baycrest. "She was a tiny lady but with a real strong zeal to help people to achieve a better quality of life for themselves."

After retiring, Wayman became a board member of Canadian Pensioners Concerned and worked to better long term care in the province. She co-authored *How To Choose The Right Place*, a booklet on long-term care facilities that was reprinted in 1990.

Wayman leaves her husband Morris Wayman; sons Michael and Thomas; and three granddaughters.

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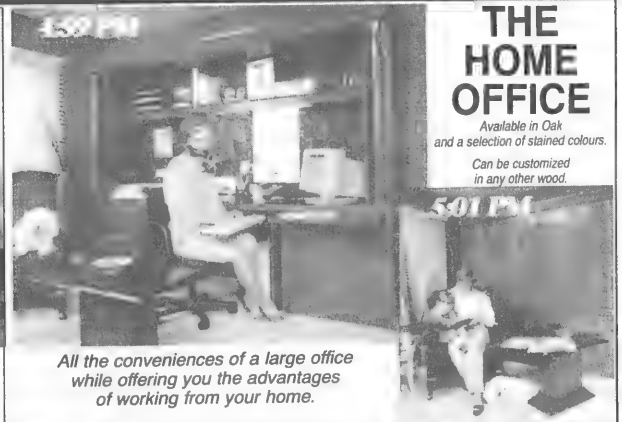

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Neighborly hands

The family is one of the pillars of society and, of course, of Jewish life. In its ideal form, it is founded on love, trust, caring and mutual respect. It supports and protects the individual against the constant battering of everyday strains and stresses. It is also the key medium through which our traditions and our values are transmitted from one generation to the next.

Ironically and unfortunately, modern society, like a constantly beating wind, is chipping away at this precious pillar and eroding its ability to protect individual identity and esteem from this wearying attrition. Sadly, the cumulative effect of these destructive ill winds is an increasing number of families without family support and children without childhood.

In this issue of *The CJN*, we have attempted to shed a ray of introductory light on some of the problems of the child and the family. We have also published a first hand account of a day in the life of a caseworker at the Jewish Family Services of the Baron de Hirsch Institute in Montreal.

Only someone who has never needed help, never felt shame, never been alone, or never cried the searing tears of grief and failure would fail to understand the significance of the social workers' labor. Day in day out, they respond to the call of the troubled heart, the confused spirit or the broken home. We look to them to protect, and where possible, to restore the worn down pillars on which we place such heavy reliance.

In looking into the world of the social worker through the windowed pane of their clients' problems, we are reminded of an observation written to a friend by Franz Rosenzweig. "None of us has solid ground constantly under his feet; each of us is only held up by the neighborly hands grasping him by the scruff, with the result that we are each held up by the next man, and often, indeed most of the time, hold each other up mutually."

We are grateful for the "neighborly hands" which, in modern times, are often held out by social workers.

Drinking from the Dead Sea

It has been an eventful 14 days for PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. Two weeks ago in Tunis, at a meeting of the Central Committee of the PLO, he reconfirmed his preference for autocratic rule and government by personality rejecting the call of prominent PLO members to share decision-making powers with them.

Last week he greeted U.S. Vice-President Al Gore in the municipal offices of Jericho. Arafat was said to have promised the vice-president that he would prosecute terrorists. His precise words as reported in the press, were: "Those who will try to jeopardize and harm peace and security will be prosecuted." The statement is hardly a declaration of war on the haters of Israel or on the enemies of the peace process.

Nevertheless, for his promise, the U.S. administration rewarded him with a package of aid valued at $73 million for development and public works in the Gaza Strip. Palestinians will also be authorized to export more than 4,600 agricultural and industrial products from the West Bank and Gaza to the United States duty-free. It was therefore a vague but very profitable promise for the sole ruler.

It is important to note however, before Gore's visit, the chairman addressed a local gathering from the balcony of his office with anti-Israel, inflammatory words. He thus reverted to past form by speaking one way to a Palestinian crowd and another way to a crowd of western leaders. He exhorted the assembly by accusing Israel of a number of violations of the Declaration of Principles and then said that anyone who opposed Palestinian claims to east Jerusalem could "drink from the Dead Sea. We are close to taking the rest of the West Bank."

To its credit, the U.S. administration is attempting to maintain momentum for the peace process and to generate a positive environment for negotiations. President Bill Clinton has unequivocally committed the United States to fighting the fundamentalist opponents to peace. Secretary of State Warren Christopher is attempting to steward talks between Israel and Syria. And now, Vice President Gore has extended substantial economic aid to the sputtering Gazan economy.

But how can the administration, along with the Israeli public, not shake its head in disbelief and disappointment when Arafat constantly undermines any basis for trusting him?

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Thoughts on Austrian reparations

Your article of March 2 on a new Austrian reparations fund for Jewish victims of Nazism brought back memories of my brave grandmother. It made me feel so proud when I was a child that she had crossed the Austrian border alone at night, going by foot into [the former] Yugoslavia. She reached Eretz Israel in 1939 at the age of 59.

Today I find myself overwhelmed by anger at the thought of the financial hardship she endured in her later years. At war's end she tried to reclaim her beautiful Vienna home, but was told it had been bombed by the Allies, and she was cajoled into a nominal settlement. (Oddly, the house, seen today, looks identical to photos from 1938.)

I think also of my aunt, whose husband perished in the Holocaust, and whose claim for compensation for their confiscated pharmacy was still unrecognized in 1965, when she died in penury, without a home of her own. (She had arrived in Eretz Israel before World War II and was thus ineligible for immigrant housing assistance.) Her claim from Austria was settled years later by her daughter.

I believe that Jewish institutions benefiting from this new fund should be expected to give priority to helping the remaining refugees from Austria or their heirs in reclaiming property, receiving compensation or applying for pensions. Austrian procedures should be simplified and published. Survivors should not feel it necessary to hire lawyers in order to cut through red tape and save themselves from harassment at the hands of oftimes unhelpful bureaucrats. While officials shake hands at ceremonies, let us not forget the individual.

Lea Okouneff
Montreal

Concerned about home care agency

Re: your article "New Ontario Health Bill Concerns Jewish Agencies" (*CJN*, March 23).

While I do believe that the Multi-Service Agency (MSA) will deliver a more comprehensive, coordinated and effective service to older persons, I too am concerned with some of the provisions of the new legislation and the ability of ethno/cultural communities to continue to provide service to meet the needs of their specific constituencies.

The Jewish community has provided significant leadership in the development of community based care. Senior Care, like all of the other Jewish agencies, wants to ensure that the reform process does not in any way diminish our capacity to provide services to our constituency. While we support the creation of MSAs, we are wholeheartedly committed to maintaining the essence of our organization which was principally established to serve our community.

Michael F. Scheinert
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Fears another 'Peace in our Time'

As the road from Oslo continues to be strewn with shattered promises, secret deals and terrorism, Jews are divided between those who trust the fulfilment of the promise that the Jewish people will at last be enabled to live in peace, and others who are filled with dread that the promised peace is merely a mirage; that those forces bent on destroying the State of Israel have not deviated from their aim, and instead, their goal has become ever closer to realization as the leaders of Israel seem committed to a path of appeasement in the manner of Neville Chamberlain's proclamation of "Peace in our Time," which precipitated World War II.

Thus, in the Diaspora, Jews are torn between, on the one hand, a sanguine acceptance of all of Israel's actions, including the inevitable difficulties encountered along the way to peace, and on the other hand, despair that the present leaders of Israel are leading their nation inexorably to extinction as more and more of the land is sliced away.

Israelis, too, are divided. To a great many, the very thought of peace for their young, war-weary state is so tantalizing that they must cling to the dream, shutting out any fearful thoughts by immersing themselves in their intimate circle of daily activities and pleasures. Others, especially those whose lives are disrupted by the daily intrusions of politics and terror, either are traumatized to immobilization or driven by a fierce will to save their homes and their country from destruction.

It is generally understood that only Israelis can decide Israel's fate. Those of us in the Diaspora are merely bystanders.

But a nagging thought persists: "standing by" (while wringing our hands) is what we did during World War II as two-thirds of European Jewry were horribly massacred in the only homes they then knew.

Helen Smolack
President
Toronto Zionist Council

Young at heart

Congratulations on the beautiful editorial of Feb. 9 on Henrietta Szold. She developed the responsibility of continuing to grow spiritually and morally in old age, thus remaining young at heart; and she used her practical idealism to lay the foundation of the Israeli welfare and health system, as well as of Youth Aliyah.

When cooperating with God to better the world, people tap inexhaustible resources of energy and inspirational creativity which help to find solutions to many of the problems confronting the world and to improve it.

Kurt Koerbel
Montreal

Auschwitz inmate

I am looking for survivors from Auschwitz who were there from the end of September 1944 until mid-January 1945. I was an inmate in a forced labor camp.

I am from Slovenia and worked at the I.G. Ferben Industrie Aktiengeselschaft, served in Auschwitz as chemical engineering student from Ljubyiane.

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Perspectives

DEALING WITH FAMILY PROBLEMS

Child abuse

By ERIC KIRSH

It is no small task to admit that physical and sexual abuse of children occurs within the Jewish community. Our community has struggled over the years with how best to cope with all forms of child abuse and neglect. In this and other communities, denial has been our first response. While this may have worked effectively for some adults, it clearly was not helpful to the children. Many Jewish adult incest survivors suffer today because their earlier allegations of sexual abuse were simply not acknowledged as possible, let alone true.

But physical and sexual abuse do exist in our Jewish communities.

It is unlikely that child abuse is more prevalent today than in the past. What is different is the increased reporting of those incidents to police and children's aid societies. As a result of the need to respond effectively to these reports, services have been developed to help abused children and their families, and to deal with offenders.

Children are most vulnerable becausae of their age, size and dependency on adults. The Metropolitan Toronto Special Committee on Child Abuse reports recent research suggesting that as many as one in four girls and one in eight boys in the general community will be sexually abused before the age of 18. Children with disabilities, according to studies, are two to 10 times more likely to be sexually assaulted than others.

Sexual abuse is defined as the misuse of power by someone who manipulates, tricks, forces or coerces a child into sexual contact. Sexual abuse includes incest, sexual molestation, sexual assault and the exploitation of children for pornography or prostitution.

Child sexual abuse statistics indicate that at least 85 to 90 per cent of abused children have had prior trusted relationships with their abusers and that in well over 90 per cent of reported cases of sexual abuse, offenders are men.

Jewish Family and Child Service is active in Metropolitan Toronto and York Region in the investigation of allegations of physical abuse. Physical abuse under the Child and Family Services Act is defined as physical harm inflicted by a person having charge of the child or caused by that person's failure to care and provide for, or supervise and protect the child adequately. It includes situations where children are physically harmed through hitting, slapping, striking, shoving, shaking or other acts of aggression.

Jewish Family and Child Service is obligated under the Child and Family Services Act to investigate all reported allegations of child abuse. But the agency believes that all corporal punishment of children, no matter what the intent, is harmful and inappropriate, and that effective discipline can be achieved without physical punishment.

The only way to aid abused children is with a widespread community effort to recognize early signs of abuse or potential for abuse and to reduce the impact of the abuse. The goals of any effective prevention program are to ensure the safety of children and to support those who do disclose acts of abuse.

The agency is committed to cooperating with all groups involved in prevention, investigation and treatment of child abuse. Only through a collaborative, skilled response from all service providers can we serve the children and families to whom we are accountable.

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Multiple conflicts

By LINDA KISLOWICZ

The Jewish family agency today faces new challenges and opportunities as it struggles to be effective, relevant and resilient. The constant interaction between the external political, social and economic forces of society and the internal psychological and interpersonal struggles of the individual and the family create new dilemmas for both the family and the family agency trying to maintain control.

The perspective of a family agency director spans a continuum from healthy, well-functioning families to families experiencing significant difficulties and conflicts.

Parents and children who choose to participate in discussion and support groups usually use these to help with normal developmental transitions (childhood to adolescence), changes in family composition (separations, divorce and reconstituted families), or to increase their ability to anticipate and solve problems and conflicts.

Children and parents with serious problems, however, are often in crisis and unable to manage without support, direction and counsel. Consider as an example the impact of "loss" — financial loss and consequently loss of social status due to business reversals or unemployment; loss of relationships due to mobility, separation, divorce or death; or loss of independence as a result of severe psychiatric or physical illness of a family member.

It is increasingly common to see families coping with multiple difficulties that affect every member of the family. Two case illustrations may be useful.

Jonathan is an 8-year-old student in a Jewish day school. His ability to concentrate in school has decreased, his attendance has been erratic and his marks are failing. An assessment by the school social worker reveals that Jonathan's parents have recently separated after years of overt conflict.

No wonder Jonathan doesn't feel well many mornings and cannot pay attention to learning. He is worried about his mom, who alternates between being sad and being irritable, and he is convinced that if he had behaved better, his dad would still be living at home. Fortunately for Jonathan, the school understood his signals and referred him to the social worker.

Susan, 15, moved to Canada from the former Soviet Union 10 years ago. Her family has successfully rebuilt their life in Montreal. But now Susan begins to behave like a Canadian teenager, wanting more freedom and independence than her parents feel is appropriate.

It is not unusual for the peer group to become influential at this age and for teenagers to rebel against their parents' values. But Susan and her parents need help in adapting to the cultural and social changes, because they are living through two transitions, Susan's entry into adolescence and the family's renewed cultural conflicts.

The task of the Jewish family agency is to sustain healthy relationships and to help families cope with difficult issues.

This means helping Jewish couples develop respectful relationships, enabling children to express themselves and develop problem solving skills, encouraging parents to assume their parent roles in every sense of the word in both traditional and less traditional family structures. And finally, it means assuming leadership in the preservation of Jewish family life.

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Comparative law: Halachah and child punishment

By RABBI MARK DRATCH

Is it permissible to hit children?

Section 43 of the Criminal Code of Canada states, "Every school teacher, parent or person standing in the place of a parent is justified in using physical force by way of correction toward a pupil or child, as the case may be, who is under his care, if the force does not exceed what is reasonable under the circumstances." In Campeau v. The King (1951) 103 C.C.C. 355, the Quebec Court of Appeal ruled that "the mere fact that the children disciplined suffered contusions and bruises is not in itself proof of exercise of undue force." This ruling presupposes that use of physical punishment is beneficial for the discipline and education of children.

Many contemporary psychologists and child rearing experts disagree and the policy of Toronto's JF&CS is to consider all physical striking a form of abuse.

Is hitting children permitted according to Jewish law?

Jewish law bans aggressive, hostile acts intended to harm or embarrass human being (Rambam, *Hil. Hovel uMazik* 5:1). Thus, maliciously injuring, hitting, abusing or even raising a hand against another is prohibited. However, when those blows are intended for a productive purpose, such aggression may not only be tolerated, but may also be mandatory. Thus, therapeutic procedures like surgery, court administered lashes and striking someone to prevent him from sinning were considered legitimate pretexts for assaulting another person. And biblical verses like "He that spareth the rod hateth his child, but he that loveth him chaseneth him betimes" (Proverbs 13:24) have been understood to condone hitting a child as an effective tool in his education and discipline. (The more popular "Spare the rod and spoil the child" actually is from Samuel Butler's *Hudibras.*)

Despite what appears to be unrestricted license to hit children, rabbinic authorities placed severe limits on the use of physical force. To mention just two examples: The Talmudic sage Rav forewarned Shmuel b. Shilat that when he hit a student he was not to use a stick, but a shoelace (Baba Batra 21a). The rabbis admonished parents not to strike older children for fear that they might strike back and violate the biblical injunction against such behaviour (Kiddushin 30a).

In rejecting the findings of current experts which contradict the traditional practice of "patching" children, one contemporary religious authority warned, "We must be careful in every novel matter of the modern researchers concerning psychology and education. It is necessary to evaluate and scrutinize [their theories] in order to ensure that they do not contradict the words of the Sages, of blessed memory, and the early authorities, or the customs of Israel which are themselves Torah. If there is any contradiction, you must cast away their filthy innovations, and not accept anything from them before you conduct keen study and research in Torah, [in the writings of] the Sages, of blessed memory."

While not at all disputing the primacy of Torah principles in directing Jewish behavior even when contemporary mores contradict them, one may question this conclusion. The biblical verse "Instruct a child according to his way" (Proverbs 22:6) suggests, in fact, that there is no one correct way to raise all children, and the biblical plea "Do not hurt my anointed" (II Chronicles 15:22) is an appeal for the protection and pampering of our youth (Shabbat 199a).

One can even put forth a halachic argument. In essence, it is forbidden to strike one's child just as it is forbidden to hit one's neighbor. Special dispensation is granted only when hitting serves the cause of education and discipline; it is considered a mitzvah only when administered properly.

Jewish law limits the force used, demanding that it not be administered in a cruel manner or motivated by anger or animosity (Rambam, *Hil. Talmud Torah* 2:2). But if parents and teachers do not execute punishment in an objective and unemotional way, or if they hit too hard or too often to have any positive disciplinary effect, then such blows are forbidden. And if contemporary psychologists reveal information that was previously unknown, i.e., that physical discipline is not educationally effective, or if human behavior and psychology today, in a society with different communal values and a culture with different presumptions, differs from what it was in previous ages (this is a significant halachic principle that is known in rabbinic language as "nishtanu hativi'im, that "nature" has changed), then hitting children is halachically prohibited.

What, then, is the halachically prescribed form of discipline? There is none! Our tradition does not prescribe the methods of discipline, but rather directs parents and teachers to raise properly educated and behaved children. The Proverbial rod may be a metaphor for proper education and discipline, and not a literal tool for meting out corporal punishment. Whatever methods are psychologically sound and educationally effective are halachically mandated.

And whatever means are ineffective or, worse yet, detrimental to the physical and emotional safety and spiritual stability of children, are prohibited. Raising children is not an easy task, but we must not let our inexperience, personal anxieties or personal inadequacies enable us to treat our children in ways that are harmful to their physical well being, their self-esteem, and their spiritual integrity.

Opinions

A strange reversal of history

Israeli journals and newspapers rarely have anything to say about Canada. So what can one make of a story which is practically unknown to Canadian Jews, but which appeared in a recent issue of the *Jerusalem Report*? Written by Anya Makow of Winnipeg, it has a strange story to tell, which I had not seen reported anywhere else.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

It so happens that there is a small Protestant institution called Providence College, located somewhere south of Winnipeg. My *Canadian World Almanac and Book of Facts* has no information about it, but the story itself is worth a special notation.

Makow writes there is a 44-year-old teacher at this college, Dennis Stoutenberg, who is making history of a special sort.

He teaches theology, in which he received a PhD and in the process became deeply involved in the Jewish practices of Jesus Christ. To his amazement he realized the Christianity of today, which functions in the name of Jesus and swears allegiance to him, has strayed from Jesus' own personal convictions and practices.

Stoutenberg began to study the mode of life which Jesus was likely to have lived in his day. "Jesus never attended church one day of his life," he says. "He was raised under the Judaic code in his own day, attended synagogue and made festival pilgrimages to the Temple. He never established a new religion."

Attempting to walk in the ways of this person, Stoutenberg and his wife have made their home kosher (even though they realized some details of kashrut were codified in later centuries; but knowing that the foundation is found in the Torah, they decided to abide by such laws). They celebrate Shabbat and all chagim, and Stoutenberg says the daily prayers, puts on tefillin and has studied with Orthodox and Conservative rabbis.

Fervor has become contagious

Now, according to Makow, Stoutenberg's fervor has become contagious. A number of his students keep the Sabbath and observe kashrut. "At first I was surprised that the college administration was not offended by this," she reports Stoutenberg as saying. "But my colleagues are very supportive. Even the kitchen staff has gone out of its way to ensure that we are accommodated with a rich variety of vegetarian offerings."

Stoutenberg has become active in Winnipeg's Christian and Jewish communities, and pastors of various denominations have asked him to teach their congregations about the Jewish background of Christianity and to conduct model Passover seders.

Asked whether he has considered converting, Stoutenberg avers this would involve giving up his current position, which affords him the potential to introduce Christians to Jewish beliefs. "For me, the question is: Can I be more valuable to the Jewish community as a Christian, or as a Jew? I see my role as a service to God."

Actually, the story of Stoutenberg is not as unique as one would think. In the early part of this century, a French writer and theologian, Aime Palliere, made news in a somewhat similar fashion. He had been born into a devout Catholic family and his spiritual quest led him first into the Salvation Army and in time towards Judaism. Although he became deeply familiar with our faith and wanted to convert, he was persuaded to settle for the status of a Noachide, who observes seven basic commandments but does not fully convert to Judaism.

Palliere, however, lived the life of an ardent and ascetic Jew. His best known work was his autobiography, *The Unknown Sanctuary* (published in English in 1928). He raised many people's hopes that a more liberalized attitude towards Judaism would take hold in France, but he was disappointed and towards the end of his life began to move closer to his original faith.

Whether Stoutenberg in Manitoba will become another Aime Palliere remains to be seen.

Let us not betray our heritage

Recently a group of Jewish organizations took out a newspaper advertisement announcing their suppport for the Republican Contract with America, which contains a well-publicized attack on social programs. Their advertisement was answered by a riposte from the other Jews denouncing the ad, citing the Jewish moral imperative for society to protect its most vulnerable members.

Jean M. Gerber

Canada, too, is looking at the strain on its social dollars; our recent budget bodes ill for the social network. The Reform party's counter-budget is even more draconian. Neo-conservatives consider our social network as a hammock in which the undeserving poor have taken refuge.

The notion of the undeserving poor is odious in its implication that the victim is responsible for her or his fate. Judaism teaches individual responsibility, but it also teaches communal responsibility towards the dignity of the individual.

Tzedakah is an obligation on all, rich and poor; in its highest form it is a way to free the recipient from dependency. This was not the concept of Victorian lawmakers, who tried to make the experience of poverty disgraceful, a mark of sin on the part of the poor and disenfranchised. Their attitude is alive and well today.

Soon we will retell the story of redemption from slavery. That slavery was spiritual as well as physical: it destroyed the soul as well as the body, threatening to undermine the essence of the covenant between God and the descendants of Abraham.

Did the Jews deserve their fate? Had they earned it by shirking their civic and moral obligations? I think not. Slavery arose because it was imposed, not sought or deserved. Did the Jews liberate themselves? Not according to the story — it took no less than divine intervention and determined leadership.

The Jewish view of social responsibility, individual and communal, is the antithesis of current neo-conservative thought. Jewish tradition does not assume the person in want has merited poverty or despair as a consequence of his or her actions; it assumes that at any time misfortune can fall on the most righteous, as well as the ordinary.

Recalling our own liberation, we are commanded to make sure no other group is hopelessly enslaved by its circumstances. Can we as Jews, secular or religious, abandon our obligation to the well-being of those who cannot feed their children, heal their own wounds, provide a safe and secure environment in which their children can grow?

North American Jews live in countries of incredible wealth and accomplishment. They have helped to shape societies which have powerful potential for fulfilling the ideals of social justice. For Jews to align themselves with a philosophy which is punishing, careless of those in most need, and unfairly jealous of its own welfare at the expense of the less able, is wrong.

If nothing else persuades us, let us look at reality: children raised in poverty, without hope, by parents who feel powerless to change their circumstances cost society. Yes, our network needs mending, but not demolition. As Jews we can do no less without betraying our own heritage.

Wiesel's memoirs a triumph

The first volume of Elie Wiesel's memoirs is a powerfully moving cultural map of the Jewish world in the last 65 years.

By Arnold Ages

Written in French and titled *Tous les Fleuves Vont à La Mer* (All The Rivers Flow Into the Sea), the English translation will not be available until December. Wiesel uses the language of Voltaire and Racine to reconstruct with uncanny precision a childhood and adolescence in Sighet, Transylvania, a post-Holocaust sojourn in Paris, lengthy visits to Israel and residence in New York City.

Each of the geographical foci of this anthology of memories has its own special élan because, in each, Wiesel experienced events which traumatized him deeply and he encountered people who effected profound changes in his psyche.

The most painful part of the book deals with Wiesel's childhood in Sighet and the cocoon-like atmosphere in which Jewish piety was enveloped in those days when the gathering Nazi storm was about to unleash its full fury on disbelieving Hungarian Jews.

Wiesel gives names to the rebbes, merchants, melamdim, artisans and storekeepers who peopled his tiny hamlet — and who perished.

There were rumors and reports from Jews who had escaped from the Polish inferno and arrived in Sighet to tell of mass murder and unthinkable bestiality. The sad witnesses told their story; they were humored and fed — and dismissed. Even on the day the Nazis arrived in Sighet the man who was baking matzah for the forthcoming holiday refused to abandon his work.

Thus, when Wiesel and his family arrived at Auschwitz (after a horrendous trip on a cattle car) some of the kapos (Jewish guards) screamed at them: "Why did you come?"

"Did they think we had responded to some invitation?" says Wiesel.

Wiesel and his father survived under excruciatingly difficult circumstances almost until the end of the war — almost. Shortly before liberation, Wiesel had a problem with his knee and with obvious misgivings, he went to the Auschwitz infirmary. Miraculously, he survived an operation and was in the recovery phase when his father told him the arrival of the Soviets was imminent.

Fearing that the Nazis would try to wipe out all evidence of their ignominious crime, Wiesel and his father decided not to remain in the camp but chose to join the evacuation to Buchenwald. His father did not survive the move and Wiesel is obsessed to this day with his father's death. Those who remained to await the Soviets at Auschwitz were not harmed.

After the war, Wiesel went to Paris with other young Jewish refugees and he tried to regain his equilibrium. His account of his years in France is filled with mystery, humor, pathos and unrequited love. He lost a chance to acquire French citizenship effortlessly because of a language problem. In France he met Shoushanai, a Talmudic genius who mentored Wiesel but who shook the metaphysical foundations of his pupil's faith at the same time.

One of the leitmotifs that flows through this autobiography is Wiesel's dark memories of his poverty. He experienced it first-hand in his native Sighet (although he only realized its extent after visiting the town later in life), in France after the war, in visits to Israel and during the early part of his sojourn in the United States. There were times that Wiesel literally had nothing to eat, and even when he acquired jobs as a freelancer for the Israeli paper *Yediot Ahronot*, his pay was meagre.

After years of barely eking out a living in the United States things changed, especially after the publication and translation of his novel *Night*. His success was tempered by a near fatal auto accident he had when working in New York for the Yiddish newspaper *Forward*.

Perhaps the warmest part of Wiesel's memoir concerns his mentor Professor Saul Lieberman of the Jewish Theological Seminary. For 17 years, Wiesel studied on a regular basis with the great Talmudist and held his own with Lieberman. Once when Lieberman showed Weisel that the pupil's insights into a specific text had been anticipated hundreds of years before, Wiesel responded astutely that "study is not discovery but rediscovery."

Reading Wiesel's memoir is like that response; it is both discovery and rediscovery.

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Features

The consummate gossip

All is ephemeral — fame and the famous as well. Marcus Aurelius, Meditations IV.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Walter Winchell (1897-1972) was the most powerful newspaperman of his day. By one estimate, 50 million Americans, out of an adult population of 75 million, either read his syndicated daily column or listened to his weekly radio program in the 1930s and 1940s.

The grandson of an itinerant cantor from White Russia, Winchell was a brash, fast-talking, brilliantly-connected former vaudevillian whose claim to fame was the invention of the gossip column.

By elevating gossip to a place of renown, Winchell expanded the purview of news, created a new, much-criticized form of journalism and forever shattered the taboo against what could be said about celebrities in the media. As he declared somewhat inelegantly: "Democracy is where everybody can kick everybody else's ass."

In short, he helped to usher in a new mass culture of celebrity fixated on personalities, dedicated to emphemera and centred in New York, Los Angeles and Washington, writes Neal Gabler in his absorbing biography, *Winchell* (Random House, $42).

Winchell, whose original family name was Weinschel, was not to the manor born. Like many East European Jewish immigrants, Winchell's father was a struggling garment worker who barely earned a living. The Winchells, we're told, were constantly on the move, presumably to dodge the rent collector or to take advantage of the rent reductions that landlords often offered new tenants as an inducement.

To the end of his days, Winchell never forgot the poverty of his youth, the deprivation he suffered, the times he went unfed and neglected. The want he knew as a child bred in him a profound sense of insecurity, a gnawing feeling that lingered on, even after he had attained the status of the highest-paid columnist in America.

Gabler wastes little time chronicling Winchell's career on the vaudeville circuit, and rightly so. He was not blessed with a surfeit of talent. And besides, he nursed a bug for journalism.

Winchell's entry into the hurly-burly of journalism can be traced back to the year 1919, when he began submitting short columns — a melange of news and one-liners — to *Billboard*, a vaudeville trade paper. He continued doing this until he joined the staff of the *Graphic*, a scandal-mongering New York City tabloid, in 1924.

His column, *Your Broadway and Mine*, was steeped in the folkways, fads, jokes and language of Tin Pan Alley. And as might be expected, Winchell had no reverence whatsoever for grammar or high-blown prose.

Borrowing heavily from show business shorthand, Winchell affected a breezy style filled with slang. As Gabler suggests, slang was more than Winchell's protection against his own deficiencies in grammar. It was a form of cultural democracy, a way for the unlettered masses to reclaim their language from the genteel elites.

By pandering to his readers' preferences, Winchell crossed what was widely considered the boundaries of good taste. Before Winchell appeared on the scene, editors of mainstream newspapers rarely, if ever, pried into people's private lives with such vigor and abandon. Being a revolutionary, he tore down the barrier between the private and the public, the gossip sheet and the daily newspaper.

Traditionalists, of course, were shocked and appalled. In 1932, the editor of *Editor & Publisher* wrote: "The talk of the columnists is borrowed from gigolo society and is about as responsible as the chatter one might hear over cups in a night club."

Rival columnist Westbrook Pegler was blunter, labelling Winchell "a louse in the blouse of journalism," while intellectuals were offended because they believed he represented a kind of rabble-rousing they found unacceptable and threatening.

Be that as it may, Winchell's star rose. He signed on with the *Mirror*, a New York daily whose circulation and prestige dwarfed that of the *Graphic*. And he became a broadcaster, hosting *The Lucky Strike Dance Hour*, a program that established him as "a national icon" by virtue of the fact that 60 per cent of all radio listeners tuned in to the show.

By that point, Winchell — whom novelist Ernest Hemingway once described as "the greatest newspaperman that ever lived" — was a celebrity in his own right. There were songs, stories, plays and movies about him. Advertisements featured him, and Winchell made the cover of *Time* magazine. It was all very lucrative. In 1939, he earned $358,000, a tidy sum even today.

As the most famous American journalist, he was the prototype of how journalists looked and acted. Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, newspapermen themselves, captured this image of a glib, wise-cracking, cynical, fedora-hatted snoop in their Broadway play, *The Front Page*, which became a legendary Hollywood movie.

Walter Winchell near the end.

Despite his Anglo-Saxon surname, Winchell never denied or forgot he was Jewish. Although he was not a practising Jew, never setting foot in a synagogue after his Bar Mitzvah, he considered himself an "intuitive Jew."

"If there was one consistent thread in his crazy-quilt life, it was his Jewishness," his colleague, Herman Klurfeld, said. Winchell had a radar-like sensitivity to anti-Semitism, and after the rise of Nazism in Germany, he constantly ridiculed Hitler.

Through his political columns (Winchell diversified his writing in the late 1930s), he also attacked anti-Semites and Nazi sympathizers in the United States. His most important source was Arnold Forster, the counsel for the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith.

While fulsomely praising President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal liberalism, Winchell was unsparingly critical of domestic communists. "We are less in danger today from Hitler's army in Paris," he observed in 1940, "than we are from [Stalin's] agents in America..."

After World War II, Winchell launched a full-scale witchhunt against communists and communism, broadcasting increasingly more heinous charges of Soviet skulduggery each week. During the 1950s, he joined forces with that consummate witchhunter, Senator Joseph McCarthy. No wonder the Soviet deputy foreign minister denounced Winchell as a warmonger.

Zionism was another of Winchell's pet causes. As Arab-Jewish tension in Palestine mounted, he called for a Jewish state there, declaring that the dispossessed Jews of Europe deserved their own homeland. Like the majority of American Zionists, Winchell was not animated by the belief that Jews in the United States should make aliyah.

Winchell's decline as a personality was slow but steady. Convinced that television was "here to stay," he climbed on the bandwagon as a commentator. But the medium did not really suit him. On TV, he came across as a fidgeting old man rather than a crusading reporter.

By the 1960s, his column was getting whittled, even chopped entirely. In May 1967, he was informed by the Hearst Corporation that his services were no longer needed. "Frankly, our general feeling is that Winchell is passe," an executive opined.

Winchell's syndicated column, which was carried by more than 2,000 newspapers, died because of the rise of TV, a growing sophistication among newspaper readers, changing sexual mores and the decline of Hollywood.

Pathetically, Winchell took out a full-page ad in *Variety* announcing his availability as a columnist. The McNaught syndicate agreed to distribute his column, but in lesser-known newspapers and magazines. Plainly, Winchell's days were numbered. Celebrities snubbed him, press agents ignored him. When he succumbed to bone cancer, he was portrayed as a relic long past his prime.

His legacy is clear. Winchell enlivened journalism, but he also debased it.

As Gabler puts it: "Once loosed, gossip refused to confine itself to columns. Once loosed, it danced all over the paper, sometimes seizing headlines, sometimes spawning whole publications and television programs, sometimes, more insidiously, infecting reportage of so-called straight news by emphasizing voice and personalities at the expense of objectivity and duller facts."

This assessment may sound unduly harsh, but it resounds to the ring of the truth.

Jewish World
By Sheldon Kirshner

The Holocaust in Holland

For historians of the Holocaust, Holland is a conundrum. Proportionally more Jews were deported from the Netherlands than from any other country in Western Europe. Yet, arguably, there was not a nation in Europe where there was less anti-Semitism than in Holland.

Louis de Jong, a distinguished Dutch historian, grapples with this paradox in *The Netherlands and Nazi Germany* (Harvard University Press, $14.95 U.S.), a slim but useful volume.

A Jew whose parents perished in the Holocaust, de Jong starts with a psychological explanation. Holland had a proud record as a haven for Jews fleeing persecution, and, in general, Dutch anti-Semitism was of a "mild" variety. Therefore, de Jong reasons, Jews "felt at home" in the Netherlands, and were not as wary of their surroundings as, say, Polish Jews. When the crunch came, they were unable to cope, being "victims of their own past."

This makes sense, but in all fairness, no Jewish community under Nazism, no matter where, was really prepared for an unprecedented event like the Holocaust.

According to de Jong, the Jews of Holland received virtually no help from the Dutch government, which did not believe the Germans would deport *all* Jews. He adds that the deportations began nearly a year before the spring of 1943, when mass strikes had made both the people and part of the civil service more inclined to resist the Nazis.

There were, to be sure, strikes prior to 1943. For example: On Feb. 25, 1941, following the brutal beating of 400 Jews in Amsterdam, almost the entire working population of Amsterdam went on strike. But these anti-Nazi manifestations were easily broken up.

Everyone knows the story of Anne Frank and her family. In actual practice, very few Jews had a hiding place like the Franks. Most Jews who eluded the Nazi dragnet, some 25,000 out of 140,000, found refuge in the homes of non-Jews. By de Jong's estimate, about one-third of these escapees were either detected or betrayed. Regrettably, de Jong glosses over this phenomenon, and furthermore, all but ignores the collaborationist activities of Dutch Nazis.

Accentuating the positive, de Jong claims that there were at least 2,000 to 3,000 resistance workers whose main or exclusive endeavor consisted of finding hiding places, papers, food coupons and money for Jews on the run.

While it is true that Germany failed to convert Holland into a Nazi state, the Nazis succeeded in exploiting Holland's economic potential.

Interestingly enough, the Nazis held Holland with a minimum of force. There was no need for a large garrison because Holland was relatively compact and flat, with few forests, and it had an excellent road and railway network. As a result, the Nazis had the upper hand as they went about the methodical business of exterminating Dutch Jewry.

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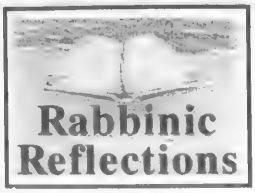

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI MORDECAI E. ZEITZ

Survey your friends and relatives. Ask them to share with you what they feel are the most important things they are blessed with. No doubt there will be a significant assortment of suggestions. They are all most relevant and important: family, spouse, children, health, job, material well-being — and the list goes on.

There is, however, one blessing that towers above all others, the one that enables all other blessings. It is so often taken for granted, even squandered and wasted. The blessing I refer to is time.

All other things can be replaced if need be. Fortunes are made and lost. Friendships falter and are replaced. Even family loyalties and connections — with pain and frustration — are recyclable. Much can be done to restore health and improve the quality of life.

Only one thing remains irreplaceable. Once gone, it can never be restored. It is the blessing of time. You can relive it on video or capture the moment in a photo, but even that is already at a later time.

While time itself is of high priority, within Judaism we have made the telling or counting of time special as well. While the whole world tells time by the sun and its calendar, we are moon people. We tell time by the moon and follow a modified lunar calendar. Not only do we count and measure time according to the movement of the moon, but our concept of time is defined by the very existence of the moon.

This Shabbat is Parshat Hachodesh, the declaration of the mitzvah of marking time by the moon and its renewable cycle. The sun shines brightly all day, every day. Clouds sometimes block it, but for the most part the daytime has the continuing benefit of the sun. The sun contains its own source of energy and it is so bright that you dare not look directly at it.

Not so the moon. It has reflected light. It has no source of light of its own. Its greatest contribution comes in the midst of darkness. Its illumination varies according to the time of the month. Sometimes it is virtually gone, while at other times it is full, bright and beautiful. At all times, whether we see it or not, the moon is there. In the darkest of nights, we know and believe unequivocally, that in time the moon will reappear. It will shine and we will enjoy its light.

Yes, we are moon people. We reflect the qualities of the moon. Our sense of time and reverence of time are moon-based. And we also shine best in times of darkness. We have difficulty coping with freedom and security. In an open society we forget our unique purpose of bringing Godliness and spirituality to human endeavor. All too often, we feel that the very word Jew is a burden and not a privilege.

But in those dark times of personal and historic challenges, we see the light. We become a powerful source of enlightenment. Too often, the light of Jewish existence has almost disappeared. Jewish life has almost been counted out. But then we see the light, we see the beauty of Judaism and we rebound just in time. Just when we think the final spark is gone, it reappears, for in fact it was ever present.

Being moon persons is even more significant as we approach Pesach. We not only observe Pesach at the appropriate time, but its observance adds to our appreciation of time. As I prepare for the seder I am not alone. As I sit at the seder, I have more than just my family and friends at the seder table.

The timeless treasures of Jewish history all appear at my seder: Moses sitting alongside me and the children of Israel, contemplating the challenge of the exodus; the pilgrims ascending to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover on the Temple Mount; Elijah the Prophet visiting homes that span 2,000 years, in every country on the face of the earth; the martyrs of the Holocaust who sanctified Jewish history with their lives; and the Soviet, Ethiopian and Syrian Jews who have inspired us with their return to the mainstream of Jewish history. Seder time is the time of the collective spirit and being of the Jewish people.

Jews don't tell time. Time tells us what was and what should be. Time is the gift we have but for a moment. What time is it? It all depends on what we do with it.

Rabbi Mordecai Zeitz is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Tikvah in Montreal.

Sephardi group explores culture

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A year and a half ago, a small group of friends gathered to explore their history and heritage.

The Sephardi Discussion Group of Toronto now has regular events attended by 30 to 50 people, including some Ashkenazim.

Founded by Ayal Cohon and Jaques Sayegh and his sister Naomi, the group has discussed Sephardi food, music and customs among other topics.

Information is shared about Sephardi cultures from India, Turkey, Morocco, Afganistan, Egypt, Iraq, Iran and Ethiopia.

Sayegh said the group provides an opportunity for people who have similar but different traditions to exchange information.

"I'm really delighted that there is strong interest and participation by Ashkenazi people," he said.

Both Sephardim and Ashkenazim sit on the programming committee. Member Laura Zeitz called the group an important learning opportunity. "While the Ashkenazim and the Sephardim are unique and different, we both share a common Jewish heritage," she said.

The group has discussed such topics as the sites of the tombs of Mordechai and Esther in Iran, and it has debated the unanswered question of Christopher Columbus' Jewishness.

"Just because a person is born into the Sephardi culture doesn't mean he knows a lot about it," Cohon said.

The group has raised funds to aid Syrian Jewry. They also maintain a loose affiliation with the Sephardi Education Centre in Los Angeles.

Sarah Carlen, professor of Sephardi Studies in the Social Sciences Division at York University, is working to establish an independent chair in Sephardi Studies. Her specialty is race and interethnic relations, looking especially at the cultural differences between Ashkenazim and Sephardim.

The group is having a Judeo-Spanish concert on April 2 at the Lipa Green Building with performers Aaron Skitri and Batsheva.

For more information, call Cohon at 416-512-6693 or Sayegh at 416-784-0513.

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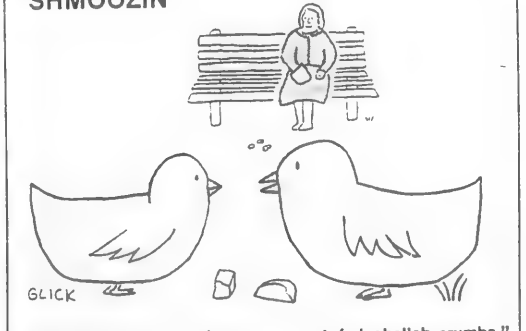

"I love Sunday mornings -- we get fed challah crumbs."

Jewish Life

New hopes for Russian Jews

By
FRANCINE CYTRYNBAUM

Francine Cytrynbaum was part of a Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) delegation from Montreal that travelled to the former Soviet Union last November as part of a program co-sponsored by the Montreal Jewish community and the Quebec government. Cytrynbaum, 26, has worked for 2½ years as a JIAS immigration and resettlement counsellor.

Alina was 12 years old when I met her, but her interest in Judaism had begun at the age of 10, when she spent the summer in a Jewish camp.

GUEST VOICES

Coming from a small Russian city with no organized Jewish community, she decided to go to Moscow to learn about Judaism and lead a Jewish life. She contacted the director of a Jewish girls' school in Moscow, and early in September she turned up on the doorstep with her suitcase, ready to learn.

I spent a Shabbat at the school in Moscow, praying and eating with the young women in the seminary. These women are not only learning about Judaism academically, they are also living an Orthodox Jewish life. They are training to become Jewish teachers for towns all over Russia.

Alina, who studies in the girl's day school, lives with the family of the school director. She can speak Hebrew fluently and proudly sang Hebrew songs for me and showed me the steps to an Israeli folk dance she had learned in school.

Where once any practice of Judaism was illegal and dangerous, now one can buy kosher meat and bread, and packaged products from Israel. This does not suggest that it is any less dangerous to be Jewish in Russia than in the past. Synagogues are still targets for attacks and Jews are still in danger.

Where Jews were once openly restricted from educational and professional advancement because of their nationality, there are no longer official barriers. Today, life in Russia is dangerous in general, because of political and economic instability and rampant Mafia-style control of the developing world of business and finance. The growth of right-wing, nationalistic groups poses an additional threat to the shrinking Jewish communities.

I was in Moscow for two weeks with the team from JIAS. Our purpose was to assist in the immigration processing of approximately 100 families from the former Soviet Union who were to join family members in Montreal.

Our office space in Moscow was rented from a Jewish cultural centre in a decrepit and unheated building, where the cultural activities nevertheless drew Jewish Muscovites from all over the city. Listening to a rehearsal of the Moscow Jewish men's choir, we were moved to tears at the beauty of their renditions of liturgical and secular songs in Hebrew and Yiddish.

As a team of four, we interviewed each family and helped them to complete their applications for immigration. A major part of our work was to prepare the candidates for their move to Canada.

Our hope was that the families would have somewhat realistic expectations about Montreal. Employment was a main concern. Professionals could not expect to be at their Russian level in Canada. They are fortunate if they can find a first job at a lower level in their own field. Many must retrain in another field altogether if they want to find work.

The group we are helping comprises only a small number of the Jews leaving the former Soviet Union. Israel and the United States draw the largest numbers, but there is a steady stream coming into Canada as well. The exodus of the young, the healthy and the professionals to Israel and North America has resulted in the increasing isolation of the remaining Jewish population. The old, particularly those who are frail, are now left in a society whose public social and medical systems are grossly insufficient.

Alina has already made some important choices. In the coming years, changes in Russia may allow her to live a safe and fulfilling Jewish life with a sense of community and a strong knowledge of her identity.

Given the uncertainty of Russia's political, economic and social structure, however, another scenario could be her having to flee her country because of the choice to live her life as a Jew.

Having a solid knowledge of Hebrew would make Israel a logical destination. Alternately, immigrating to North America with a strong Jewish education and a commitment to Jewish life and continuity would afford her an advantage over Soviet immigrants of the past, who, lacking this background were marginalized from the community upon their arrival.

Whatever her choice, one can only hope that it be made in safety. Having met with members of the Jewish community of Moscow, we can only hope, but there is much to fear as well.

The silent sister

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

The first time we encounter Moses' sister Miriam, she is standing beside the Nile guarding her brother.

Pharaoh has decreed that all male children will be drowned in the Nile, and Moses has been placed in an ark and set upon the water. It is Miriam who guards him.

Interestingly, the Bible does not introduce anyone in this scene by name but Moses. Miriam is called only "his sister." Moses is the central figure. Although Miriam orchestrates the scene, she remains a nameless figure.

After the Egyptians drown in the Red Sea, Israel is led by Moses in a song of praise to God. Subsequently, Miriam leads the women in singing and dancing the same song of praise.

It is only here that we are introduced to Miriam by name. She is "Miriam, the prophetess, the sister of Aaron." Not only are we given a proper name, but she is identified as Aaron's sister, not Moses'. By detaching her from Moses, the text gives the reader to understand that she is a woman who stands apart.

Previously she acted as Moses' sister because he was central. On the shores of the Red Sea, Miriam becomes a leader of women in her own right.

The reader is struck by the settings where we see Miriam, first on the shore of the Nile and again at the Red Sea. Her very name embodies the word water, since the second syllable is yam, Hebrew for sea.

Miriam's link with water is not lost on the rabbis of the Talmud, who assign her far greater importance in guarding Moses and sustaining Israel than does the Bible.

Because of Miriam, the Talmud says, a well appears in the desert. "Miriam's well" follows Israel through the desert and provides water for the nation.

After Miriam's death, the people complain to Moses that they have no water; the well has disappeared. Moses attempts to provide water from the rock, but instead of speaking to the rock as instructed, Moses hits the rock.

The episode is ultimately linked to Moses' death. In a sense, he dies because he cannot provide water for Israel in an appropriate fashion.

Miriam and Moses are connected throughout their lives by the image of water. When it is decreed that Moses should die in the Nile, Miriam intervenes by watching that the water does not harm him.

At the shore of the Red Sea, Miriam takes a stance as a religious leader of women and leads them in praise of God. She is her own person. She sustains the people with water in the desert. When she dies, she is irreplaceable.

Moses cannot provide water in a similar fashion and Moses' destiny that he will die because of water is fulfilled.

The Talmud understands Miriam's pivotal role in the destinies of both Moses and Israel. Giving water in the desert is giving life to the people — it is Miriam who masters this role.

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Leo Baeck student council president Lyle Sugar (back) and his executive (from left) Ely Rechtsman, Abbie Solish, Zack Title and Lisa Ain with some of the hundreds of toys being donated to a day-care centre in Cuba. [Alron photo]

Leo Baeck kids collect toys for Cuban day care centre

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Children in a day care centre in Varadaro, Cuba, will have toys to play with, thanks to the generosity of students at Leo Baeck Day School in Thornhill.

Grade 8 student Lyle Sugar, president of the students' council, had promised to collect 250 toys — one for each child in the day care. By Purim, when the drive ended, they had surpassed that goal.

Most of the donations, mainly stuffed animals and Fischer-Price toys, were the children's own, said Sugar, who contributed personally as well as arranging the drive.

"It's hard to part with a well-loved toy. Kids get very attached to their things," he said. "The day care centre is a good place to give them. Those kids need them more than I do."

Parent Nira Miro discovered the day care centre during a recent trip to Cuba.

"When I saw the place, I was so upset," she told *The CJN*.

The children, who range in age from six months to 5½ years old, only have a couple of glass bottles and cardboard boxes that they got from tourists to play with, she said.

"Infants are kept in a huge play-pen, and the caregivers sing and bang on pots to entertain them.

Miro is hoping that Royal Air Lines, a charter airline that flies to Cuba, will transport the toys, and she has arranged with a tour company to transport them to Varadaro.

"I am trying to get donations of medication, like children's Tylenol, to take too, but I haven't had much luck," she added.

The day care is not Jewish, and she does not know if there are any Jewish children there.

"But the religious aspect isn't important," she feels. "It's a kids to kids project."

Teacher David Greenbaum, staff advisor to the students' council, assisted the youngsters.

Sugar noted that the toy drive is just one of the school's tzedakah projects, which include two food drives.

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Black comic turns to Judaism

TORONTO — Don't ask Chicago comedian Aaron Freeman for a complicated, Talmudic explanation of why he converted to Judaism.

"I genuinely and truly love the tribe," is he all he says.

Freeman spent 16 years with the famed Second City comedy troupe in Chicago, where he performed alongside George Wendt, Shelley Long, Jim Belushi and Mike Myers.

He will be taking his act to Toronto for the first time on April 1, at an event sponsored by United Jewish Appeal's Young Leadership Network.

Freeman, the product of Catholic home and Catholic schooling, converted to Judaism last year at 37. "I'm a survivor of Catholic education," he said. "It tends to produce non-Catholics."

The black comic's journey to Judaism was sparked after attending university in New York. He then studied at Chicago's Spertus College of Judaica. "I knew it was a Jewish school because the rabbi arrived at 6:50 p.m. for a 6:30 class."

Now, a year after his conversion, Freeman claims complete acceptance by the Jewish community — "which embraced me even before I joined the tribe" — and a strong sense of security and comfort.

"For me being a Jew is like rounding third base, sliding home and hearing the umpire say 'You're safe,' " he quipped. "It's a culture that I value and cherish. I'm proud that my children are Jewish, that they say Shema and light the candles every Friday night."

Freeman's comedy career began at university, where he "wrote jokes and watched people mess up my humor" before quickly learning how lucrative it could be to perform himself. "I discovered that if you make strangers laugh for 15 minutes, you can earn $300," he said.

There is a serious side to Aaron Freeman. He was a regular contributor to the award-winning *MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour*, and a reporter at the 1992 Republican National Convention. He's also a writer, with his own radio and TV shows.

Freeman's guest appearance in Toronto will take place during an event called Rock at the ROM, on April 1 at the Royal Ontario Museum. Tickets are available by calling 416-635-2883, ext. 172.

Chana Javasky awarded Waldman scholarship

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Although almost six years have passed since Dennis Waldman's untimely death, a select number of young people are still benefiting from the late educator's belief in higher education and commitment to Jewish values.

Chana Javasky, 17, of Thornhill, is the 1994-95 recipient of the Dennis Waldman Foundation for Jewish Education scholarship. A graduate of Ulpanat Orot, Javasky is spending a year in Israel studying pedagogy and Jewish studies at Michlala Jerusalem College for Women.

The $1,800 scholarship was established by Waldman's family and friends in 1990. It is given annually to a student graduating from a Jewish high school and going on to university or yeshivah, or to a student graduating from a public high school with the intention of pursuing a course of Jewish study.

Chana Javasky

Waldman was a general studies teacher at Associated Hebrew Schools from 1980 to 1988. He then worked for the City of York as an adult education teacher until his death from a heart attack in June 1989.

"We find [the scholarship] a very meaningful way to keep his memory alive," said Nell Waldman, Dennis' widow. She added that the calibre of student applicants is such that "there's rarely a kid you wouldn't like to give a scholarship to.

"Chana was both scholarly and very genuine," she said.

In her application essay, Javasky wrote of her feelings of Jewish unity and her sense of responsibility to educate others.

Javasky has extensive volunteer experience, both with youngsters and the elderly. In Israel she is volunteering with Ethiopian olim and tutoring young children.

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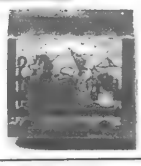

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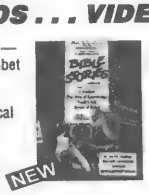

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METRO TORONTO SINGLES presents a post-Passover party, **Sunday April 23,** at 8:00 p.m., at the **Berlin Night Club** (2335 Yonge St., 1/2 block north of Eglinton Avenue) Featuring retro night (dance music from the '70s). For more information, call 222-7111, cost $12

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Hamilton judge named Negev Dinner honoree

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — David Steinberg, the man who has done much to set the Hamilton Jewish community's flagging fortunes on an upward course, has been named this year's Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Dinner honoree.

The dinner takes place May 22 at Adas Israel Synagogue.

Steinberg, a family court judge, has been president of federation for two years. Under his leadership, the long-planned community endowment fund has been established, a priorities and planning committee is defining the community's future needs, and the struggling Jewish Community Centre (JCC) has adopted a stringent survival plan.

As 1983 and 1984 United Jewish Appeal campaign chair, Steinberg succeeded in turning Hamilton's sagging campaign around, and later, as United Israel Appeal (UIA) Ontario region chair, he did much to establish closer cooperation between smaller Jewish communities and UIA and closer links with Israel.

A Hamilton native, Steinberg grew up in a strongly committed family. His grandparents Max and Ethel Walters were among the founding members of Ohav Zedek Congregation (Hess Street Shul), and his parents, Sophie and the late Sam Steinberg, were active volunteers.

David Steinberg

He attended the University of Western Ontario Law School and was called to the bar in 1965.

Appointed to the Ontario provincial court (family division) in 1969, Steinberg became the youngest judge at the age of 31.

He is active on numerous committees concerned with family matters and troubled children and adolescents, is a former member of the Attorney General's Rules Committee of the Ontario Family Courts, served as a consultant to the Federal Law Reform Commission, Family Law Project, and is a past president of the Provincial Judges' Association of Ontario.

He lectures extensively, has conducted seminars on family law at McMaster University Medical School, and is the author of numerous publications, including an economics textbook and two volumes of *Family Law in the Family Courts*, published in 1981 and 1986.

Steinberg is also a former president of Beth Jacob Synagogue and of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation in Hamilton.

An award-winning amateur photographer, he has shown his work in local group and solo exhibitions and has just completed a two-year term as chair of the Dundas Valley School of Art.

Steinberg and his wife, Cecile, a senior psychometrist at the McMaster University Medical Centre and current co-chair of Hamilton UJA women's division, have two daughters and two grandchildren.

Tribute dinner chair will be William Morris.

Jewish community workers honored at UJA luncheon

TORONTO — The tables were turned recently when nearly 200 Jewish community workers received praise from the volunteers whom they like to honor.

The United Jewish Appeal's Community Division, chaired by Stuart Razin, sponsored a luncheon to recognize the $81,000 raised by Lipa Green Building employees.

"A luncheon like this has never been done before," said campaign associate Avrum Rosensweig. "It's been a long time coming and it reminded a lot of people about why they chose to work in the Jewish community."

The Lipa Green Building houses UJA, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and many of the agencies they support. The Lipa Green campaign was directed by Shari Springer.

Jewish Federation employees Debbie Parthenis (left) and Cindy Bogach share a laugh over lunch. [Stephen Epstein photo]

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Poli-sci course lets students learn about Israel, Canada

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two students spending their post-high school year studying in Israel will learn first-hand about the Canadian and Israeli political systems.

The Mizrachi of Canada Political Science Internship Program was inaugurated recently at a brunch at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill.

Those chosen will spend the summer with York North MP Maurizio Bevilacqua and Vaughan councillor Bernie Green.

They will have the opportunity to be on the floor of the House of Commons in Ottawa, to work in Bevilacqua's constituency office and to assist Green at Vaughan Council.

During their year in Israel, they will be taken under the wing of Zevulan Hammer, leader of Mafdal, the Religious Zionist Party.

They will sit in on sub-committee meetings, work in Hammer's office, act as aides on the Knesset floor, learn how to research current issues to help in debate and study past issues at the Archives of Religious Zionism.

At the brunch, St. Paul's MP Barry Campbell, one of only three Jewish federal members of Parliament, presented a plaque to Bevilacqua honoring him for taking part in the program, while Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson presented one to Green.

Bevilacqua praised the "commitment of Jews to build a better community, not just for themselves, but for the whole community."

Young people, he said, face challenging times, especially with fewer social and economic opportunities.

"The internship will allow them to learn in a practical way what they learn in political science books."

Green said he was looking forward to passing on his "experience and excitement" to the students.

"Perhaps they won't take the system for granted as so many of us do."

Guest speaker Eliyahu Kanovsky, professor of economics at Bar-Ilan University, slammed the often-stated belief that the success of the peace process is dependent on the prospect of economic prosperity for Arab countries.

Mizrachi executive director Rabbi Menachim Gopin (left) presents political internship awards to York North MP Maurizio Bevilacqua (second from left) and Vaughan Councillor Bernie Green (far right). Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson took part in the presentation.

He cited poor economic policies, massive corruption, gaping inequalities between rich and poor in the Arab world, the rise of Islamic fundamentalism and internecine conflicts between Arab states, as factors which will undermine any peace effort or treaties. None of these factors, he said, have any real relation to the situation with Israel.

Graduating high school seniors eligible

Israel, he said, must work in terms of long-term, step by step policies, as it has been doing with Jordan and to some extent with Syria.

Greetings were brought to the gathering of nearly 200 by Arieh Glustein, chairman of the board of the host congregation; Jack Kahn, national president of Mizrachi; Kurt Rothschild, chair of the World Zionist Movement; and Dror Zeigerman, consul general of Israel.

Rabbi Baruch Taub of BAYT gave a dvar Torah.

Rabbi Menachem Gopin, vice-president of Mizrachi of Canada, told *The CJN* that any high school senior who is graduating this June and is going to study at an insitute of higher learning in Israel is eligible to apply to the program.

They must submit an essay of at least 250 words, two recommendations from a rabbi, teacher, counsellor or school principal, an acceptance letter from an institute of higher learning in Israel, and a list of activities on behalf of the State of Israel.

Those chosen for the program receive a return ticket to Israel and an honorarium of $500, he added.

For more information, contact Mizrachi of Canada, 416-789-7576.

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By Carolyn Blackman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. March 30 is deadline for April 13 issue and April 6 is deadline for April 20 issue. I receive calls and sort mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, March 30

CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION

An education meeting, 8 p.m., North York Board of Education, 5050 Yonge St., Assembly Hall, features **Dr. O'Hara** and **Dr. Finberg** of Branson Hospital. All welcome, call 733-0266 for information.

Friday, March 31

INTERTALK

Secular Jewish Association presents Intertalk, 8-10 p.m., a support group for intercultural couples, facilitated by intermarriage counsellor **Eva Goldfinger**. Call 905-889-7450.

Saturday, April 1

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Beth Sholom Youth presents the annual family Monte Carlo Night featuring the wildest auction in town, 7:30 p.m., Beth Sholom Assembly Hall, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Children 12 and under, $6; adults $10. RSVP synagogue office, 783-6103.

BROTHERHOOD SHABBAT

Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. features **Steven Shulman**, associate director of community relations, Canadian Jewish Congress, at its Brotherhood Shabbat. Services commence 9 a.m., and special kiddush follows. For information call 635-0131.

JEWISH LEARNING EXCHANGE

Rabbi Mordechai Becher explores It's Deja Vu All Over Again: Past Lives, This Life and the Next Life, with singles 25-40, 9 p.m. Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd. Couvert $5. For information and reservations call 483-0883.

MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT

On the 40th anniversary of Beth Tzedec Congregation, Men's Club Shabbat will honor **Jack Orenstein** for his years of devoted service. Full course lunch, featuring guest speaker **Robert Kaplan**, will be served following services. Cost $10; for reservations call synagogue office, 781-3511.

EVENING AT THE MOVIES

Young members group, Beth Tzedec Synagogue is sponsoring an evening with film buff **Aldo Maggiorotti**, who will discuss Jewish Entertainers on the Silver Screen, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Admission $5 members, $8 non-members.

Sunday, April 2

KIDSPORT DAY

Associated Hebrew Schools Parents' Association presents Kidsport Day, 5-8 p.m., 6465 Erin Mills Parkway, Mississauga. Price $7 children; adults and children under 2 free. Kosher food available.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

Jewish Storytelling Arts is having its monthly gathering, 7:30 p.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. Open to all who wish to tell or listen to Jewish stories. Call 440-1330.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 9:30 a.m., 470 Glencairn Ave. W., features **Prof. Sarah Carlen**, York University, who will discuss Ashkenazim and Sefardim — Two Cultures, One Faith.

MUSICA BETH TIKVAH

Final concert of the series, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., features **Chazzan Efraim Sapir**; Yitzchak Argaman Quartet; pianist **Brahm Goldhamer**; and **Kathryn Moses**, solo flute. Tickets available at the synagogue, 221-3433.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Congregation Habonim presents **Lorne Honickman**, broadcast journalist, who will talk on The Media's Right to Report on the Law: Access or Excess, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glenpark Ave. (Bathurst and Glencairn). Breakfast and lecture, $6.

ADULT EDUCATION

Temple Sinai Sunday morning adult education program features **Simma Holt** speaking on behalf of **Carol Pollard** regarding her brother **Jonathan Pollard**. Breakfast, $2, follows 9:30 a.m. services. Admission free to 10 a.m. lecture.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

United Jewish People's Order and Morris Winchevsky Schools present **Teri Kay**, Jewish Family and Child Services, who will speak on Domestic Violence in the Jewish Community, 7:30 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave.

MISSION WITH A DIFFERENCE

Join Canadian Friends of Hebrew University at an information evening about Mission with a Difference '95 — A Charity Bike Ride Through History, 7:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, 20 Covington St. Itinerary has been designed for riders of all abilities. For information call **Merle Goldman**, 485-8000.

WHY THE JEWS?

Explore the hatred and admiration others have shown towards Jews throughout history at an informative program, 8 p.m., Anshei Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market. Admission $5. For information call 595-5723.

JEWS FOR JUDAISM

Temmy Latner Learning Exchange presents **Julius Ciss**, director, Toronto branch of Jews for Judaism and a former Jew for Jesus, 8:30 p.m., 446 Spadina Rd. Suite 203. Call 483-0883 for information.

Monday, April 3

PASSOVER COOKING

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood presents a demonstration with healthy alternatives to traditional dishes, featuring **Eta Brand**, 7:30 p.m., at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Admission $3.

JEWISH DIABETES MEETING

Rabbi Moshe Stern, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation and **Sharon Gottlieb** dietitian, will speak on How to Survive Passover with Diabetes, at the Jewish Diabetes chapter meeting, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. W. Members $1, non-members $2. For information call **Esther Schwartz**, 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt**, , 225-1989.

PRE-PASSOVER DEMONSTRATION

Beth Sholom Sisterhood presents **Susan Rothblott Cohen** demonstrating holiday flower arranging and **Barbara Grossman** who will make delicious Passover desserts, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. No charge, Passover food products for the food drive would be appreciated.

GIVE BACK TO THOSE WHO GAVE

Wally Reinstein, social worker at Baycrest Centre will give a talk on How to Care for the Elderly, 8 p.m., Aish Hatorah Thornhill, Promenade, Suite 303. Admission free.

Tuesday, April 4

HEART HEALTHY PESACH

Rose Reisman, Dr. Sherryn Levinoff Roth and **Sharon Zeiler** will give recipes for a healthier Pesach, information about substitutions and answers to questions, 7:45 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. Members $3, non-members $5. Sponsored by Adath Israel Sisterhood.

CARNAVAL D'HIVER

Students at United Synagogue Day School, Bayview campus participated in a day of activities à la française during the Carnaval d'hiver. Program included a donation of toys to JF&CS, crafts, songs and entertainment. Pictured are Jessica Spritzer (left) and Heather Goldberg.

Wednesday, April 5

SONGS OF YIDDISH POETS

Jenny Eisenstein acccompanied by **Yossi Abramovich** and **Mario Desotto** are featured at a concert of Yiddish music, 4 p.m., Hart House, 7 Hart House Circle, University of Toronto. Admission free. Sponsored by Jewish Studies Program and Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures, U of T.

SPRING INTO FASHION

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood is holding a fashion show at the synagogue, 100 Elder St., featuring fashions from Laura and Laura Petites. Boutiques open 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets, $18 patrons, $36 sponsors, $54 benefactors. Admission at the door $20. For tickets and information call 633-3838.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Meeting, Holy Blossom Temple, 8 p.m. features matzah plate for Passover, with instruction by **Haya Nativ**.

SEPARATED/DIVORCED PARENTS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers a workshop on dealing with life cycle events such as weddings, bar mitzvahs and holidays, 7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., 4th Floor. For information and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

OR CHAIM KOLLEL PROGRAM

This week's guest speaker is **Dr. Marty Lockshin**, professor of Judaic Studies, York University, 8 p.m.-9:45 p.m., 159 Almore Ave. Call 630-6772.

Thursday, April 6

BAYCREST SPRING SALE

Toys, jewelry, gift items and household products are among the hundreds of bargains at Baycrest Centre's spring sale, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., 3560 Bathurst St. The sale is a project of the Women's Auxiliary and supports Alzheimer's research at Baycrest's Rotman Researach Institute.

B'NAI BRITH-HALTON PEEL

Johnathan Richler, national vice-chair, war crimes committee, Institute for International Affairs, B'nai Brith Canada, will speak on Nazi War Criminals in Canada — An Update, 7:30 p.m., Peel Board of Education, Inglewood Room, 5650 Hurontario St., corner Matheson Blvd. W., Mississauga.

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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VALUES OF PASSOVER

Rabbi Noach Orlowek senior lecturer, Aish Hatorah, Jerusalem will share practical insights for transmitting the values of Passover to children, 8 p.m., Aish Hatorah Thornhill, Promenade Mall, Suite 303. Tickets $5 in advance, $7 at the door. To register call 636-7530.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

HEBREW LITERACY

Last chance to register for National Hebrew Literacy Day, April 23, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., when participants will learn to read Hebrew in 8 hours. Registration deadline is April 7. $47 cost includes kosher lunch and all materials. Project of Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning and ARZA Canada. Call 905-764-1-DAY.

THE PASSSOVER EXPERIENCE

Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd. Suite 203, presents seder workshops, Monday, April 3, 8:30 p.m., Thursday, April 6, 8:30 p.m., Monday, April 10, 8:30 p.m. No charge. Call 483-0883.

POSITIVE PARENTING GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers these groups: Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work, begins April 27; Single Parent Challenge, begins April 26; Looking Ahead, after separation and divorce, begins May 11. For information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

FOLKDANCE WORKSHOP

Israeli folkdance workshop with guest choreographer **Danny Uziel**, Bernard Betel Centre, Saturday, April 1, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Sunday April 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Fee per session $10, for all three sessions $25. Call 905-771-0363.

MITZVAH AT THE SEDER

The Community Integration Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Bathurst Jewish Centre are seeking Canadian families who would like to host recently arrived families from the former Soviet Union at one of their seders. Call 636-1880 ext 2651 or ext. 380.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

A community seder will be held Sunday, April 9, 4:45 p.m., North York Community Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge St. Nonmembers $15, students $7, children under 5, $4. Abbreviated version of the SJA Haggadah reflects the non-theistic and egalitarian philosophy of the Secular Humanistic Jewish movement. Reservations required. Call 463-8909.

GALA SPRING CONCERT

Holy Blossom Temple presents The Woman Cantor in Recital: New Voices in Jewish Liturgy, Sunday April 9, 8 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Soloists are cantors **Roslyn Barak** and **Faith Gurney**. For tickets call **Tryna Kane**, 789-3291.

INTO THE WOODS

Lev Zahav chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO presents **Stephen Sondheim's**, *Into the Woods*, Wednesday, May 10, St. Lawrence Centre. Tickets, $50, include reception and door prizes. Proceeds to Youth Aliyah, tax receipts available. Call 905-669-4284 or 667-9449.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays, 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv, 6:20 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. For information call **David**, 256-1600.

HEBREW ULPAN

Israel Youth Program Centre is offering an intermediate conversational ulpan for all ages, led by **Yael Lev**. Improve Hebrew conversational skills in a fun environment through discussions, music and news. Classes begin week of April 24, Bathurst Jewish Centre. Spaces limited, sign up now. Call 398-6931.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. is still taking reservations for Washington trip, April 30-May 4 including 14 kosher meals, cruise and health insurance. Payment in full must be made by March 30. For information on programs and trips call **Lena**, 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On April 3, Israeli movie in Hebrew *Across the Ocean* will be shown. Call 661-4689 for information.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club next Sunday dance with live band, April 9, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $4, non-members $5. Saturday dances, 7-10 p.m., members free, non-members $1. North York courses resume April 7. Group discussions Thursdays, 10 a.m. Concert in community centre, April 6, 7 p.m. Members $1, non-members $2. Call 395-7881.

Join **Young at Heart Seniors** on a trip to Washington, featuring Holocaust Memorial, May 28. Everything included including continental breakfast daily. Double, $519 Canadian. Call **Helen**, 635-6343.

Lunch and Learn in Retirement, Wednesday, April 5, 12 noon, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. features An Interlude with the Harp, with speaker **Jeannette Goldhar**. Fee for program $1. Bring own lunch. Coffee, tea and cookies provided. Call **Tryna Kane**, 789-3291.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2, for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 905-886-2625.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays, 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. Next meeting is March 31. For information and registration call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Association of Jewish Seniors is observing its 24th annual seder at Bernard Betel Centre, Saturday, April 15. Doors open 8 p.m., seder begins 8:45 p.m. Fee $18 per person. Tickets can be purchased at Bernard Betel Centre. Call **Goldie Liebman**, 635-2860.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band, Sunday, April 2, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

Calligraphy course with **Ernest Goldsmith** runs on Mondays for 8 weeks, 1-3 p.m. in the craft room. Non-members $8. There is a charge for materials.

Etrog, Israeli club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Programs include movies, lecture, concerts and dances.

Movie, Sunday, April 2, 2:30 p.m. is *Yentl*. Members free, non-members $1.

Wednesday afternoon social, April 5, 1:30 p.m. features singer **Margarita Maslov**. Members $3, non-members $4.

BAT MITZVAH DONATION

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO acknowledged a generous contribution made by Laura Waltman who donated all of her gifts to the Children's Rehabilitation Centre at the Assaf Harofeh Hospital in Israel on the occasion of her bat mitzvah. Shown from left are Fran Sonshine, president; Laura; and her mother, Gilda Waltman.

BIALIK NACHES

Three generations of the Lean family have been actively involved since the beginning of Bialik Hebrew Day School, a first for the 33-year-old school. From left are Anne Sokoloff Lean, who currently serves on the executive committee, her son Marvin, also on the executive and Marvin's daughter Kayla, now a student at Bialik. [Mollie Rothman photo]

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Bank of Israel cuts interest rates by 1.5 per cent

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — There was good news on the Israeli economic front last week when interest rates dropped by 1.5 per cent and inflation seemed to be dropping.

Fearing high interest rates would bring on a recession, the government approved additional budget and tax cuts the Bank of Israel had demanded in return for immediately shaving interest rates by 1.5 per cent.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange rose by more than six per cent after the measures were announced.

The cabinet adopted Finance Minister Avraham Shohat's proposal to reduce the annual budget and tax base by NIS 1.2 billion each, although it only translates to a tax cut of NIS 400 million and shrinks spending by NIS 900 million this year. (NIS 3 is approximately $1 US). Shohat's package included as part of the tax cuts the previously cancelled capital gains tax, which was estimated to bring in NIS 500 million in annual revenues.

The budget cut is actually lower than the figure announced because, as it will only take effect in April, it will cover nine months this year.

In return, Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel announced that the central bank would bring down interest rates to 14.8 per cent on its loans to commercial banks.

The move will lead to an immediate drop in the cost of bank overdrafts and loans, and will lower the interest banks pay customers on their deposits.

Since the beginning of the year, the Treasury and the business sector have demanded that the central bank lower interest rates, fearing high rates would slow down the economy and push it into recession.

After the announcement, Shohat said the main goal of the steps taken "is to assure economic growth of five per cent this year and to preserve present employment levels."

Meanwhile, February's consumer price index rose 0.2 per cent, as falling produce and clothing prices brought inflation down to Western levels. It was the second month in a row the index rose only 0.2 per cent.

"As long as fruit and vegetable and clothing prices together contribute -0.5 per cent to the index, we can say we have reached European inflation levels," said Capital Holdings' chief economist Jonathan Katz.

The Bank of Israel was quick to take credit for the moderate index. It is "an additional indication that the Bank of Israel's firm policy in its fight against inflation has borne fruit," it said in a statement.

But the bank made it clear the battle is not won

"A balanced policy must be pursued to achieve the government's inflation goal of eight to eleven per cent," it said.

Mideast prosperity examined

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Peace in the Middle East will not bring economic prosperity to the region, a leading Israeli economist said at a recent seminar.

Prof. Eliyahu Kanovsky, senior research associate at BESA Centre for Strategic Studies and professor of economics at Bar-Ilan University, said the peace process is irrelevant to economic growth in the Middle East; such growth can only take place, he said, if Arab countries overhaul their economies.

The nationalization of industry in such countries as Egypt and Syria is inefficient. They need to adopt more effective economic strategies, such as increased privatization of industry, to increase productivity, Kanovsky said.

Oil-rich countries like Saudi Arabia have never used their profits to develop economic infrastructures, nor did they invest their profits wisely, he said.

"If they had invested in the West, they would be collecting dividends, but there was military corruption and they built crazy buildings they didn't need. There was massive waste."

Kanovsky said Saudi Arabia could strengthen its economy by putting an end to massive corruption, cutting back on military spending, reducing subsidies, and encouraging university students to get jobs outside of the "bloated" civil service, even if they have to do manual labor.

Kanovsky said such policies were adopted by Israel and have increased the country's productivity — the economy is now growing at the rate of six to seven per cent a year. This growth was not tied to peace, he said, but to the reorganization of the Israeli economy.

"Israel pulled itself up by its bootstraps in 1985," he said. "There was a whole restructuring of the country. The restructuring was painful, subsidies (to industry) were abolished and there was high unemployment."

Proponents of peace say it will lead to the establishment of a Middle East free trade zone, but Kanovsky disagreed, saying such a trade zone would not materialize because the Arab countries fear economic domination by the more industrially developed Israel.

He said there is little incentive for Israel to develop the trade zone because Arab markets are economically small, in comparison to those in Western Europe.

Prof. Eliyahu Kanovsky

While peace may improve Israeli-Arab relations, Arabs do not want Israel to help them expand their economies, Kanovsky said. "They resent foreign intervention by any foreigner. This does not engender good will."

Kanovsky also discussed the rise of Islamic fundamentalism, linking it to the oil crash of the mid-'80s, when many Arab workers who had been employed during the oil boom lost their jobs.

He said those people who experienced a significant decline in their standard of living were very susceptible to fundamentalism.

Kanovsky predicted further growth in fundamentalism if Arab governments fail to adopt more viable economic policies.

Kanovsky's seminar was sponsored by the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada, BESA Centre for Strategic Studies, Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University and the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

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El Al sale should be delayed

JERUSALEM — The sale of El Al should be delayed until it has improved its profitability, so it will not be sold at bargain basement prices, Knesset economics committee chair Gideon Patt said last week.

El Al managing director Rafi Harlev retorted that the company would not survive unless it is sold. "The company has more or less used up whatever credit it can obtain or repay on the international market," Harlev said. However, he added, it desperately needs capital, because if it is still to be around in 20 years, it must double its fleet and replace half its existing planes — which means it must buy an average of 1½ planes a year.

Toys "R" Us interested in Israeli market

JERUSALEM — Representatives of retail giant Toys "R" Us will attend the Isra-Toy exhibition at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds this week.

The company intends to study the local toy market and make an initial order for the first Israeli branch, which is scheduled to open this summer. Businessman Leon Koffler of SuperPharm is the local licensee for Toys "R" Us.

Number of job seekers increases

JERUSALEM — The number of job seekers increased by 2.7 per cent in February over the previous month, the Israeli Labor and Social Affairs Ministry reported last week.

Some 104,800 people registered with the Employment Services' various offices last month, about the same number as in January. However, those numbers were adjusted to 101,800 and 99,200, respectively, because of seasonal factors. There was no change in the number of new immigrants seeking work, with new immigrants making up 7.2 per cent of the job seekers, or 6,438.

Business & Finance

Books and software reviewed

Book tells managers how to cut company costs

By JOSEPH SERGE
CJN Business Editor

TORONTO— Each week countless books and other business-related products pile on my desk. In an effort to clean up the clutter I thought I'd review some of them.

180+ Ways to Cut Business Costs by Reuben Sokol (CCH Canadian Limited) is an excellent book for business managers and professionals.

Even though, depending on whom you talk to, the recession appears to be over, cost management continues to be important for businesses of all sizes. Sokol lists the ways a company can save money..

For example, when printing remember rush jobs cost more. Always plan your printing needs in advance. Also, printing 10 per cent extra copies is cheaper in the longrun than reprinting the same 10 per cent later due to high set up costs.

The old proverb — penny wise and pound foolish — is true for business costs. For example, Sokol points out that cutting advertising costs when business is down only leads to a vicious cycle. "When advertising is cut 20 per cent in response to sluggish sales, sales soon fall another 20 per cent."

Sokol advises business manangers to be aware of fraudulent sales techniques. One technique is for a supplier to send expensive supplies like toner to the receptionist saying it was ordered and sending an invoice with proof of receipt to accounts payable.

"This scam takes advantage of the inherent bureaucracy in medium-size companies. Therefore set up an approved list of suppliers to prevent unauthorized shipments. Any shipment not on this list should be quickly returned."

Also discussing ways to cut costs on travel, purchases, rent and energy *180+ Ways* is a great book for business managers feeling the pinch of rising costs and lower revenues.

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If *your* boss doesn't read Sokol's book, you might find him or her cutting costs the easiest (though not necessarily the most productive) way: Downsizing.

If this is the case Frances Quittel's *Fire Power: Everything you need to know before and after you lose your job* (Ten Speed Press) might be for you.

Fire Power is a guide book which helps one go through all the steps involved in knowing you're getting fired to getting a job. The book is filled with case studies, charts, quotes, cartoons and at times is more of a work book than a text book.

When someone gets fired the first reaction is normally an emotional one: "They can't do this to me, I'll sue." Quittel advises against this. "This is usually not an effective exit strategy because: You have probably not been discriminated against or treated in the very specific ways that would form the basis of a successful lawsuit. (And) suing is extremely draining, time-consuming, and costly."

If you do think you have a case, Quittel advises on picking an attorney. Never pick one out of the phonebook, if possible get a referral, she says. She lists a chart showing how to determine how much to claim for damages in a lawsuit.

A chapter on interview tips is helpful in today's job market which Quittel says, "is a fiercely competitive one. There are simply fewer new openings to start out with and more people competing for each one."

Fire Power uses an example from Jewish history to explain how employer-employee negotiation is a key part of improving severance packages. Just as the interaction between Moses and Pharaoh is a highly ritualized "dance" with a limited number of steps and responses, understanding what goes on in negotiation and preparing for predictable responses can help improve your negotiating results.

One problem for Canadian readers is all the case studies and geographical references are American and may not have any bearing on Canadian laws and regulations.

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If you're like me and haven't filed your income tax return yet *CanTax T1 Tax Return Software* will make your job a lot easier.

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The 1994 version of T1 includes all Revenue Canada's Feb.22, 1994 budget changes plus all other changes introduced before Jan.15, 1995.

The user-friendly software allows you to file your income tax on a desktop screen. The user guide is easy to understand (almost easier than the instructions the government sends you), with diagrams on each screen to show you what your screen should look like.

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You can also do your spouse's return simultaneously and T1 automatically calculates all credits and deductions. If you want to do your own math, T1 has a built-in calculator you can call up to the screen.

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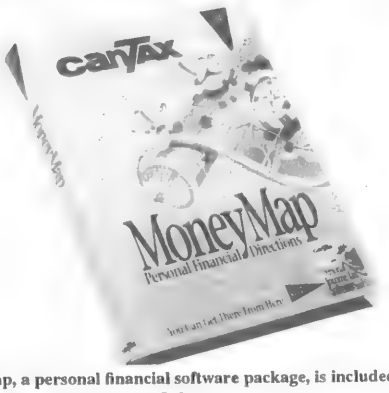

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Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN. This week the spotlight's on:

Redstone Pictures

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — It's no surprise that **Redstone Pictures** produces quality videos.

With qualified technicians, state-of-the-art equipment and conscientious staff, the results are bound to be exceptional. Redstone owner and operator Richard Saunders strives to maintain this quality in all videos — wedding, corporate or promotional.

The company, which began in affiliation with photographer Hudson Taylor in 1989, was formed in 1992. Redstone Pictures is especially known for its unobtrusively and tastefully done wedding videos. Saunders says each client can have "whatever effect your heart desires. [It can be] a window onto themselves."

He believes a video should reflect people's values, and so he meets with the client and shows off his equipment well before beginning. His is a personalized approach, with prices on a par with other videographers.

Redstone Pictures uses the new non-linear equipment, which works faster and allows for more control in editing. Totally digital, the system became available in March and Saunders bought the 23rd unit. In addition to standard video, Saunders can also output laser disks.

With the new technology, a shot can be enhanced by laying music underneath it, or adding the click of a camera. What may at first seem to be a boring photo session can appear romantic and touching when set up properly.

Redstone Pictures has produced corporate videos for Paul Slavens Real Estate, the Jerusalem Foundation and Finesse. Redstone Pictures has also donated its services to charitable causes, like this year's United Jewish Appeal campaign, for which Saunders and his team wrote, produced, shot and edited the launch videos. Saunders referred to the experience as "life affirming." Redstone Pictures has also worked on videos for the Reena Foundation, the Jewish Community Centre and Jewish Family & Child Services.

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From coast to coast

Allegations link Tobiass to civilian deaths

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Wiesenthal asked the Canadian embassy in Vienna to forward the letter "to the competent Canadian authorities."

Allegations against Tobiass and the three others named in Wiesenthal's letter were published in a Sept. 28, 1966 article by journalist Peter Lust in *The Canadian Jewish Chronicle*.

Tobiass, an 84-year-old widower, last week was informed that the immigration department is seeking to strip him of his Canadian citizenship and deport him for knowingly concealing his past.

Documents filed in Federal Court allege Tobiass had been a member of Arajs Kommando, a Latvian-led death squad, between 1941 and 1943, and had participated "in the execution of civilians during that time."

They also claim Tobiass was a member of the Waffen SS from 1943 to 1945.

Government lawyers will file more detailed charges against Tobiass, as well as a list of witnesses, on April 3, Roger White, a spokesman for the Immigration Department, told *The CJN*.

Jewish organizations hailed the new moves but were dismayed that it has taken the government 29 years to act against Tobiass.

The case "sounds like tokenism. I'm not sure we have much to celebrate," a disappointed Sol Littman, director of the Canadian Friends of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, told *The CJN* last week.

Littman said Wiesenthal's 1966 letter to the Canadian embassy in Austria was forwarded to officials in Ottawa, and the ambassador asked whether he should meet the Nazi hunter to obtain details on war criminals living in Canada.

"There was no response for some eight months. Finally, the ambassador was told to stay away from Wiesenthal because if they exchanged information, he [Wiesenthal] would expect something in return," said Littman, citing documents in the National Archives.

Littman added that when he asked federal officials why this latest round against suspected war criminals has begun with Tobiass, he was told it was because of the heinousness of the alleged crimes and the availability of witnesses.

According to Aaron Breitbart, a researcher at the Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles, about 75,000 Latvian Jews died at the hands of the Nazis.

Breitbart said an estimated 30,000 of those were murdered by the dreaded Arajs Kommando, a unit of about 400 Latvian volunteers with a documented record of particularly vicious killings of civilians during the Nazi occupation of Latvia.

Breitbart sent *The CJN* excerpts from *Political Refugees Unmasked*, a book printed by the Latvian State Publishing House in 1965, containing explosive allegations against Tobiass from supposed eyewitnesses.

Breitbart said just because the book was printed by a Communist regime does not necessarily mean it was anti-Nazi propaganda.

Congress president Irving Abella last week accused a "slothful" Ottawa of dragging its feet and showing "absolutely no will, no determination and no concern" for the Nazi war crimes dossier.

B'nai Brith Canada commended the government and said it looks forward to the other three cases.

Proceedings against Tobiass and the other suspects are "a travesty of justice," announced the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

"The token deportation of a handful of such criminals does nothing to correct [a] historical miscarriage of justice [in which] hundreds, perhaps as many as 2,000 [Nazi war criminals] will remain in Canada," association vice-chair Sabina Citron said in a statement.

Support for PLO talks shrinking, poll finds

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The government scored low on its handling of current problems.

Compared with 40 per cent who say it functioned "well" or "very well" last year, only 29 per cent give it high marks today, with the remainder describing its functioning as "poor."

The public's attitude toward terrorism has stiffened, the survey indicated, with 41 per cent saying negotiations with the PLO should be stopped because of terrorism.

On the other hand, 33 per cent believe terror would stop if the negotiations were successfully concluded.

Golan Heights concessions

Fully 50 per cent felt that negotiations with Hamas are not feasible; 15 per cent favor negotiations, and 35 per cent say they would support negotiations if Hamas renounced terrorism.

Some 75 per cent of respondents think a Palestinian state will be established in the coming years — twice the number who felt that way five years ago.

On the question of returning territories, some 50 per cent — the same as in previous surveys — said they oppose any territorial concessions on the Golan Heights. But 61 per cent predict the heights will be handed to Syria within 10 years.

Sixty-seven per cent said the security zone in Lebanon protects northern settlements, while 33 per cent feel it has cost too many lives and does not provide adequate security.

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Chometz: use it or lose it

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

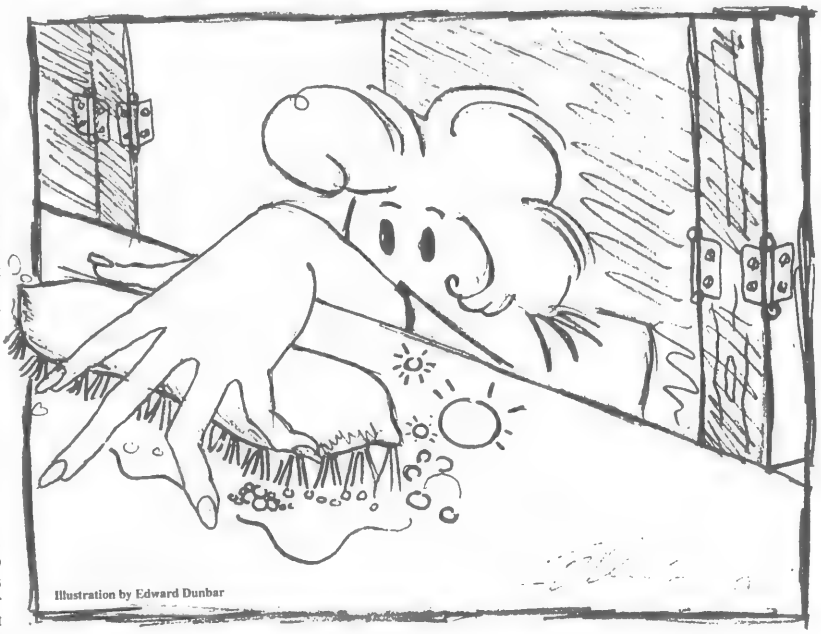
Purim is over and Passover is on its way. Let the cleaning games begin. We have opening ceremonies in our house, just like the beginning of the Olympics only ours is done with the flourishing of mops and pails and a dust buster, instead of the flags of many nations. My children then sing the annual ode to the yearly BIG cleaning of their closets: "But I just cleaned it last year, Mom." It's sung loudly and often and always with a smile.

Everyone helps. I get the kitchen and my husband gets the rest of the house. It's the only time of the year that my husband has an intimate relationship with our vacuum cleaner. He says he enjoys helping me; I think he just likes making all those patterns on the carpet.

My kids just LOVE pitching in and helping me get the kitchen ready (yes, I know, my nose is growing. Actually they love to help clean the pantry. They can always be counted on to find those leftover candies, cookies and crackers that must be eaten and eaten immediately, because throwing them out would be a waste and it's a sin to waste food. (Thousands of dollars for a religious education and this is what I get!)

My biggest task, at this point, is trying to figure out how to use up all those half boxes, bottles and containers of pasta, flour and condiments that I need to get rid of.

The following recipes will help use up the leftovers and clear out those shelves. Most are so simple you'll use them even when you don't need to get rid of chometz.



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CHEESE-MUSHROOM STRATA

4 eggs lightly beaten
1½ c. pareve chicken bouillon (follow directions on container to reconstitute bouillon)
½ c. sour cream
2 t. kosher Dijon mustard
4 c. bread, cubed
2 c. cheddar cheese
½ c. chopped mushrooms

In a large bowl, beat together eggs, bouillon, sour cream and mustard. Stir in bread cubes and mushrooms. Pour into greased two-quart baking dish (8x12) and let set at least 4 hours or overnight. Bake uncovered at 350 for 50 to 60 min. Let stand 5 min. before serving. Garnish with sliced tomatoes. Serves 6 to 8.

FAST AND EASY ALFREDO

1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, cubed
¾ c. grated kosher Parmesan cheese
½ c. margarine or butter
½ c. milk
8 oz. fettucini, cooked and drained

In a large saucepan, combine cream cheese, parmesan cheese, margarine and milk; stir over low heat until smooth. Add fettucini and toss. Serves 4.

CORN AND VEGETABLE MEDLEY

1 can cream corn
½ c. milk
2 c. broccoli florets
1 c. sliced carrots
1 c. cauliflowerets
½ c. cheddar cheese (optional)

In a saucepan combine cream corn and milk. Bring to a boil, stirring often and then add vegetables. Reduce heat, cover and cook over low heat about 20 min. or until vegetables are tender. Stir often. Stir in cheese. Heat through. Serves 6. (You can substitute frozen vegetables for the fresh. You just have to reduce the cooking time.) Garnish with leftover chow mein noodles.

TACO SNACK MIX

4 c. cereal (nothing small like rice crispies or grape nuts)
4 c. small pretzels
4 c. tortilla chips
1 pkg. taco seasoning mix, kosher
¼ c. margarine, melted

In a large bowl combine cereal, pretzels, tortilla chips, and taco seasoning. Drizzle with margarine and toss to coat well. To store, use air tight container. Makes 12 cups. This can be cut in half or doubled.

CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING

2 oz. unsweetened chocolate
2 c. milk
1 c. bread crumbs, solidly packed
2 eggs
¾ c. sugar
½ t. cinnamon

Place the milk and chocolate in a saucepan. Heat slowly, stirring often and constantly until the chocolate has melted. Remove from heat, stir in the bread crumbs and let sit one hour. Preheat oven to 350. In a medium bowl, beat eggs lightly, add the sugar and cinnamon. Stir in the bread mixture and then pour into a greased 6-cup baking dish. Bake pudding, uncovered in a hot water bath for about 1 hour or until set (like custard). Serve warm or cold, with whipped cream. Serves 4.

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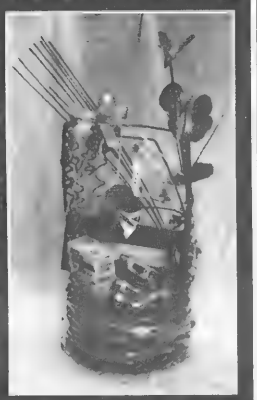

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Delectable kosher recipes from around the world

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

One of the fascinating parts of looking over Jewish cookbooks is finding out how communities all over the world adapt local cuisine, foods and techniques to kosher requirements.

The Kosher Gourmet; the 92nd Street Y Kosher Cooking School, edited by Batia Plotch and Patricia Cobe (Fawcett Columbine, 1992) describes itself, accurately, as "a tantalizing cornucopia of more than 200 delectable kosher recipes from around the world," as taught at the well-known cooking school at the 92nd Street YM-YWHA in New York City.

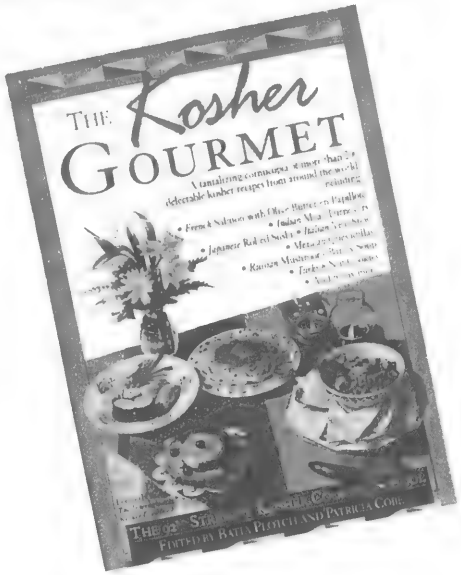
Each chapter is devoted to a particular ethnic area. Many cookbooks have recipes from Hungary, Russia and Morocco; it is exciting to see Japanese, Vietnamese, Caribbean and Thai.

So not only can you learn how to make chicken with forty cloves of garlic from France, Russian pirogen and Moroccan chicken couscous, but roasted onions from the Yucatan, Japanese stir-fried noodles and vegetables and spiced fish cakes from Burma.

Most of the ingredients are fairly easily accessible in Toronto kosher stores or supermarkets.

There are also suggested menus (don't we all hanker after an English afternoon tea, complete with potted fish, lemon curd, Irish soda bread and trifle?), holiday meals, extensive descriptions of local food customs and a chapter on kosher wine.

Here are a few sample recipes from the Passover suggestions.



PASSOVER MINA
(Serves 8)

¼ cup vegetable oil
1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
1 lb. ground beef
salt and pepper to taste
6 matzahs
¾ cup chopped parsley
3 to 4 green onions, chopped
6 to 7 eggs, well beaten
1 medium potato, cooked and mashed (opt)

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion; saute 5 to 10 min., until golden. Add ground beef. Saute 5 min. longer or until it loses its red color. Add ¾ cup water and salt and pepper. Reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer 10 min., or until beef is tender. Remove from heat and let cool.

Preheat oven to 400. Grease 13 x 9 in. baking dish.

Dip matzahs in water until wet but not soaked. Squeeze out excess water and break matzahs into pieces.

In large bowl, combine matzahs, beef mixture, parsley, green onions, 6 eggs and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well and transfer to prepared baking dish.

In small bowl, blend mashed potato with remaining egg. Spread evenly over meat mixture if desired. Bake 45 min. or until golden brown.

*Beef mixture can be cooked ahead of time and refrigerated until you are ready to prepare mina.

MATZAH PANCAKES IN HONEY SAUCE (CHREMSLACH)
(Makes 3 dozen pancakes)

1 cup matzah meal
½ cup chopped almonds
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. sugar
¼ tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. ginger
1 cup sweet Passover wine or water
4 eggs, beaten
vegetable oil for frying
12-oz. jar honey

In medium bowl, combine matzah meal, almonds, cinnamon, sugar, salt and ginger. Stir in wine or water and eggs until well blended. If mixture looks too thin, let stand about 10 min. to thicken.

Coat bottom of large skillet with about ¼ inch of oil. Place over medium-high heat and heat until hot. Drop batter by tablespoonfuls into hot oil to make pancakes about 1 inch in diameter. Fry pancakes a few at a time for 5 to 8 min., until brown on both sides, turning once. Drain on paper towels. Repeat with remaining batter until all is used up.

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Hungarian book misses the mark

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

There is a story about a European housekeeper briefly employed by a friend of the family. The woman's cooking skills were supposedly top-notch.

For dinner the first night, she boiled potatoes and served them without fanfare — two for the father, one for the mother and half a potato per child. That was all. She was on her way home by the end of the week.

Unfortunately, Linda F. Radke's collection of Hungarian-American family recipes, *That Hungarian's in my Kitchen* (Five Star Publications, 1994), has little more to recommend it by way of culinary accomplishment than the short-lived housekeeper.

The 125 recipes are poorly written, poorly organized and bear no resemblance to the delicious Hungarian-Jewish cooking I grew up on. Radke gives us plain boiled spuds when we want rakott krumpli, the richly scalloped potato dish made extra sinful with slices of hard-boiled egg tucked between layers.

At best the recipes in *That Hungarian's in my Kitchen* are unappetizing, at worst erroneous. The cookbook does nothing to champion gulyas, the Hungarian culinary treasure which in North America has become the sloppy stew known as "goulash."

"It seems sad that the very dish which has taken Hungary's name to the ends of the earth should be so misrepresented," laments Fred Macnicol, author of *Hungarian Cookery*.

True gulyas is a meal-in-a-bowl soup made from beef, peppers and potatoes, tangy with paprika and thick with egg dumplings. Radke's bland recipe is in the section on stews.

And what would Elek Magyar, the Hungarian Fannie Farmer, make of the cheese casserole with pineapple bits?

Radke tells us that some of the recipes in *That Hungarian's in my Kitchen* "started out Hungarian and became Americanized. Others started out American and were then touched by Hungarian hands." That would explain the recipes for chop suey, blondies and especially the vegetarian dishes, since Hungarian food is notoriously reliant on meat.

Try these recipes from the Hungarians in my kitchen instead. The scalloped potatoes or the gulyas stand on their own, needing only a green salad to make a complete meal.

JUDY LYSY'S RAKOTT KRUMPLI (SCALLOPED POTATOES)

(Serves 6)

6 medium Yukon Gold potatoes
3 hard boiled eggs, sliced
½ small onion, chopped fine
1 tsp. margarine
2 tbsp. light sour cream
paprika for garnish
salt and pepper to taste

Boil potatoes in their skins. When cool enough to handle, peel and cut crosswise into 1-inch slices.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease a deep ovenproof casserole with margarine and cover bottom with potato slices. Sprinkle with chopped onion and egg slices. Season with salt and pepper and dot with sour cream. Repeat layers with remaining ingredients, ending with potatoes. Dot with sour cream. Bake at 325 for 50 minutes uncovered. In last 15 minutes, sprinkle with paprika.

MARIA PATAKI'S GULYAS

(Serves 6-8)

1 tbsp. oil
1 large onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. Passover red pepper puree (optional)
1 banana pepper
1 tomato
1 lb. stewing beef, cut in ½ inch cubes
10 cups hot water
4 cubes beef stock concentrate
2 large Yukon Gold potatoes, cubed

In a 3-quart saucepan, fry onion in oil over low heat until golden, about 10 minutes. Add garlic and paprika, cooking just until paprika becomes fragrant. Do not let it burn. Add whole pepper, tomato, beef, water, pepper puree (if using) and stock concentrate. Bring to boil, cover and simmer 1 hour. In the last 15 minutes, add potatoes and cook through.

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Books amuse kids during holiday clean-up

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

In the midst of the chaos that surrounds Passover preparations, when the kids are clamoring for the attention you just haven't the time (or energy) to give, it's nice to have new books for them to read and enjoy — ones that show the meaning of the holiday artistically and in a fun way.

Such a book is Fran Manushkin's *The Matzah That Papa Brought Home* (Scholastic Press, 1995).

Using the repetitionary technique of *Chad Gadya*, the book begins with "This is the matzah that Papa brought home" with a picture of a home overflowing with shopping bags, moving to "this is the feast that Mama made with the matzah that Papa brought home" and concluding with the traditional end to the seder, hugging, opening the door and so on, back to the matzah that Papa brought home.

Stomachs growl, pictures are shoved askew during the frantic search for the afikomen, a young girl hesitantly opens the door for Elijah.

Although Ned Bittinger's pictures may appear dark and a little formal for the very young child, they are effective and realistic.

This is a lovely book, that will surely become a "traditional" Pesach activity.

Find *The Matzah That Papa Brought Home* at Jewish book stores.

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Onions add an *oomph* to most dishes

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

There are some misguided souls who don't like onions in cooking. To them, I can only offer my sympathy.

Onions add an oomph to food, an earthiness and a "comfort-feel" without which the table would be a poorer place.

This is not just mindless babble — it was brought to mind by a splendid new cookbook *Onions, Onions, Onions*, by Linda and Fred Griffith (Charles Publishing, 1994).

Besides dynamite recipes, the book is a wealth of onion information and lore. You can find out what those mysterious ingredients called scallions, shallots and Vidalias are, what songs about onions have been written (did you know that the Beatles recorded a *Glass Onion* on their *White Album?*) and what Craig Claiborne suggests to avoid tears when chopping onions. (Hold a small, clean damp cloth between the teeth, tightly as possible.)

The recipes tend to be fairly involved, and are definitely not for the cook wanting a hurry-up meal. But sometimes it's worth the effort.

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(Serves 4)

1½ lbs. colored ripe tomatoes (red, yellow, orange)
6-10 cherry tomatoes
¾ cup finely diced sweet or red onion
10 basil leaves, finely julienned
⅓ cup oil
freshly ground pepper
3 tbsp. red-wine vinegar, kosher for Passover
kosher salt

Coarsely dice all tomatoes but cherry tomatoes and place in a bowl. Slice cherry tomatoes and add to others. Add onion, basil, oil and pepper. Mix and let stand for 30 minutes.

Just before serving, add vinegar and season with pepper and salt to taste. Stir gently, and serve.

TOMATO AND ONION SALAD

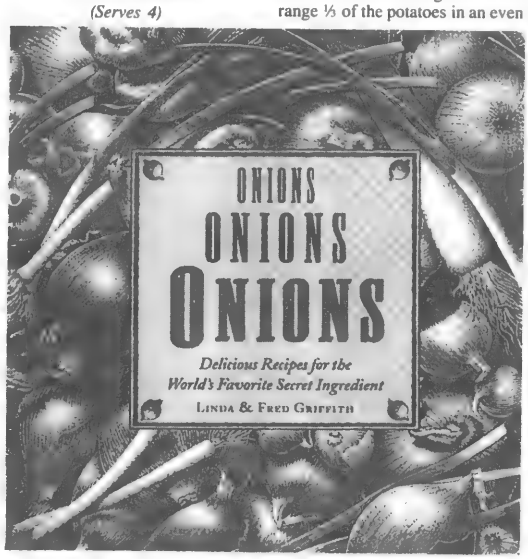
(Serves 6)

1 tbsp. butter or pareve margarine
5 large russet potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
1 large white onion, thinly sliced
kosher salt and pepper
5-6 tbsp. oil
1 cup boiling water or chicken stock

Preheat oven to 325. Butter a 10-inch round baking dish. Arrange ⅓ of the potatoes in an even layer, cover with ⅓ of the onions, sprinkle with salt and pepper and drizzle with about 1½ tbsp. oil. Repeat 2 more times.

Add enough boiling water or stock to reach about ¾ of the way up the sides of the dish. Drizzle top with remaining oil; sprinkle with more salt and pepper.

Place the baking dish in the oven and bake for 1¼ hours, adding more hot water or stock at the edges if potatoes look too dry, until potatoes are very tender and top is browned.



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New Haggadah uses cartoon characters

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Every Pesach brings new editions of the Haggadah, and this year sees one of the best.

The Doodle Haggadah puts Israeli artist Reudor's charming cartoon charactors in the middle of Pesach cleaning, listening to a grandfather reading commentaries, in the middle of the 10 plagues (I liked the little sister chortling at her big brother "So ... how d'you like being the oldest NOW, big shot?") and as an Israeli soldier reading a special Haggadah put together by Rabbi Shlomo Goren, former chief rabbi of the Israel Defence Force.

The pages are bordered in brightly colored abstract designs, and, together with the skillful use of color throughout and the clear type, make the whole book a thing of beauty.

Added to the traditional Pesach ritual are pages discussing happenings on other Passovers, customs of different Jewish communities and descriptions of Haggadot through the ages.

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Get (heart) smart

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

You know the routine: you go to the doctor and are told to shape up or else.

You read in virtually every magazine on the face of the earth that cholesterol, fat and refined sugars are bad for you.

Or your children take you aside and tell you sternly that you should not eat that succulent rib steak.

Are you stuck with cottage cheese and lettuce for the rest of your life? (Not, by the way, that there is anything wrong with cottage cheese and lettuce, but glamorous they aren't.)

Help is on the way. Get ahold of two great new cookbooks, Bonnie Stern's *Simply HeartSmart Cooking* (Random House, 1994) and *Rose Reisman Brings Home Light Pasta* (Macmillan Canada, 1994).

Both are full of tips for healthy eating, ways to make meals and individual recipes more wholesome as well as more healthy, and dynamite recipes.

As well, both are intented to benefit health organizations. Stern's is co-published by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, while sales of Reisman's book benefit the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF).

(For those who purchase her book from the CBCF, $10 will be donated to the organization. If it is purchased from a bookstore, 10 per cent of the purchase price will go to the foundation).

Neither book is kosher, but a majority of recipes in both books can be adapted with little effort. There is, for instance, (and will someone tell me why not?) no kosher rice vinegar available in Canada, but kosher wine or balsamic vinegar can be substituted.

Bonnie Stern tends to create elegant recipes, often with a fairly complicated set of instructions and ingredients. *Simply HeartSmart Cooking* is no different. Auntie Sadie sure never made sesame-crusted salmon on greens, or the dessert concoction of peaches, pineapple, plums and berries redolent with ginger, cardamom, coriander and rum, but don't let that put you off.

Recipes sound luscious and the liberal use of colour illustrations makes you want to dash into the kitchen pronto.

As in most "healthy" cookbooks, the emphasis is on fresh fruits and vegetables, pasta, fish and chicken, although there is some red meat as well — even a

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kitchen table

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Passover Made Easy combines traditional recipes with some newer low calorie, low fat, low cholesterol and vegetarian dishes.

"This edition shows you that traditional Passover recipes don't have to be laden with cholesterol," says Kaplan-Weingold.

The cookbook contains 340 recipes, and is enclosed in a washable vinyl three ring notebook. Recipes are appealingly presented and easy to prepare, with ingredients that are interesting but not so exotic that one would not ordinarily have them around the house during Pesach.

The sisterhood of this Conservative synagogue has also added sections dealing with Passover guidelines, and conversion and measurement charts for Passover ingredients.

The book is available for $15.95 (US). Postage and handling is $4 (US) for the first book and $2 (US) for each additional book. Payment will be accepted by cheque or money order made out to: Sisterhood of the Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford, CT 06117, Attn: Cookbook.

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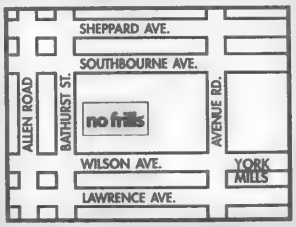

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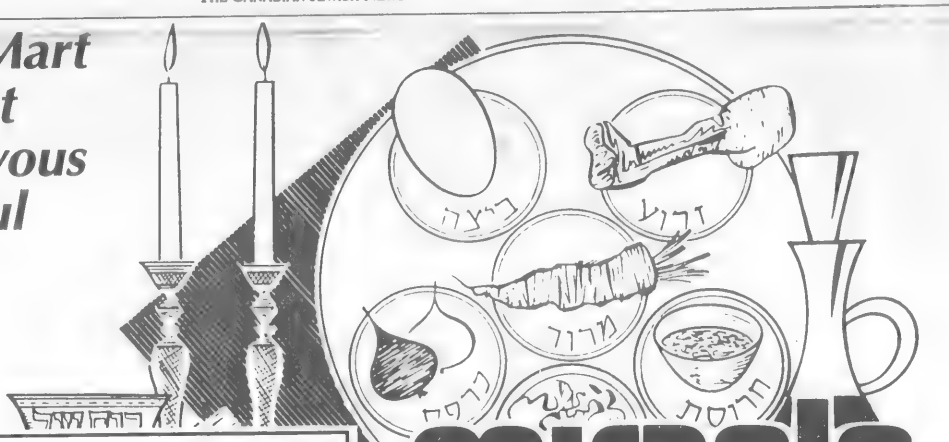

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By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Every so often a cookbook comes along that becomes somewhat of a classic; something everyone has (or claims they have), everyone talks about and that becomes the basis for future books and cooking styles.

Second Helpings springs easily to mind.

Now, *The Basic Shelf Cookbook* (City of York Health Unit, originally published 1987, revised and updated 1994) appears to be one of those books.

This cookbook is designed, say the organizers, for those on a tight budget, young people just starting out, the elderly living alone, people with little food storage space and limited facilities, and those unable to shop much.

The introduction begins with a list of foods that should be kept on hand — such basics as rice, pasta, canned soups, fruits and vegetables, meat alternatives, skim milk powder and seasonings.

Each recipe then begins with those few fresh ingredients (like cheese, eggs or bread) necessary to supplement the basic shelf.

Cost per serving is also given, as is nutritional information, calories and the percentage of calories from fat.

Recipes are fairly simple, but tasty, easy to prepare and low-cost.

While this is not a kosher cookbook, the majority of the recipes either are acceptable or can be adapted for the kosher home.

The Basic Shelf Cookbook can be ordered from Nutrition Promotion Program (Cookbook Orders), City of York Health Unit, 504 Oakwood Ave., City of York, M6E 2X1.

These sample recipes can be used on Pesach.

VEGETABLE FRITATTA
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2 eggs
1 tbsp. milk
1 tsp. Passover margarine
1 tbsp. chopped onion
1 tbsp. chopped green pepper
1 tbsp. chopped mushrooms
½ cup thinly sliced cooked potato
2 tbsp. grated Passover cheese

1. Mix eggs and milk in a small bowl.
2. Turn on stove to medium heat. Melt margarine in a small frypan. Add onion, green pepper and mushrooms anad cook until soft, about 5 to 7 min. Drain off any liquid.
3. Pour egg mixture over vegetables in frypan. Turn heat to low, cover and cook until eggs are cooked but still soft in the middle.
4. Arrange potato slices on top of eggs. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover and cook a few minutes longer until cheese is melted. Serve right away.

Recipes begin with necessary fresh ingredients

TUNA BROCCOLI BAKE
(Serves 4)
Cost: $1.20

1 large bunch broccoli, cut into bite-sized pieces
1 can mushroom soup
½ cup milk
1 can (6.5 oz.) tuna, drained, flaked
1 cup grated Passover cheese, divided

1. Turn on stove to high heat. Half fill a large pot with water and heat to boiling. Add broccoli and cook until crisp-tender, about 3 to 5 minutes. Drain.
2. Turn on oven to 350.
3. Lightly grease an 8x8x2 inch casserole dish. Arrange broccoli on bottom of dish.
4. Mix soup, milk, tuna and ½ cup of the cheese in a medium bowl. Spoon over broccoli.
5. Sprinkle remaining ½ cup cheese on top. Cover.
6. Bake casserole until hot and bubbly, about 20 to 30 minutes.

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California recipes use fresh fruits and vegetables

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

A colorful cover of sunshine yellow poppies, lush green lawn and a table set for an al fresco meal sets the tone of the delightful new cookbook of California recipes *Around Our Table — California Cooks Kosher* (Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles, 1994).

Not quite as exotic as some California cookbooks, it nevertheless uses effectively the fresh fruits and vegetables of the Pacific coast, persimmon, lime, hearts of palm, as well as the Mexican-influenced salsas, avocados and jalapeno pepper.

Many of the recipes are in accord with today's lighter lifestyle, grilled or barbecued, sauces with fruits and spices rather than fats.

Recipes are straightforward enough so that the cook is not frazzled before he or she begins, yet with enough challenge to keep up interest.

While there is not a particularly extensive selection of strictly Passover recipes, many of the regular selections can be used on this holiday.

PASSOVER CARROT TORTE
(Serves 10)

5 eggs, separated
1 cup sugar
1 cup raw carrots, grated
1½ cups ground almonds
½ cup potato starch
½ lemon, juice and grated rind
¼ tsp. cinnamon
1 tbsp. Passover liqueur (opt.)

Beat egg yolks with sugar until light and lemon colored. Add grated carrots, almonds, potato starch, lemon juice, rind and cinnamon. If desired, add 1 tbsp. liqueur.

Beat egg whites until stiff, fold into carrot mixture.

Grease 9-inch springform pan generously, pour mixture into pan and bake in 375 oven for 1 hour.

STIR-FRY BROCCOLI AND ASPARAGUS

(Serves 4)

2 tbsp. Passover oil
1 medium onion, thinly sliced
1 tbsp. shredded fresh ginger
3 cloves garlic, minced
3 cups broccoli, florets and trimmed stems
1 lb. asparagus, trimmed and cut in 2 inch pieces
2 tbsp. lemon juice
1½ tsp. sugar

In wok or large skillet, heat oil. Stir-fry onion, ginger, garlic and salt. Add broccoli and asparagus. Stir over high heat until well coated. Add lemon juice and sugar. Stir-fry 2 minutes longer, or until vegetables are crisp-tender.

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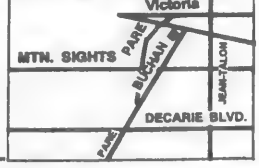

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Majestic Victoria hotel acquires a kosher kitchen

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

To most residents of very Anglo-Saxon Victoria, the word kosher once didn't mean much.

Stephanie Gilbert, a former Israeli who lives in Victoria with her husband Charles and family, has changed all that.

The staid old CP Empress Hotel, noted more for its afternoon teas and roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, now offers strictly kosher meals for large groups thanks to her. The latest kosher dinner there was the community's major social event, the Negev Dinner.

When the kosher kitchen was officially launched last October as a fundraiser for Congregation Emanu-El's building fund, the *Victoria Times-Colonist* newspaper ran a full page about the meaning of kosher and listed several recipes. It was a major occasion, attended by the lieutenant-governor, the mayor and other dignitaries.

So kosher is now in. Non-Jews who have attended kosher dinners think it's just great, and the higher profile is something Tourism Victoria couldn't buy for thousands of promotional dollars.

The kosher kitchen grew out of Hadassah-WIZO's Chocolate Sunday, of which Gilbert has been co-convenor and convenor for the past four years. In 1984, to get Chocolate Sunday off to an auspicious start, Gilbert organized a preview dinner at the Empress, featuring a menu with chocolate in every course.

"It was an incredibly wonderful evening," Gilbert told *The CJN*, "and it was great fun. But I noticed that many people chose a vegetarian dinner."

Stephanie Gilbert

She mentioned this to Marc Saunier, the hotel's food and beverage director. Saunier liked the idea of creating a kosher kitchen, something other CP hotels share. Rabbi A. Feigelstock, kashruth director of the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of British Columbia, and Rabbi Levy Teitelbaum of Vancouver were brought in to supervise the process.

Gilbert, who had grown up in an Orthodox home, helped explain to Saunier "when the rabbis talked too fast, or afterwards, I often had to explain what they really meant.

"But I learned a lot more of the 'whys' — which I hadn't known. I'd just done things my grandmother had done. I learned a lot from the rabbis so it was a great process for me."

It was an expensive proposition for the hotel, which decided to do meat dishes only with service for 320. That meant buying silverware, flatware, dishes, cooking untensils and all the other accoutrements up to Empress standards.

For the opening dinner, complete with matzah ball soup, everything worked well, said Gilbert, except someone forgot to order coolers for the wine.

As for Chocolate Sunday, a national Hadassah-WIZO project at which candy companies display and sell their wares, more than 7,000 attended the January event.

The Gilberts moved to Victoria in 1990 and Stephanie's first community effort was to cook the Passover seder for Congregation Emanu-El. She had been a cook at an Israeli army camp "so preparing the seder was no big deal."

Gilbert was born in England, brought up in Australia and made aliyah in 1961. Her first husband was killed in the Six Day War, leaving her with three children.

She was living in Tiberias when she met Charles, a major in the Canadian contingent of the United Nations patrol in the Golan Heights. When Charles was transferred back to Canada, they lived in Ottawa for five years and then came to Vancouver, Charles' hometown, and on to Victoria.

Gilbert keeps close ties with Israel. A son attends the Weizmann Institute and a daughter is at Hebrew University. Another son lives at home.

Gilbert has taught Hebrew at the synagogue school and is currently heading the synagogue's $1.5-million campaign to build a new school.

She loves Victoria and says "I found the niche that suits me ... and everybody."

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Roasted veggies help to liven up the seder table

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(Serves 6)

2 lbs. baking or sweet potatoes
1 tbsp. Passover oil
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 tbsp. chopped fresh rosemary, or
½ tsp. dried

Peel potatoes and cut into french-fry shapes. Soak in cold water for 30 min. if you want them extra crispy. Drain well and pat dry.

Toss potatoes with oil. Combine salt, pepper and rosemary and toss with potatoes.

Arrange potatoes in single layer on rack set over baking sheet. Bake in preheated 400 oven for 40 to 45 min, or until cooked and browned.

ROASTED ROOT VEGETABLES

(Serves 4 to 6)

1 lb. baking potatoes, scrubbed
1 lb. sweet potatoes, peeled
1 large carrot, peeled or scrubbed
1 parsnip, peeled
¼ lb. rutabaga, peeled
1½ tbsp. Passover oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
2 tbsp. chopped fresh rosemary, or
1 tsp. dried
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper

Cut vegetables into 1½-inch pieces. Place in cold water if they begin to discolor while you are preparing them. Drain vegetables well and pat dry.

Combine oil, garlic, rosemary, salt and pepper. Toss with vegetables.

Spread vegetables out in single layer on non-stick baking sheet or baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Bake in preheated 425 oven for 45 to 55 min., or until vegetables are browned and tender. Stir twice during cooking.

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tzimmes made with short ribs (flanken).

Stern also suggests stir-frying as a good way to cook, and many of her recipes feature that method of preparation.

The introduction is excellent, including the scientific basis for "heartsmart" eating, a discussion of heart disease in women, an explanation of the new Canadian Food Guide, and suggestions for creating a healthy diet.

There is even a chapter on preparing food with "eye appeal," the use of leftovers, and menus ranging from one for a teen party, a Passover seder (roast turkey breast with rosemary and garlic is a great change from the usual heavy meal), a romantic dinner for two, and, alas, even a World Series meal.

An extra and very much appreciated bonus is a statement of each recipe's Canadian Diabetes Association Food Choice Values.

Reisman's latest book follows close on the heels of her very popular *Rose Reisman Brings Home Light Cooking*.

Even those of us not quite adventurous enough to make our own pasta will enjoy such delicacies as orange and pineapple chicken stir fry with linguine, double-bean chili over rotini, or fettuccine with Indian tomato sauce, where curry powder and coriander change an Italian staple into an exotic novelty.

A useful chapter on The Complete Pasta Pantry gives tips on what kinds of cheeses are best for pasta, herbs, oils and tomatoes.

Again, chicken, veal and fish are used extensively in Reisman's book, but there are many dairy suggestions and even some vegetarian.

Mind you, I would like to try her hoisin beef (substitute London broil or perhaps second filet for the sirloin steak called for), red peppers and snow peas over fettucine, which combines Italian and Chinese cooking in an interesting and inviting way.

THICK AND RICH TOMATO SAUCE

From Rose Reisman

(This is intended to be served over pasta. On Passover, enjoy it over spaghetti squash, farfel, meatloaf, broiled chicken breasts or even large baked potatoes.)

1 tbsp. Passover oil
2 tsp. crushed garlic
½ cup chopped onions
½ cup chopped green pepper
½ cup chopped carrots
28 oz. tin crushed tomatoes
¼ cup Passover red wine
2 tbsp. tomato paste
1 bay leaf
1 tsp. dried oregano
1 tsp. dried basil

In large non-stick saucepan, heat oil. Saute garlic, onions, green peppers and carrots until softened, approximately 10 minutes.

Add tomatoes, wine, tomato paste, bay leaf, oregano and basil. Cover and simmer for approximately 20 min., stirring occasionally. Discard bay leaf.

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The commandments of surviving a seder

To help this year's seder hosts survive the joys of hosting two dozen hungry guests in a three-room apartment, Jay Buchsbaum, vice-president of marketing for Royal Wine Corporation, offers the following suggestions:

Serve white wines instead of red wines. Wine is served throughout the seder ceremony, which can run from three to six hours in most homes. It is inevitable that wine will be spilt on the crowded table. White wine is easier to clean and less noticeable than red wine. Although many older Jews think of thick, sweet sacramental wines as traditional, there is no religious prohibition against using kosher white wine. White wines also tend to be more popular than red in America.

Set saucers next to each place setting. About 30 minutes into the seder ceremony each guest is required to dip a pinky into a cup of wine and spill a drop for each of the Ten Plagues, as they are communally recited. Individual saucers will provide guests with suggested targets, cutting down on unnecessary wine stains.

Create individual mini-seder plates. During the ceremony which proceeds the seder meal, guests are required to recite certain prayers and consume certain ceremonial foods. Often, at larger gatherings, the entire process breaks down several times as the food items are prepared and passed around to each guest. A better way is to place a bread and butter plate or salad plate at each setting and have the ceremonial food items pre-made and adorning the plates.

Cut down on traffic to the kitchen. The seder night runs quite long and quite late. There is no need to prolong it unnecessarily. If serving soup, leave space for a trivit on the table and bring out the soup in a toureen with a ladle. Serving from your seat at the table is much faster than running back and forth with two soup bowls at a time. Besides, it is considered to be bad form to scald one's guests.

Don't forget the kids. Sitting still for so many hours, on "best company behavior," no less, is a chore for young children. Try to make them feel part of the evening. One way is to fill their wine glasses with sparkling grape juice.

Food should look good

Soft and fluffy is good. Inevitably, everyone at the seder table feels the compulsion to comment to the host(ess) about the matzoh balls. "Oh, how soft they taste," is the approporiate comment, even if old fillings are being lost in the process. To ensure soft, fluffy matzoh balls, add some fresh seltzer or club soda to your matzoh ball mix just before forming the balls.

Anyone want another shred of turkey? Food should look as good as it tastes. Too often, a beautiful entree is ruined by clumsy carving. A rule of thumb: Before carving, always remove the meat from the roasting pan and let it sit for at least 30 minutes without any gravy or other liquids. This will allow the meat to firm up and produce thin, unbroken slices upon carving.

Cut down on the sodium. Kosher meats are soaked in salt to remove the blood. Remember to soak your meats in running water before you cook them. Many of your older guests are probably watching their blood pressure.

Be inclusive. Jews hail from the four corners of the Earth. Russian Jews have customs different from those from Spain or Syria. When inviting your guests, you might wish to learn what customs they have and allow them to each incorporate one such custom during the seder. Besides making them feel more welcome, it allows a sharing of knowledge for all concerned.

Buy lots of potato starch. Flour is a no-no during Passover. So are many other traditional thickeners and binders. And goodness knows we all eat far too many eggs that week. What to do? Buy lots of potato starch. It will save your gravies, soups, dumplings, etc., when all else fails.

Tasty vegetable dishes

Sometimes it feels like we overload on matzah, meat and eggs.

It is possible to have delicious vegetable dishes. Here are two, adapted from Foodland Ontario recipes.

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(Serves 4 to 6)

Aioli Sauce:

4 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tbsp. white wine vinegar, Passover
1 tbsp. Passover oil
1 tbsp. lemon juice
½ cup light mayonnaise
Salt and pepper to taste

Red Pepper Sauce:

⅓ cup roasted red pepper
1 garlic clove, crushed
½ tsp. dried basil
½ cup light sour cream
Salt and pepper

Aioli Sauce: In small bowl, whisk together garlic, vinegar, oil, lemon juice, mayonnaise, and salt and pepper to taste until well combined. Taste and adjust seasonings. Makes ½ cup (125 mL).

Red Pepper Sauce: In food processor or blender, combine red pepper, garlic, basil, sour cream, and salt and pepper to taste. Puree until smooth. Taste and adjust seasonings. Makes ½ cup.

Serve either sauce with asparagus.

GINGER CREAM PARSNIPS

(Serves 4)

4 medium parsnips, peeled and sliced
½ cup sour cream
¼ tsp. ginger
¼ tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper

In saucepan, cook parsnips in boiling salted water for 15 minutes or until tender-crisp. Drain and mash. Beat in sour cream, ginger, salt and pepper. Reheat gently.

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Germany to charge 25 with war crimes

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Acting on information culled from files of the former East German secret police, German authorities will charge some 25 people with Nazi war crimes, the World Jewish Congress (WJC) said Monday.

The charges will be initiated by the state prosecutor's office in the central German city of Ludwigsburg as the result of research into millions of documents on Nazi war criminals that had been held in the archives of the Stasi, the secret police in the former East Germany.

But because of the age and physical condition of the 25 people to be charged, it is unlikely that all will be brought before a German court, said WJC Executive Director Elan Steinberg.

"We're not likely to see many charges brought before the courts soon," Steinberg said.

In the past, German officials have delayed prosecutions of suspected Nazi war criminals because of their failing health.

The office handling such prosecutions is understaffed and underfinanced by the German government, Steinberg said. He noted that only one person has been assigned the task of combing through the millions of documents in the Stasi archives.

According to the WJC, the documents indicated that 50 to 70 citizens from both sides of the formerly divided Germany had been blackmailed by the Stasi because of war crimes they committed a half-century ago.

Some historians have suggested the archives contained the names of some leading West German government officials and business leaders, and that some of them may have been blackmailed.

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Curtain comes down in 'Orthodox' bus

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — A commuter bus catering mainly to Orthodox Jews has agreed to remove a curtain separating men and women passengers as part of a settlement with a woman who refused to give up her seat so male passengers could pray.

The settlement reached last week ended a lawsuit against the Monsey Trails bus company brought by Sima Rabinovicz after a December 1993 incident.

Male passengers had asked Rabinovicz to give up her seat in the women's section so the men could have more room to recite the afternoon prayers.

Rabinovicz, who is not Orthodox, refused. She charged that the bus driver and several passengers harassed her. The men ended up praying in the street.

Rabinovicz sued the bus company on the basis of sex discrimination. The company, which operates the Manhattan-Rockland County route, is chassidic-owned but government subsidized.

Anyone can ride the bus but passengers are almost exclusively chassidic Jews who live in Monsey, N.Y., and the surrounding area.

The settlement reached earlier this month stipulates that the bus company can no longer provide the curtain or anything on which to hang a curtain, like hooks. Passengers will also be allowed to sit wherever they choose.

But passengers will be allowed to provide their own curtains, as long as they do not interfere with other passengers or pose a safety problem.

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Ambassador designate champions trade

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Robbie Sabel, slated to become Israel's next ambassador to Canada, has spent much of the last 18 years negotiating peace with Israel's neighbors.

Now he hopes to strengthen those agreements by promoting investment in the Middle East.

"The key to peace is trade, trade and more trade," says Sabel, due to take up his new post in Ottawa in June, pending Canadian approval of his credentials. Sabel will replace Yitzhak Shelef, who has been ambassador since 1990.

An expert in international law, Sabel, 54, was a member of the Israeli delegations that negotiated the peace treaty with Egypt, the terms of the Sinai Multinational Observer Force in 1981 and the Taba arbitration with Egypt.

More recently, he was a legal advisor and delegate to the Washington peace talks, serving on the Palestinian-Jordanian track from 1992 to 1994. He was not involved in forging the Oslo agreement which, he admits, "came as a surprise."

Sabel is convinced that war is a thing of the past in the Middle East. "We have moved out of the era of military conflict. That change is irreversible," he asserts. "That doesn't mean we're going to see an Israeli ambassador in Damascus next month. But it does mean that no Arab leader now thinks in terms of war ... The whole Arab world has moved towards relations with Israel."

Change is irreversible

Sabel is quick to qualify this. He says Israel's immediate neighbors have ruled out the option of war. Iran and Iraq have not. "They constitute a threat to the existence of Israel," he says.

Robbie Sabel

But Sabel says he is optimistic by nature, and can see an agreement with Syria in the future.

What role could Canadian forces play in maintaining that peace? Strictly an observer role on the Golan Heights, similar to that of the multinational force stationed in Sinai, says Sabel.

"The point of such a force is to act as a trip wire, alerting the world to violations by one side or the other ... The alternative is to have Israeli observers on the Syrian side and Syrian observers on the Israeli side — something both countries are unlikely to agree to."

But Sabel believes Canada can make the greatest contribution towards Middle East peace in the economic realm.

"We have to help develop the economies of the Palestinians and of Jordan and Egypt, in order to transform this region into the prosperous area it once was. The key to this is private investment," says Sabel.

"The free trade agreement between Canada and Israel will be a key element in encouraging private enterprise," he says.

Sabel downplays the importance of Canada's embargo on arms trade with Israel. The policy — now under review — has been sharply criticized by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"The embargo should be dropped," says Sabel. "But it is a minor issue. The majority of trade between Canada and Israel will not be in the defence industries."

On the granting of refugee status by Canada to Israeli citizens, Sabel says, "We have no problem with Canada granting Canadian nationality to any Israeli who wants to live there. But I don't think this should be done on the grounds of political refugee status. Israel is an open, vibrant democracy."

Profile of Robbie Sabel

Robbie Sabel was born in Herts, England, and says he was a Zionist from an early age, having made aliyah at 7.

His British-born father came to Israel in 1948 to fight in the War of Independence as a MAHAL foreign volunteer.

"He liked the country so much, he decided to stay and brought us here," says Sabel, whose impeccable English reflects his British roots.

He studied law at the Hebrew University and was the director of the international law division of the Foreign Ministry until 1981. He was a member of the United Nations General Assembly legal committee and has represented Israel on various other international bodies.

As legal adviser to the Foreign Ministry from 1986-1993, he served under four Foreign Ministers: Yitzhak Shamir, Moshe Arens, David Levy and Shimon Peres.

He has spent the last year writing a book on international law to be published by Cambridge University Press.

Sabel describes himself as an avid outdoors enthusiast, who used to like to "drag" his two children on hikes into the Judean desert "to look for fresh water springs and archeological ruins."

However, he and his wife Ruth, a social worker, are not quite as enthusiastic about some of the outdoor activities that Canada has to offer. "My only experience with skiing was in Geneva where I took a beginners' lesson that ended abruptly when I crashed into the ski hut at the bottom of the novice hill," Sabel recalls.

"I am ashamed to admit it, but I have never been to Ottawa," says the ambassador-designate, although he has visited Montreal several times.

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U.S. senators favor Jerusalem embassy

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — A record 93 U.S. senators have urged the Clinton administration to move the United States Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

In a letter to Secretary of State Warren Christopher last week, the senators called on the U.S. government to move its embassy no later than May 1999, when Israel and the PLO are scheduled to complete their final-status talks.

Resolutions to move the embassy to Jerusalem and recognize a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel have been discussed before.

But in the wake of the Israeli-PLO self-rule accord signed in September 1993, the issue has sparked concern that an immediate transfer would threaten the peace process.

Circulated by senators Alfonse D'Amato and Daniel Moynihan, last week's letter seeks to head off other members of Congress who are advocating an immediate move.

Moynihan and D'Amato hope to avoid a political confrontation with the PLO.

But Sen. Jon Kyl is considering introducing legislation that would force the State Department to move the embassy to eastern Jerusalem before Oct. 1 of this year.

As for the record number of senators supporting the initiative, Moynihan said, "U.S. senators do not often agree, but 93 agree that an undivided Jerusalem is the capital of the State of Israel."

A similar letter in the House of Representatives, circulated by Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), has 84 signatures.

The Clinton administration may already agree with the sentiments in the letters. In October, the United States bought a plot of land in western Jerusalem for future "diplomatic use," where a "very senior diplomat" would live, according to the State Department.

Several Jewish groups expressed support for the new Senate initiative, but others are endorsing the bill being considered by Kyl, requiring an immediate transfer of the embassy, though it is not yet clear whether the bill will be introduced.

Capitol Hill aides said support for the letter was so widespread mainly because it defers a move until after the PLO and Israel reach a final agreement.

Burg, Weizman differ on aliyah message

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — An ideological rift over the centrality of aliyah surfaced last week between Israeli President Ezer Weizman and Avraham Burg, acting chair of the Jewish Agency for Israel.

During a daylong visit to several Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization projects in Jerusalem, Weizman said the sole message to Diaspora Jewry must be "persistent, unequivocal and clear" — aliyah.

Burg, on the other hand, believes the emphasis must be on Jewish education, both in Israel and abroad, with aliyah becoming the voluntary result of that education.

Weizman stressed the need to encourage aliyah by stressing Israel's advancements in high-technology and industry.

Burg argued that Israel's strong army and developed industries are not enough to attract Jews living in prosperous countries.

Without the spiritual element, and without a strong Jewish-Zionist identity, the State of Israel will lose its uniqueness and become "a state of Hebrew-speaking gentiles," Burg said.

"We are approaching today the end of the catastrophic Zionist era, in which Jews escaped for their lives, and found refuge in Israel," he said.

"The central question of our lives must be how to combat assimilation that destroys half of our people. There are no simple answers to this question."

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March 20:

• Israel and Syria re-opened direct talks in Washington. President Assad said in Damascus that for peace with Israel to succeed, "it must be equitable and fair."

• At a news conference in Jerusalem, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told reporters that as a result of the peace framework, Israel has significantly expanded its foreign assistance and training programs with developing nations. Israel has initiated programs in Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, the Palestinian self-rule areas and in the Persian Gulf. Pakistan and Indonesia have sent individuals to Israel for training.

March 21:

• Hundreds of protesters demonstrated near the prime minister's residence in Jerusalem following funerals for the two Israelis killed in Sunday's terrorist attach in Hebron.

• The Foreign Minister of Madagascar, Jacques Sylla, visited Israel. Both Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres met with him. Madagascar renewed relations with Israel in 1994 after a break of twenty years.

March 22:

• *Yediot Aharanot* reported the Finance Ministry is working on a secret plan to reduce income tax rates. Reductions are planned in three stages The first is scheduled fro September 1995; the second for January 1996 and the third for January 1997. According to the newspaper, the top tax bracket will be brought down to between 46-48 percent.

March 23:

• The IDF announced it will change its inspections procedures of trucks entering Israel from Gaza. Every Palestinian truck will now be inspected. The change in policy follows Monday's thwarted suicide bombing attempt.

March 24:

• Israel and Jordan announced they will soon begin negotiations on establishing a free trade zone. They also agreed to sign a tourism agreement on April 4.

• The government and the Histadrut labor federation reached agreement to rescue pension funds which are in deficit more than $13 billion. The agreement maintains the benefits of long-time pensioners but will result in recent retirees losing 5-10 percent of their benefits.

A day in the life of a social worker

[Cont'd. from page 1]

Judith spends an hour getting to know him. She is impressed by his ability to articulate his feelings but is concerned about his depression and lack of motivation. After an hour, Mark agrees to another appointment with Judith.

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Judith shares her experience by taking part in an agency planning committee which was struck to create new services for single parent mothers and their children.

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Two more client interviews.

The first is with Mrs. W. and her daughter, Susan, 23. Susan has finally agreed to seek help to deal with her cocaine problem. With the support of her mother, she has come to find out about detoxification and drug treatment programs.

Judith reviews several options and makes inquiries as to availability. Mrs. W. and Susan agree to think things over and call Judith with their decision.

The next session is with Mr. and Mrs. L. and their children, ages 12 and 9. Mrs. L. has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer and the family is extremely worried. The children's school performance has deteriorated and the school has requested some support for the children. Further assessment shows a very stressed financial situation and an accumulated debt burden.

Judith focuses on providing information and support to the family as she helps sort out both the practical and the emotional problems. She refers Mr. L. to a professional financial counsellor and Mrs. L. to a self-help group, and she agrees to follow up on the children's progress at school.

Reducing conflict

3:00 p.m.

Judith goes to a Jewish day school to lead a teachers' workshop on managing classroom behavior. Teachers have requested material aimed at reducing conflict in the classroom and improving student-teacher and student-student relationships.

4:30 p.m.

Judith returns to the office, reviews her messages, responds to the urgent ones, scribbles down some case notes, opens her mail and prepares to leave.

Just as she is leaving, she is asked to help a single man of 25, who has nowhere to spend the night and no food to eat. Referrals to an emergency shelter and to Le Mercaz food bank solve the problem until the next morning, when a more complete evaluation will be done.

8:30 p.m.

Judith goes home, exhausted but feeling she has made a difference.

New Islamic group issues threat to Jews

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — An organization which apparently models itself on Algeria's Islamic Salvation Front made its debut in Gaza Saturday with a leaflet threatening "every Jew on the land of Palestine."

Signed by the Islamic Front for the Salvation of Palestine, the leaflet came as Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat committed himself to U.S. Vice-President Al Gore to crack down on "the enemies of peace."

Like its Algerian counterpart, the Gaza group declares war on "the influence of the West found in cinemas, alcohol, gambling and prostitution."

Hamas officials disclaimed any knowledge of the group.

Following his meeting with Gore in Jericho on Friday, Arafat told a joint press conference, "On our side we have taken and will take the means to deal with those who threaten the peace process. Among these measures are the creation of the state security courts."

Gore also alluded to the courts that Arafat established six weeks ago by saying he "welcomed the decision to prosecute terrorists."

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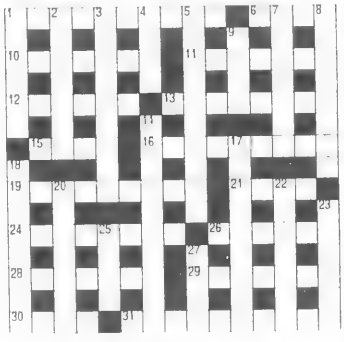

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1 Teetotalism
6 Consumer
10 Bill of lading is given to one
11 Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, wrote from her 1909 trip to Palestine: If not Zionism, then -
12 This prime minister made Moshe Dayan Minister of Defence
13 Jordan flows through this Lake
15 Harvest
16 Greek word for Ten Commandments
19 Israeli tank
21 Abdicate
24 Mendelssohn wrote the - Elijah
26 This Emir signed an agreement with Weizmann to encourage Jewish immigration
28 Unyielding
29 Israel paid this to the Assyrians
30 Haganah's intelligence apparatus
31 Deborah was one

DOWN

1 A soft - turneth away wrath
2 Snakes do this
3 Offhand
4 Lead the Jews from Babylon to Judea
5 Persuasive
7 There was a lot of this in Jerusalem in 1948 war
8 Roll
9 French: Be
14 Manage
17 Niche markets may well be this
18 Have always been held in high regard by the Jewish community
20 North American cataract
22 Polemic
23 The Protocols of the - of Zion
25 Type of Torah affirmed by the Pharisees
27 Abstain

Answers for March 23

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Arts

Famous novelist publishes new book

After 60 years, Henry Roth sets the story straight

By MARALINE KUBIK
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The author of the critically acclaimed novel, *Call it Sleep*, considered by some to be the greatest work of American Jewish fiction this century, has recently published his third novel.

Although most men his age are retired, Henry Roth, 89, is more interested in resuming the career he abandoned more than 60 years ago, a career he's been trying to reclaim ever since.

Roth published *Call It Sleep* in 1934 at age 28 then slipped into oblivion, plagued by insurmountable writer's block. *Call It Sleep*, Roth's fictionalized autobiography, however, retained a prominent position in literary and academic communities despite sluggish sales.

The book traces the path of David Schearl, an 8-year-old Jewish immigrant to New York City at the turn of the century.

In 1964, *Call It Sleep* was reissued by Penguin in paperback and became an immediate bestseller, focusing a literary spotlight on Roth, then eking out a living as a waterfowl farmer.

Last month, Roth celebrated the publication of *Mercy of a Rude Stream, Volume II: A Diving Rock on the Hudson*, the second novel in a planned series of six.

Although he'd abandoned his craft, Roth says the urge "to finish the Jewish ghetto kid's story" never left him. "It was there smoldering underneath like the fire that burns underneath the moss in a forest fire," he explains.

Henry Roth

While Roth admits *Call It Sleep* is interesting, he says it is inaccurate. "*Call It Sleep* was written by a precocious juvenile," he says disdainfully. "The young man who wrote it was full of lyricism instead of any kind of real reflection of the true conditions of the East Side."

The East Side, Roth explains, was a very friendly, protected, homogeneous community, not the brutal environment depicted in *Call It Sleep*. After recognizing the novel's inaccuracies, Roth says, he was compelled to set the story straight.

That is precisely what *Mercy of a Rude Stream* does. Ira Stigman, the protagonist, is a somewhat older and more realistic version of David. Unlike *Call It Sleep*, which unfolds from a child's perspective, *Mercy of a Rude Stream* is told in two voices: the aged Ira looking back and the aged writer somewhat regretfully reliving his trials as an artist.

With completion of *Mercy of a Rude Stream*, Roth says, "I've accomplished what I set out to do and that was to resume my role as a literary man."

That being the case, for what does Roth want to be most remembered? "That's easy," he retorts. "Just a decent guy, a mentsh.

"I spent most of my life trying to become a mentsh. I was very much dissatisfied with the person I had become. I had to become someone I could live with and that I was satisfied with. And that was tied up to starting to write again."

The first volume of *Mercy of a Rude Stream: A Star Shines Over Mt. Morris Park* was published by St. Martin's Press last January.

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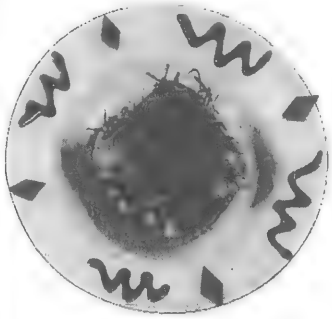

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Arts

Survivor's art created from haunting memories

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Aficionados of the art of the Holocaust won't want to miss a moving exhibit of sculpture by the renowned French artist Georges Jeanclos, a child survivor whose memories haunt him still.

The 22 terracotta pieces and one bronze now on display at the George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art are drawn from the artist's wartime memories.

As a 7-year-old in Nazi-occupied Vichy France, Jeanclos and his family were hidden by the Resistance in the southern French forests for a year. Although he and his family survived, Jeanclos has transfered his nightmarish fear of being pursued and the horrific discovery of the Holocaust's totality into his work.

The artist's choice of clay as his primary medium is propitious, for, as the accompanying text explains, "clay holds memories of every act upon it." This is an exhibit of memory.

Technique creates dynamic effect

There is a fragility about Jeanclos' work. Often, the clay is paper thin, seemingly ready to crumble. Jeanclos' technique involves literally throwing slabs of clay at an inclined surface, which stretches it and marks it with bits of grit, dust and a personality of its own. The effect is dramatic.

Couple dormeur (Sleeping Couple), is one of the sculptures on display until August 8, 1995.

The exhibit is divided into several sections. *Kaddish* was Jeanclos' response to his father's death in 1976 and his memorial to the 1.5 million children killed in the Shoah. Expressionless, bald-headed figures are all but hidden under a clay cloak. One has a tefillin on its head. Look carefully and the viewer will see Hebrew passages from Psalms and the Song of Songs incised into the surface, a result of the artist's rediscovery of his Jewish roots and interviews with Holocaust survivors several years earlier.

The *Sleepers* express the artist's need to escape. Half-hidden beneath tattered covers, the figures have withdrawn from the anguish around them.

The *Kamakura* series evoke the artist's new-found serenity. Zen-like monks are wrapped in large cloaks whose surfaces, we are told, resemble the perfectly-raked gardens of Kyoto, Japan.

Most other figures are swathed in tattered and shredded garments. Large cracks and crevices allow views inside heads and bodies, a reminder, perhaps, of the artist's painful introspection.

The show's centre-piece is *Mary and Joseph*, a statement that while the artist lives in a Catholic society, for him, at least, there are no barriers to spirituality.

The display continues to Aug. 8.

Books

By Bernard Baskin

A Historical Atlas Of The Jewish People edited by Eli Barnavi Random House of Canada

This is an elegant volume which contains 200 maps and close to 600 illustrations — all in color. Produced in Israel, it represents the combined efforts of a French publisher and more than 50 internationally renowned scholars. The editor is director of the Department of History of the University of Tel Aviv. It is much more than a book destined for the coffee table.

Each chapter or time segment — beginning with the migration of the biblical patriarchs and concluding with recent events in Israel — is presented as a double-page spread. Featured elements include a text that offers key insights into the specific period; a map (or combination of maps) that places events in a spatial context; a chronological table at the foot of every page that adds significant additional information; and carefully selected, unhackneyed illustrations.

The historical flow is interrupted from time to time by important thematic digressions: the flow of migrations, the art of the manuscript, the idea of monotheism, religious taboos and the legend of the wandering Jew.

What is special or noteworthy about Jewish history? What is the place of this small people in the destiny of humankind? Abba Eban has pointed to four aspects of this history that have supreme meaning.

First, there is the mystery of preservation. How did this people manage to preserve its identity in dispersion and exile, without a territorial base or political institutions?

Second, there is the mystery of accomplishment. Religion, philosophy, law, drama, science, social institutions, moral ideas — these have all been profoundly affected by the Jewish mind through history.

Third, there is the mystery of suffering, a litany of persecution and privation that defies all parallel — a vale of tears and destruction that has miraculously been surmounted.

And finally, there is the mystery of renewal, the ability to take a language, land and people separated by centuries and bring them back together again in a new birth of independent life.

The writing or recording of history is replete with pitfalls. An event, once it has happened, can be made to look inevitable by a smug historian. Nostalgia, it has been said, is a seductive liar. And a cynic has declared that after you have heard two different eyewitness accounts of the same automobile accident, you begin to wonder about the validity of history. Yet, there is no escape from the lessons of the past.

Where controversial issues from the lessons of the past steer a middle course between orthodox and liberal attitudes and beliefs. The compromise will not please everyone.

For instance, in the description of the ancient conquest of Canaan by the Israelites the text reads, "Archeological research has found no traces of any sudden violent destruction of the major Canaanite towns. Jericho, for example, was clearly not destroyed in the times of Joshua. On the other hand, excavations reveal that many small settlements began emerging on the outskirts of the existing Canaanite towns, not in place of them. Dwelling structures and pottery typical of semi-nomadic people indicate a long process of colonization rather than a short war of total conquest."

In discussing the problem of secularism and religion in modern Israel, the text makes clear that despite the importance of religion, there must be a radical separation of religion and state. The present situation is a "source of religious, moral and civil corruption."

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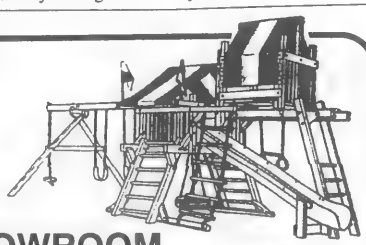

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Arts

CITY TV to air documentary

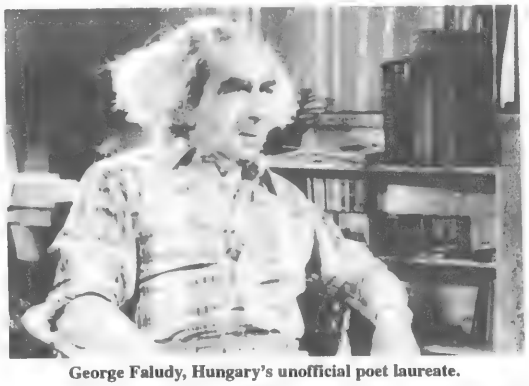
As a poet, George Faludy spent his days 'in hell'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

If you want to be a poet, a Hungarian aphorism goes, you have to go through hell.

And that's exactly the rite of passage George Faludy had to take to become Hungary's greatest living poet.

Faludy, a Jew who lost his sister in the Holocaust, is the subject of David Harel's glowing documentary, *My Happy Days in Hell*, which will be broadcast on City TV on April 7 at 8 p.m.



George Faludy, Hungary's unofficial poet laureate.

Faludy, who is Hungary's unofficial poet laureate, absorbed tremendous physical and spiritual punishment in pursuit of his art.

Exiled by Hungary's pro-German government in 1938, Faludy settled in Paris, surviving on his mother's food parcels.

One step ahead of the invading German army, Faludy fled to Casablanca, Morocco, which, Harel claims, "fit him like a glove."

Invited to the United States by President Franklin Roosevelt at the behest of 80 American intellectuals, Faludy found refuge in New York City. During World War II, he joined the U.S. armed forces. After the hostilities ended, he returned to Hungary.

A committed Social Democrat, Faludy resisted the advances of the new Communist government. Accused of being a "fascist," a "U.S. agent" and a "rootless cosmopolitan" (a Stalinist buzzword for a Jew), Faludy was imprisoned by the authorities.

Banished to a forced labor camp in Recsk, Faludy was put to work in a quarry. He toiled 16 hours a day, seven days a week, subsisting on a starvation diet. It was a "virtual death sentence," says Harel, a Toronto film-maker who obviously admires Faludy's fortitude.

Despite the conditions, Faludy never stopped composing poetry. By all accounts, he enchanted his fellow prisoners with his mellifluous verse.

In the wake of Josef Stalin's death, Faludy was freed. He immigrated to London via Vienna. Following his beloved wife's untimely death, he went to Toronto, where he was unable to find a job. He then accepted a teaching job at Columbia University in New York.

Returning to Toronto, Faludy continued to write poetry. Harel does not tell us how he earned a living during this period.

Faludy has been living in Budapest for the past few years, acclaimed as a national hero. Earlier this year, he was awarded the Kossuth Prize, Hungary's most prestigious literary award. And his books are in high demand.

Harel tells his story through interviews, archival film footage, poetry readings and staged episodes.

It is a fulsome portrait of a remarkable and resilient man.

Larry King to help with fundraiser

LOS ANGELES — A 90-minute international satellite broadcast on the plight of Jews in Russia will kick off a $50-million (US) fundraising campaign for the Jerusalem Fund of Aish HaTorah.

The April 2 broadcast, hosted by CNN's Larry King, is expected to raise $1 million (US).

In Toronto, the program will be seen by invitation only in private homes, or publicly at 7 p.m. in Hillel House, 604 Spadina Ave.

For more information, call 416-636-7350.

Eye on Arts

By Bill Gladstone

Toronto Jewish Film Festival: Coming up quickly is the third annual Toronto Jewish Film Festival, slated for May 4 to 11 at the newly spruced up Bloor Cinema (Bloor at Bathurst in Toronto). This week-long celebration of international Jewish film has received instant acceptance as a community tradition since it began in 1993.

Festival director Debra Plotkin, whose sister is director of San Francisco's long-established Jewish film festival, comes by her Yiddishkeit naturally: her father is a reform rabbi, her mother the director of a Jewish museum in Phoenix, Ariz. Plotkin came to Toronto in 1992 to be founding director of the festival, which brought some 7,500 patrons into the Bloor Street Cinema over a five-day period in the first year alone.

To choose the films for this year, Plotkin, festival producer Helen Zukerman and York University film professor John Stuart Katz screened more than 100 works. As Plotkin told me during last year's festival, "The tie that binds all the films together is that somehow they express the diversity of the Jewish experience."

Zukerman heads the charitable Zukerman Foundation, which provided seed capital to spark the festival's first season. "We chose the Bloor Street venue because we wanted to take the Jews out of North York," she explains. "We wanted the festival to be for everybody, and if it was in North York, we thought it would be viewed by the rest of the city as for Jews only.

Zukerman says "there's no other event that brings together the Jews from all over the city. You look out at the audience and you see Bay Street Jews sitting next to the kids with the rings in their noses, and everybody's watching the same film. I've never been at a Jewish event where there's been such a diversity of Jews sitting there. That's the most pleasing thing to me about the festival."

The festival program should be ready by the first week of April. The opening film is *Mina Tannenbaum*, a French film about two women who meet regularly on a bench in Montmartre; they laugh, gossip, squabble and survive. The film-maker will be in attendance.

Others films include the documentaries *Hidden Children* and *Yaakov Ben Dov: Father of the Hebrew Film*, as well as several Canadian premieres (*Meet Me In Miami Beach, Fiddler on the Hoof, Complaints of A Dutiful Daughter*). To receive a program phone 416-324-8226, fax 416-324-8668, or write to 33 Prince Arthur Ave., Second Floor, Toronto Ont. M5R 1B2.

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Yiddish Exhibition: Yiddish Panorama: 1,000 Years of Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture is the name of the exhibition being prepared for display at the University of Toronto's Robarts Library, 130 St. George St., from April 3 to May 31.

To mark the opening of the exhibition, Yiddish author Chava Rosenfarb will lecture on Confessions of A Yiddish Writer. She appears in Room 205, Faculty of Information Studies, 140 St. George, on Sunday April 9 at 8 p.m.

Yiddish Panorama is a joint presentation of the University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program and the University of Toronto Library. For hours, phone 416-978-8450.

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Performing Arts at Koffler: Young people aged eight to 14 are invited to be challenged and enriched through participation in Arts Plus '95, a summer program at the Koffler Centre of the Arts, Bathurst Jewish Centre, that focuses on dance, music and visual arts. The first four-week session runs July 4 to 27, the second runs July 31 to August 24.

For further details and registration information, phone the dance office at 416-636-1880, ext. 359, or the visual arts office at 416-636-1245.

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In Brief: The Willowdale Group of Artists holds its annual Spring Art Show from April 9 to 22 at the North York YMCA, Bayview and Sheppard. The official opening is April 9 at 4 p.m.

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Centre of Jewish Art preserves disappearing heritage

World Zionist Press Service

In the Ukrainian shtetl of Zholkiev, the last Jewish resident is unwilling to leave because "someone has to look after the synagogue."

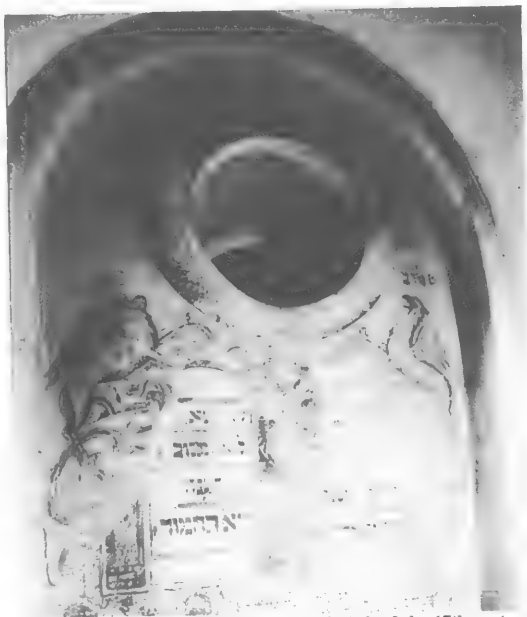
In Grodno, Belarus, a city which before World War II had a Jewish population of 25,000, only five pre-war residents remain to recall the splendor of the 40 synagogues and numerous Jewish community institutions.

In Uzbekistan, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Moldavia, hundreds of years of Jewish history are drawing to a close as whole villages and communities leave for Israel.

The Centre of Jewish Art at Jerusalem' Hebrew University, established by art historian Prof. Bezalel Narkiss, has been preserving Jewish visual heritage for 15 years through the documentation of ritual objects, synagogue architecture, Hebrew illuminated manuscripts and ancient and modern Jewish art.

The only institution of its kind in the world, the centre's work is carried out by history graduate students.

Jewish art in communities at risk of disappearing are top priorities. Since 1990, the centre has gone to Poland, the Czech Republic, Ukraine, Lithuania, Belarus, Russia and Uzbekistan. This summer, expeditions are planned to the Caucasus Mountain region, Moldavia, Ukraine and Poland.



This 19th century painting on the Torah Ark of the 17th century Sandomierz synagogue in Poland was discovered in 1991.

"At present, the political situation is extremely uncertain in the Caucasus region and Moldavia," said Dr. Aliza Cohen-Mushlin, director of the centre and editor of its annual magazine *Jewish Art*. "There are wars going on and we hope to be able to carry out these expeditions. By next year I am afraid there won't be much left to document."

Information is entered into the Jerusalem Index of Jewish Art, where it is accessible to students, scholars, curators and collectors around the world.

"[It is] a non-invasive form of documentation," Cohen-Mushlin says. "We photograph, draw, describe and measure artifacts. We are not a museum and we do not collect, transfer or remove artifacts. But we do pass on information to others to help preserve what we have found."

On a 1992 expedition to Lithuania, researchers discovered six wooden shtetl synagogues. Cohen-Mushlin said it had been believed that no wooden synagogues survived World War II. The synagogues, in poor condition but never vandalized, are now warehouses and cinemas.

Such finds result from the close cooperation between the centre and the Jewish University in St. Petersburg. University members serve as the centre's eyes and ears and help arrange the expeditions to the former Soviet Union.

The amount of Jewish art remaining in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union is staggering. In the Jewish Museum in Prague alone, there are at least 32,000 artifacts. The items were gathered by the Nazis from 132 different communities in Bohemia and Moravia, with the intention of creating "a museum of the inferior race," according to Yarona Pinhas, a master's student in art history who researched in Prague.

"We worked in the same offices the Nazis used. The artifacts were meticulously numbered and catalogued. Our aim was to concentrate on the metal ritual objects. We knew we couldn't document the entire collection so we tried to select artifacts which would create a microcosm of ritual items for home and synagogue."

First kosher hotel set to open soon in Budapest

By HARRIET LIEBMANN
Special to The CJN

BUDAPEST — The city's first kosher hotel is set to open this Passover in the heart of Budapest's Jewish district.

The 100-room glatt kosher King's Hotel is housed in an impeccably restored baroque building on Nagydiofa Street.

The hotel is a short walk from the great Dohany Synagogue and the Kazincy Synagogue, the Hungarian Jewish Congress, historic Goldmark Hall, the Jewish Museum, and the rabbinical seminary.

When toured in February, the hotel, owned by Ziggy and Miriam Rosenwasser, was virtually ready to open. Twin state-of-the-art kitchens and twin walk-in freezers sparkled, awaiting the two mashgichim to be brought in from Israel, along with many kosher food products unavailable in Hungary today.

The Thermal Hotel on Margaret Island offers guests kosher meals brought in from the Hanna Restaurant on Wesselenyi street.

The King's Hotel is the first independent kosher hotel in Budapest. Twin dining rooms can accommodate several hundred guests, and a private patio is available for wedding celebrations.

The hotel features western amenities like computerized reception desk, safe deposit boxes, leather sofas and posturepedic beds.

Each room is different. Fifth floor rooms boast skylights and exposed beams. All room have full modern bathrooms (either tub or stall shower), and cable TV with CNN. The twin beds (there are a few double) can be augmented with cots for children. Suites will also be available.

So far, no advertising has been necessary; word has spread through Budapest's kosher butcher and the Jewish grapevine. A block of 50 rooms has been permanently reserved by an Israeli travel agency.

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Israel is the biggest smallest country , IGTO rep says

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Staff members of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto traveled across Canada this month to promote Israel to thousands of travel agents from Montreal to Vancouver.

The tour kicked off at Toronto's Park Plaza Hotel, and included stops at the Delta Hotel in Montreal, the Delta Hotel in Winnipeg, the Palliser Hotel in Calgary, the Delta Edmonton Centre and the Hotel Vancouver in Vancouver.

Each event featured a trade show and dinner, followed by talks by director Ruth Ben-Tzur and Eitan Lev, an experienced Israeli tour guide and advisor to Israel's Ministry of Tourism.

Israel, Lev pointed out, "is the biggest smallest country in the world," offering maximum diversity within a small space.

Jerusalem to Tel Aviv on foot?

"People ask me how far is it between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and I answer, 'Walking or driving?' There are greater distances commuting within the city of Toronto," he said.

Like Ben-Tzur, Lev exhorted his listeners to get to know Israel at least as well as their customers do, and to become aggressive in learning about Israel and marketing it to the Canadian public. "Be daring," he said. "If you see a program that is not quite right for your group, ask the tour operators to accommodate your client."

Lev joked that most tourists in Israel are always tired because their travel agents misinformed them they were going on a "vacation."

"Most group tours get up at 6 a.m. and they're on the bus by 7 a.m.," he noted. "This is a vacation? The Israel army does not work as hard."

Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Algonquin's many campgrounds attract 750,000 people annually.

Algonquin Park, An Appreciation: Immortalized in the canvases of Tom Thomson and other Group of Seven painters, Algonquin Park is one of the most famous wildernesses in Canada. Since it was established in 1893, this vast landscape of primeval forests and crystal lakes, teeming with wildlife, has represented something romantic and spiritual in the national imagination.

Algonquin's many campgrounds, trails and canoe routes have attracted roughly 750,000 visitors annually in recent years. While some penetrate no deeper than the semi-developed corridor surrounding Highway 60, others trek or paddle far into the interior to commune with nature for weeks at a time.

In its early years, before highways and rail links were established, Algonquin was practically inaccessible to all but the most inveterate naturalists. "This vast, solitary, aromatic wilderness is as yet almost as little known as if it were in Labrador or on the Hudson Bay slope," observed Thomas Gibson around 1900.

Not until Joseph Adams' *Ten Thousand Miles Through Canada* appeared in 1912 did the trip to Algonquin Park become fashionable. Subsequently, several lodges were built. These rustic outposts survived until the 1950s, as did the tradition of dressing in formal attire for dinner in the middle of the wilderness.

The automobile boom of the 1920s, and the completion of Highway 60 in the 1930s, really put Algonquin on the map. Along this ribbon of asphalt lie eight campgrounds, various lodges, trails, picnic areas, the logging museum and a visitor centre. Chances are good of encountering wildlife, even along this built-up section. Motorists are warned to beware of moose along the highway, especially in May and June.

Several decades ago, wildlife biologists at Algonquin discovered that wolves howl in response to imitative howls from humans. In recent years, Algonquin's wolf-howling program, held once a week at dusk, has become a popular summer ritual. Other important research has made Algonquin a pre-eminent spot for wildlife studies.

Five major rivers flow from Algonquin's Precambrian landscape of rocky ridges, mixed forests and tufted undergrowth. The terrain is a consequence of recent glaciation over ancient bedrock.

Perhaps the park's most breathtaking geological vista is the 100-metre deep Barron Canyon on the east side. Another interesting geological feature is the Brent Crater, a giant basin believed to have been formed by the impact of a meteorite some 450 million years ago.

Ironically, Algonquin has come to symbolize the essence of the Canadian outdoors, even though only a few stands of original growth forest remain within its bounds. Today, logging is carried out inconspicuously within Algonquin, away from natural shorelines and most visitors, and under the watchful eye of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Logged relentlessly from the 1830s onward, the park was established after a strong public outcry in the 1880s. People were fearful that if they didn't act quickly, there would be no forest or wildlife left. In spirit, the conservationist movement that led to Algonquin's preservation is similar to the fervor that arose across Canada when the Spanish trawler was caught earlier this month overfishing along Newfoundland's Grand Banks.

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Jewish City Guide of Switzerland: The photograph shows a contemplative Theodor Herzl looking over the Rhine during the First Zionist Congress in 1897. The balcony he stood on was at the oldest inn in Switzerland, the Three Kings Hotel (Hotel Drei Konige Am Rhein Basel). The hotel is still operating and serves kosher meals on request.

This information comes from the *Jewish City Guide of Switzerland*, a handy pocket-sized reference for travellers. It is available at no charge from the Swiss National Tourist Office, 926 The East Mall, Etobicoke, Ont. M9B 6K1. Telephone: 416-695-2090.

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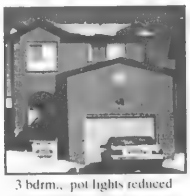

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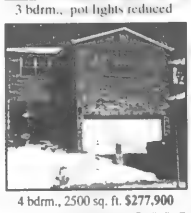

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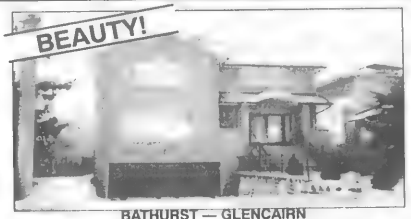

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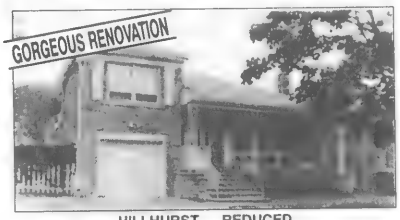

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285 SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arshawsky, Mark and Marnina are pleased to announce the birth of Theodore Joshua who made his grand entrance on March 7, 1995, at 8:26 a.m., 8 lbs, 7.5 oz. Thrilled grandparents David and Rachel Arshawsky and Esther and the late Theofil Bittner welcome their first grandchild. Excited uncles Bruce and Jack and auntie O welcome him to the family.

330 OBITUARIES

Simmons, Lionel Marco. Passed peacefully away on Friday, March 17, 1995 in Glasgow, Scotland. Beloved husband of Clara. Devoted father of Sheila and Philip Simmons, Errol, Monte and Hilary, Alfred and Katie. Loving grandfather and great-grandfather. Will always be loved and remembered.

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Carl Pasternak on February 28, 1995, late of 1 Canyon Avenue #701
Gertrude Engelberg on March 1, 1995, late of 109 Quail Valley Crescent
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Minnie Neugebauer on March 2, 1995, late of 246 Wilmington Avenue
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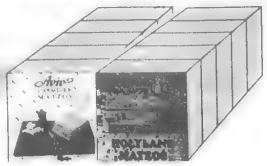

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Ottawa fails to name suspect

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration last week missed a self-imposed deadline when it failed to name a second person facing loss of citizenship for his wartime activities.

Immigration spokesperson Roger White confirmed the ministry did not file the legal document setting out the case for denaturalization, as it said it would.

"I'm not sure what the delay is," he said.

White said the ministry would "possibly" file two names sometime this week.

Jewish community representatives said they were not surprised at the missed deadline, given the government's many delays in bringing war criminals to justice.

Civilian executions

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, drew an ominous conclusion from the failure to name names. "It is reminiscent of the (U.S.) Office of Special Investigations where individuals said, 'Don't drag my name through the courts, I'll leave,'" he said.

Littman offered another possible explanation, speculating that law enforcement authorities may be unable to locate the individual.

White declined to comment on Littman's speculations.

Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella said missing the deadline reflects "the type of lethargy that has symbolized the department and the government for the past 50 years." He said there continues to be "a reluctance, indolence and a lack of fire in the belly to get the job done."

Earlier, Immigration authorities revealed that Erichs Tobiass, 84, who faces loss of citizenship

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DEATH AMONG THE RUINS

Palestinian security forces check an apartment building after a homemade bomb exploded, killing up to nine people and wounding another 30 in Gaza. The apartment was used as a munitions factory by Hamas. Among the dead was one of the terrorist leaders most wanted by Israel. Please see story on page 45. *[RNS photo]*

Berger appointment unconfirmed

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Foreign Affairs refused to confirm, but did not deny, a report by CBC *Prime Time News* last Thursday that David Berger was about to be named the next ambassador to Israel.

But it did produce so many refusals to speculate that press reports last weekend said the government may have floated Berger's name as a trial balloon to gauge reaction before deciding to name him.

"It's mere speculation," Rodney Moore of the department's Middle East media desk, told *The CJN*, adding there would be no announcement "today or in the foreseeable future."

A spokesperson from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said the office "does not comment on speculation."

Berger, who was a Liberal MP for 15 years and is now an advisor on small business financing in the PMO, was not taking media calls late last week.

But he also reportedly called the CBC report speculation.

Rumors that Berger might be named the next ambassador to Israel have been circulating since last December, when he gave up his seat in the riding of St. Henri-Westmount to make room for Lucienne Robillard, a strong francophone federalist, in a byelection.

Norman Spector, the current Canadian ambassador to Israel, was appointed by former prime minister Brian Mulroney.

EARLY DEADLINES

As a result of the upcoming statutory and Passover holidays the offices of *The CJN* will be closed Apr. 14 and 21.

The deadline for organization and classified ads for the Apr. 20 and 27 issues will be Tuesday, April 11 and 18 at noon respectively.

For retail display ads, the respective deadlines will be Wed. Apr. 12 and 19 at noon.

Scheininger nominated

TORONTO — Former Canadian Jewish Congress national president Les Scheininger has won the Liberal nomination in the Ontario provincial riding of Willowdale.

In voting last Sunday, Scheininger defeated the only other candidate, Gino Matrundola, the riding's Liberal MPP from 1987 to 1990.

The seat is currently held by Tory Charles Harnick, also a well-known figure in the Jewish community.

Scheininger, 47, defeated Matrundola by nearly a 3-1 margin.

He was Congress president from 1989 to 1992 as well as a former chair of Congress Ontario region.

Harnick is the only Jewish member on the Conservative benches.

The race for the Liberal nod in Willowdale got off to an ugly start. Last year, the home of then-candidate Howard Shore was defaced with swastikas and messages telling him to quit the race.

Shore later dropped out to support Scheininger.

Ontario Premier Bob Rae has told MPPs to be ready for a snap election call at any moment.

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CANADA

CJC Expresses Concern

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress has expressed concern and disappointment in the wake of news that the Canadian Human Rights Commission has decided to close or downsize six regional offices across Canada.

CJC national president Irving Abella said his organization has worked closely with the commission, especially in the area of telephone hate lines, and said he hoped that reducing the commission's regional operations would not hinder its work on a national scale.

Shirley at Dinner

WINNIPEG — Popular television talk show host Shirley Solomon will host the annual Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliyah dinner here, scheduled for May 7.

HU Summer Courses

TORONTO — A new creative writing course honoring Jerusalem's upcoming 3,000th anniversary is among over 40 courses being offered this summer by the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Rothberg School for Overseas Students.

Summer sessions run from July 4 to 24 and from July 26 to August 17. Hebrew and Arabic language courses run from July 4 to August 17.

For information, contact Michael Litvack at Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, 416-485-8000 or 1-800-668-3956 (Ontario and Quebec only).

Lowy Named Rector

MONTREAL — Dr. Frederick H. Lowy last week was named rector and vice-chancellor of Concordia University for a five-year term.

Lowy becomes Concordia's first Jewish rector and only its third rector and vice-chancellor since the university was formed in 1974.

His term begins August 15.

Lowy is currently director of the University of Toronto's Centre for Bioethics and a former dean of U of T's faculty of medicine.

ISRAEL

Israelis Killed in Clash

JERUSALEM — An Israeli soldier, a police officer and a Palestinian truck driver were killed in a collision and shooting incident last Wednesday in the Gaza Strip, Israeli and Palestinian officials said.

Two other Israel Defence Force (IDF) soldiers were seriously wounded.

According to the Israelis, an IDF officer and a police officer were killed when a Palestinian truck driver veered into an Israeli army jeep.

Witnesses said the driver jumped out of the truck and began shooting. Israeli soldiers returned fire, killing the driver, Israeli officials said.

A spokesman for PLO leader Yasser Arafat said the collision was an accident and that the Israelis planted a weapon next to the dead driver.

Hunger Strike Ends

JERUSALEM — About 50 hunger strikers who were protesting Israel's peace talks with the PLO decided last week to end their six-week-old vigil, following appeals from leading rabbis and politicians.

The strikers vowed, however, to continue aggressive protest against the government.

Who Can Run?

JERUSALEM — Only Palestinians who recognize Israel's right to exist can run in self-rule elections, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres reportedly told the Knesset foreign affairs and defence committee last week.

Peres also reportedly said that all Palestinian candidates must oppose violence as well.

Observers say those conditions throw into doubt whether Hamas-affiliated candidates will be allowed to run in the elections.

Palestinian Map

JERUSALEM — Tel Aviv, Haifa and other Israeli cities are classified as "Jewish settlements" on a map put out last week by the East Jerusalem Arab Studies Institute.

The map of "Palestine" describes all Jewish cities inside the Green Line as "Jewish settlements."

Jerusalem is listed as the "capital of Palestine," and is represented only as the Old City.

The Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza brought the map to the public's attention.

Rabin in Germany

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin flew unexpectedly to Germany last week, prompting speculation that there were new developments in the case of missing Israeli airman Ron Arad.

But officials at the Prime Minister's Office denied the speculation, saying Rabin flew to Germany for talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl about the peace process and about Israel's ties with the European Union.

Soccer Match Tied

TEL AVIV — Israel and France played to a scoreless draw in their European Championship Group 1 qualifying soccer match last Wednesday night in Ramat Gan.

Israel remains unbeaten after victories over Poland and Azerbaijan and draws with Slovakia and Romania.

Clocks Forward

JERUSALEM — Daylight saving time began in Israel last Thursday, when clocks were moved forward one hour. Daylight saving time is to last until Sept. 3.

Bribes to Paraguay?

JERUSALEM — Hezbollah is bribing Paraguayan officials, in a bid to win the freedom of seven suspects being held in connection with the 1992 attack on the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires and the 1994 blast at the Argentinian Jewish community centre, Latin American-based intelligence sources allege in the latest issue of *U.S. News and World Report*.

The magazine says Argentina is seeking the immediate extradition of the seven — six Arab men and a Brazilian woman — arrested in the Paraguayan capital of Asuncion in January.

WORLD

Parole for Pollard?

NEW YORK — The powerful U.S.-based National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) last week called on the U.S. Parole Commission to parole convicted spy for Israel Jonathan Pollard.

Pollard, now serving a life sentence, will be eligible for parole in November. His hearing is scheduled for May.

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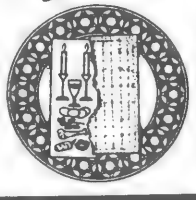

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UIA urged to find new ways to raise funds

'If you don't change, you won't survive'

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — United Israel Appeal of Canada (UIA) campaigners will have to seek fresh ways to push for dollars in an era when Israel is no longer viewed as under siege and campaigns have stayed "flat."

Delegates were told this at UIA-Canada's 's first national campaign leadership conference that included a parallel young leadership component.

"The message was that if you don't change, you won't survive — unless you revitalize yourself and start to approach it [campaigning] as a business," Eli Rubenstein, UIA Canada's director for young leadership development, told *The CJN*.

The era of handing out plaques and doing things the old way has to change, was the message invoked by U.S. marketing expert Laurence Smith at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

He held a packed, day-long marketing workshop called Developing and sustaining Thriving Campaigns in Light of Hard Truths and New Realities.

"This year, we are coming to grips with the need for change," UIA Canada executive vice-president Steve Ain told the delegates.

"It is hard to change. We do a lot of things very well."

But advancing the work of the UIA will mean "chipping away at what doesn't belong," he said.

One thing Ain said definitely did belong at the conference was the first-time participation of UIA's young leadership.

They comprised about 150 of the 220 total delegates — 50 each from Montreal and Toronto and the rest from Winnipeg, Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Ottawa, Halifax and Saskatoon.

Their participation in a parallel conference was seen as "historic" and they were widely praised by UIA leaders.

"This is the way such conferences should go," UIA president Dr. Gerald Halbert of Toronto told them at the conference's closing session.

Rubenstein said young leadership input was so successful that they will almost certainly be a regular part of future UIA conferences.

During the conference, young leaders (YL) passed a package of resolutions calling on Canadian federations to give their initiatives top priority and to make a YL conference a biannual event.

Young leaders also resolved to set up an official body to deal with its concerns; to participate in international, national and local YL missions set for 1995 through 1997; and to keep communications on-going with their counterparts across Canada.

Greg Masel, an organizer of the international Yachdav young leadership mission to Israel this summer, expected about 80 Canadian participants out of the world total of 500.

Renee Lieberman, the YL conference chair for Montreal who spent several years in New York, told her peers that she only began to appreciate Montreal and its Jewish community after getting involved with the local Combined Jewish Appeal campaign.

The other YL conference chairs were Marion Levin of Toronto and Lorne and Raichell Paperny of Calgary.

Canadian participants pose with guest speakers at UIA's first ever National Young Leadership Conference. Pictured from left: Joni Rosenthal, Toronto delegate; Jonathan Shacter, Montreal delegate; Alec Gelcer, Jewish storyteller; Danny Levine, vice-chair of Melitz Centres for Jewish Zionist Education, Jerusalem; Greg Masel, Young Leadership director, Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem; Louise Cohn, Toronto delegate. [Howard Kay photo]

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Film prompts call for prosecution of Zundel

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Canadian Jewish Congress official publicly challenged Ontario Attorney General Marion Boyd to charge Ernst Zundel under anti-hate laws following the television screening of a documentary on neo Nazis.

"We've provided her lots of evidence, it's shameful that the NDP government didn't go after hatemongers," Congress community relations director Bernie Farber said during a March 29 TVO phone-in following the film *Profession: Neonazi*.

"The fire in the belly [of the government] is lacking," he said.

The documentary *Profession: Neonazi* includes a long interview with Zundel in his Toronto bunker, details his importance in the international neo Nazi movement and follows his disciple, Ewald Althans, a young German, to Auschwitz and to meetings with his adherents in Germany.

During the phone-in, film director Winfried Bonegel said Althans is now in jail in Germany for making racist comments and faces another charge arising from his words in *Profession: Neonazi*.

Of the 15 callers in the hour-long show, only one, a man from Ottawa, took offence at Farber's remarks. "Are you trying to destroy them [the Nazis] because they destroyed you?" he asked.

Most callers agreed the film, which some have said only provides a platform for hatemongers, should be shown. A few were concerned about racist attitudes in their own communities. "I thought it would be peaceful in my rural area but there is creeping anti-immigrant and anti-French hate being expressed," said one.

Bonegel told TVO host Mary Hynes he walked away when Althans argued with a Jewish visitor to Auschwitz. "I stopped everything," he said. "I didn't want to finish. The crew convinced me to carry on. I never thought a human being could do what he did at Auschwitz. I was so shocked and I'm difficult to shock."

Farber said he is not against showing the film if it is put in context, as it was on the TVO program. Warren Kinsella, author of *Web of Hate* was also a panelist.

The film, presented at the International Festival of Films in Toronto, was reviewed in the Sept. 14, 1994 *CJN* by Sheldon Kirshner.

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Bloor JCC campaigners solicit $600,000 in pledges

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The official campaign kickoff is still some weeks away, but fundraisers at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre have already solicited more than $600,000 in pledges towards the centre's $5-million goal.

About 20 to 25 individuals and several Jewish organizations have pledged the money, said centre director Bill Emery. Fundraisers are still hoping to strike gold with a "big giver" who would pledge $2 million and have the centre, located at the southwest corner of Bloor and Spadina, named for him.

The centre's campaign, set to kickoff sometime in April, came after the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) was restructured into three distinct corporate entities.

As part of the plan, the Bank of Montreal will place a $3-million mortgage on the centre, its share of the JCC's $10-million bank debt.

The Bloor centre is hoping to raise an additional $1 million for capital improvements and $1 million for a capital fund.

Federation will contribute $250,000 per year for three years towards mortgage interest payments.

Operating surplus

Emery said the centre is expected to generate an operating surplus of about $100,000 for the year ending in August.

Bloor membership has stabilized at 3,500, its pre-1994 level, by attracting new and returning members with a special family and children membership that included free programming.

Meanwhile, plans have already been drawn up for renovation and upgrade of the facility. Emery said A new front desk is being built to provide better security and to free up the former front desk area for use as a meeting room.

Later projects will include an aerobics studio for 70, a new restaurant with lobby access, a glass atrium at the south end of the gymnasium for exerise equipment, roof repairs, and sanding and finishing the gym's long-neglected wood floor.

Emery said work on the aerobics studio should begin sometime in 1996.

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
COMMUNITY MARCH FOR ISRAEL
UPDATE

In Toronto, spring means getting reacquainted with hibernating neighbours, more sunshine and the disappearance of snow. At United Jewish Appeal, spring means March madness, as preparations speed up for UJA's most popular annual event - the Community March for Israel, May 28, Yom Yerushalayim.

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This week and next, the March volunteer team will be visiting school children and distributing kits with collection envelopes. And it's not just Jewish day schools that will be hosting March ambassadors. "We've written letters to several public schools seeking permission to talk to students and we've already received O.K'S from several high schools," says Jeff Cohen, who, along with Maura Cooperberg, is co-chairing the five kilometre trek. UJA reps will be telling kids just how much the March means for boys and girls their age in Israel. Proceeds will be directed to programs for children and teenagers who have recently made aliyah.

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Community March T-shirts have always been hotly sought items, and this year, like last, they're easy to win. Collect $60. Submit the funds by May 1, and the T-shirt is yours.

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Although it's a 9 hour drive from Israel's northernmost city of Metulla to Eilat in the deep south, Toronto marchers will be able to cover the distance on foot in just over an hour. From Metulla to Eilat is this year's theme, with the Promenade Shopping Centre starting point representing Metulla and the Bathurst Jewish Centre finish line symbolizing Eilat.

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Eilat is Israel's international resort with a year- round festival atmosphere, so it's no wonder UJA is planning the biggest festival yet to follow a Community March. "Bigger and better," is how co-chair Cooperberg describes it. "We're catering to everyone from little children to adult children and teenagers in-between." We'll keep you posted on this year's range of activities.

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Here's a final thought for this, the first of several Community March updates. The March is a moving tribute to Jewish unity. You can help by calling the **Community March Hotline at (416) 631-5734.**

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From coast to coast

New ways to fund Jewish schools urged

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Organized Jewish communities must find a new way of funding day schools because the cost is prohibitive for many Jewish families, a leading scholar in Jewish education has charged.

"There's no question that it's too expensive to be a Jew," said Prof. Walter Ackerman of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. "If you're sending more than one child to day school and camp you have to earn a lot of money to do that."

Ackerman was the scholar-in-residence for Leonard Wolinsky Lectures sponsored by York University's Centre for Jewish Education.

Ackerman said Jewish day education is seen as the most effective way of countering assimilation, which is why it has to be accessible to all Jews.

He said a greater percentage of Jewish children are enroled in Jewish elementary schools than in the '50s, but lower middle class families may have difficulties coming up with tuition fees.

Culture of consensus

Ackerman also spoke about the role of Federation, the communal arm of North American Jewry, in Jewish education in another lecture.

After 1988, he said, Federation became involved not only in funding but in the day-to-day operations of Jewish schools, with employees heading boards or bureaus of education.

"Not everybody thinks that's an unkind blessing because Federation is a culture of consensus and schools are entirely different," he said.

He said there has been a realignment of education priorities in light of the need to ensure continuity.

With congregational supplementary schools viewed as failures, there is more value placed on Jewish education beyond the classroom — camps, retreats and trips to Israel, he said. However, Jewish communal agencies need to define the goals of these programs, he said.

He said the correlation between trips to Israel and a declining intermarriage rate will be difficult to prove. "In 15 to 20 years from now the only thing we will be able to say is that a lot of money was spent."

Walter Ackerman

Israel pavilion to return in 1996

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prarie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — While Folklorama will be without an Israel pavilion for the first time this summer, signs bode well for the return of Shalom Square in 1996.

The Jewish community has sponsored a pavilion since the start of the popular summer folk arts festival 26 years ago. However, a lack of volunteers made it impossible to mount Shalom Square for this year (*CJN*, Feb. 16).

Now organizers are reporting a renewed surge of interest within the Jewish community.

"It is too late for this year, but we received a lot of calls, including from Palm Springs, offering to co-chair the pavilion," said Donald Aronovitch, president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

"We have scheduled a meeting for after Pesach to plan for 1996."

Longtime pavilion co-chair Sharon Bronstone said she is encouraged by the calls. "Maybe one or two people will now step forward and take this on," she said.

Bronstone and last year's co-chair Stuart Greenfield are planning to help at Folklorama this year, in other capacities.

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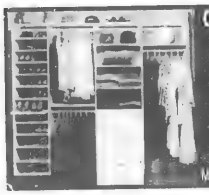

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Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

Online venom

Hate messages virtually untraceable

The bigots and hatemongers have discovered the information highway. Electronic super-hatred is the latest rage in Europe and North America.

Forget books and magazines. Too costly, too cumbersome, and too easy to get caught. With a modem and a keyboard, anyone can transmit hatred and bigotry to a potential audience of millions around the globe.

The Internet, the largest worldwide network, has become the distribution medium of choice for purveyors of hate literature.

Because Internet messages are not routed through a single location, but rather through a web of interconnected computer terminals, they are virtually untraceable.

The hatemongers can dump their venom, thousands of words at a time, entire books if they want, complete with pictures, into the network at several million entry points in universities, research institutes, businesses and private homes around the world.

More than 20 million people a day use the Internet. Messages cannot be erased.

One man in British Columbia, Ken McVay, has made it his life's work to try to answer anti-Semitic literature on the Internet.

A German television network, Suedwestfunk, reported last year that German neo-Nazis, prohibited by a new law from selling Holocaust denial books, simply put their material into the Internet and used computer networks to advertise rallies and swap racist computer games.

In Britain, the Institute of Jewish Affairs issued a 270-page report entitled *Anti-Semitism World Report 1994*, which said computer bulletin boards, accessible through the Internet, had enabled neo-Nazis to establish an international distribution network "more or less inaccessible to law enforcement agencies."

It noted computers are being used for electronic anti-Semitism in Europe and North America, Holocaust denial in Canada and Austria, neo-Nazi organizing in France and Germany and white power in Sweden.

Bulletin boards such as alt. skinheads offer white supremacy and racism. Alt. revisionism features Holocaust denial discussions.

An American racist signed on as Jewkill and entered the network through Norway to interrupt Jewish oriented discussions by flooding screens with his message: "Hitler was right, Jews are parasites."

There is nothing subtle about the material. HOLOHOAX.TXT features Holocaust denial material. HOMOBASH describes a gay person being shot in the face. Another bulletin board features a Jew with a prominent nose holding a knife standing in a sea of gentile blood.

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles filed a report last year with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The FCC decided it didn't have jurisdiction over the Internet, which it viewed as a telephone system rather than a broadcasting system, so it turned the file over to the U.S. Justice Department which has not so far done much more.

At the National Plenary in May, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) is holding a panel on the subject, entitled Hate in the Age of Cyberspace.

CJC national director Bernie M. Farber, and Calgary lawyer Hal Joffe, chair of community relations, wrote an article in *The Globe and Mail* last month entitled Something wicked comes this way and it's on the Internet.

Solicitor-General Herb Gray says, "It's an emerging problem. We're trying to get a handle on it before it becomes a serious problem."

An interdepartmental committee of officials from the departments of Foreign Affairs, Justice and the Solicitor-General has been set up to study the international situation.

"Obviously, for international agreements to work, all the relevant people have to sign on," Gray says. "Because of the nature of the new technology it's not easy.

"We as a country have said that the spread of hate literature is contrary to Canadian values and therefore open to prosecution in the same way we prosecute for hate literature sent through the mails, or appearing on radio, television, or in publications.

"The same principle should apply to the spread of hate material via the Internet into our country," says Gray.

Gray had better hurry. Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel announced last month that he plans to enter the Internet with his publications later this year — from the safety of an entry point in the United States.

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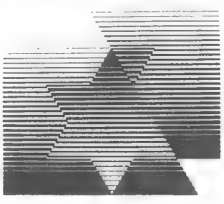

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בכל דור דור שמדן זיך אִדער אַסימילירן זיך א סך, א סך יידן און נאָך מער וועלן ג'שמדט און בלוז א קלייניע מינדערהייט בלייבט. עס קען דאָך נישט בלייבן די וועלט אָן אַזא טייערן „אוצר" ווי אַנטיסעמיטיזם.

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אז מען קלייבט זיך אין א וועלכן ס'איז נישט איז וועג אריין, קלערט מען וואָס מיטצונעמען. אַז מען קלייבט זיך אין אינציקן, אין אייביקן וועג אַריין, קלערט מען וואָס איבערצולאָזן.

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ער מוז זיך אָנטאָן א מאַסקע, מען זאָל נישט זען, אז ער האָט נישט קיין פּנים.

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אין יענעם שטיין, האָט געוואָגט מיקעל אַנדזשעלא, שלאָפט א סקולפּטור. מען דאַרף נאָר פונעם שטיין אַוועקהאַקן דאָס איבערריקע. גיי אָבער וויסן אין וואָס פֿאַר א שטיין, וועלכע סקולפּטור עס שלאָפט.

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וואָס פילט א כינעזער, וועז ער טוט א טראַכט, אז ער איז אינגער פון איבער א ביליאָן?

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וויפל קאָסטאַליקן זיינען היינט פֿאראַן אויף דער וועלט? ניין הונדערט מיליאָן, א ביליאָן? וויפל מוסולמענער זיינען היינט פֿאראַן אויף דער וועלט? ניין הונדערט מיליאָן, א ביליאָן? — איז וואָס זשע פֿאַר א וועלט קען בי זיי האָבן א מענטשלעך לעבן?

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אין פּוילן האָט דער אַנטיסעמיטיזם איבערגעלעבט דאָס פּוילישע ידנטום.

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פון אַלע שפּראַכן וואָס יידן רעדן, זיינען בלוז צווייַ, וואָס *נאָך* די יידן רעדן זיי — יידיש און עבֿרית. רוסיש, למשל, רעדן נישט נאָר די רוסיפיציידטע יידן און רוסיפיציידטע אַנדערע פעלקער, נאָר אויך די. . . רוסן. מיט ענגליש איז די זעלבע זאַך אַזודאי און אַזודאי.

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היינט, מאַרקס און איינשטיין —די דיסטשן; רובינשטיין, אַנטאָקאָלסקי און פּאַסטערנאַק די רוסן; בערגסאָן דער פראַנצויז; טווים דער פּאָליאַק; שפּינאָזע דער האָלענדער; קאָלומבוס דער שפּאַניער און פיל-פיל פון אַנדערע פעלקער, זיי בילדן. . . דאָס יידישע פֿאָלק.

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פּאראן שרייבער, וועלכע האָבן א פּאַסענט וי אַזוי צו שרייבן אָן טאַלאַנט.

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דער אמת שווימט טאָקע אַרויף וי בוימל אויפן וואַסער, נאָר אָפּט צו שפּעט, וועז מען דאַרף אים שוין נישט.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer Fred M. Catzman has been researching their origins over the past few years. Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

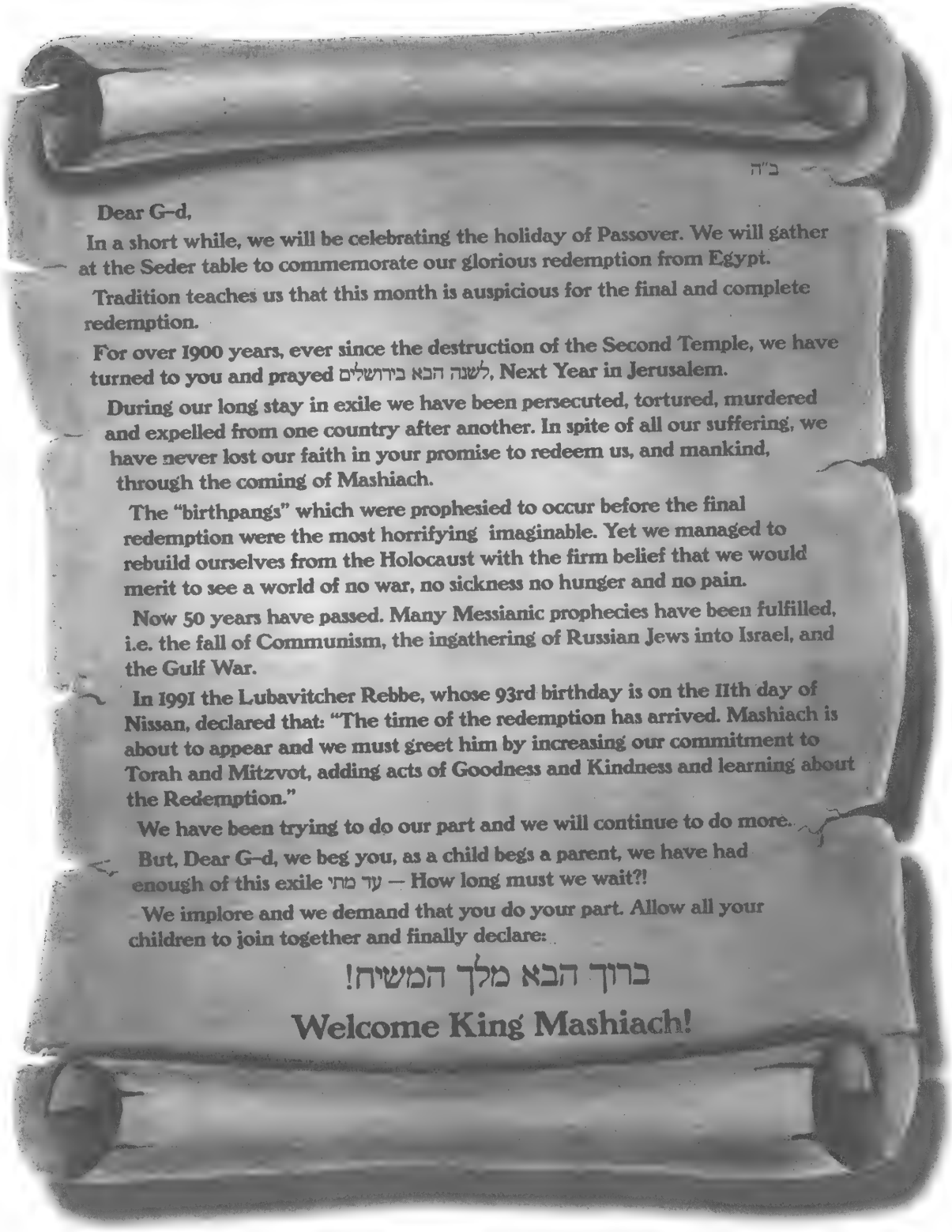
CYMBERKNOPF

An unusual surname of my correspondent from Willowdale is Cymberknopf pronounced Tzimberknop.

I am unable to track down this name, although it does appear to have a Yiddish flavor — Tzimbering is Jewish for cinnamon.

There is a resemblance — admittedly remote — to Cembrowanic, the Slavic word for furniture dealer.

An open letter to G-d



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During our long stay in exile we have been persecuted, tortured, murdered and expelled from one country after another. In spite of all our suffering, we have never lost our faith in your promise to redeem us, and mankind, through the coming of Mashiach.

The "birthpangs" which were prophesied to occur before the final redemption were the most horrifying imaginable. Yet we managed to rebuild ourselves from the Holocaust with the firm belief that we would merit to see a world of no war, no sickness no hunger and no pain.

Now 50 years have passed. Many Messianic prophecies have been fulfilled, i.e. the fall of Communism, the ingathering of Russian Jews into Israel, and the Gulf War.

In 1991 the Lubavitcher Rebbe, whose 93rd birthday is on the 11th day of Nissan, declared that: "The time of the redemption has arrived. Mashiach is about to appear and we must greet him by increasing our commitment to Torah and Mitzvot, adding acts of Goodness and Kindness and learning about the Redemption."

We have been trying to do our part and we will continue to do more.

But, Dear G-d, we beg you, as a child begs a parent, we have had enough of this exile עד מתי — How long must we wait?!

We implore and we demand that you do your part. Allow all your children to join together and finally declare:

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Skepticism that tarnishes

Steven Spielberg is attempting to record on video tape the personal stories and wartime memories of as many as possible of Hitler's remaining survivors. This effort is called the Holocaust documentation project. On March 31 a columnist in the *Globe and Mail* questioned the project's worthiness. The writer concluded with a question, as provocative as it was rhetorical, "What's accomplished by documenting any of this?"

He also speculated on the motives of the survivors for wanting their stories to be recorded. "I know people say we have to preserve the past so as not to repeat it, but I'm skeptical ... I think the motives lie more in a deep human need for recognition and the fear of obscurity."

Unfortunately for the *Globe*'s columnist, the survivors have been very explicit about their reasons for telling their stories to the cameras. And understandably, they have expressed a number of reasons. The four most common, not surprisingly, are the ones which are the easiest to understand.

Some, burdened still by sorrow and even by shame, have been unable all these years to tell their children of their suffering, of the horrors they lived through, of the people they have mourned every day of their lives since then. The video camera may enable them to do this. Some are simply looking for a way to lift the stone from their heart. The interview, they hope, may possibly help. Some are appalled and frightened by the increasing attempts and rabid persistence of a new generation of haters to deny the truth of their experiences. Putting their individual stories into a permanent library before time runs out is, they feel, the most effective and poignant method of fighting these haters. And, yes, some do want, simply, to help ensure that nothing like the Holocaust ever happens again, to anyone, anywhere on earth. Participating in the Holocaust documentation project, for the record, therefore, is one of the ways they are trying to help.

Why tarnish so worthy and solemn an enterprise? Why diminish the motives of the survivors? Why make an already difficult and, for some, agonizing task even more so? Why engage in a psychobiographical speculation which reflects nothing but the state of mind of the speculator. Why not accept at face value what the survivors themselves have said? Don't we owe them at least that amount of respect?

Terror's time warp

"The Islamic Resistance launched rocket attacks on the Zionist settlements of Safad, Nahariyah and Kiryat Shmona in the north of occupied Palestine." With these hate-filled words, in language reminiscent of the old-style propaganda and the self-deluding slogans of a bygone era, Hezbollah claimed responsibility for the killing of an IDF soldier last Friday.

The Islamic extremists cannot see their way into the new reality of the Middle East. As if caught in a warp of time, twisted and distorted by the uncompromising fury of their own religious intolerance, they will not step into these changing times.

It was no coincidence that the military exchanges occurred during the visit to the area by Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev who was rumored in Israeli media to be carrying a message from Syrian President Hafez al-Assad to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Indeed, the top story in the *Yediot Aharanot* last Friday asserted that the Syrian president had already promised to let Israel open a low-level diplomatic office in Damascus, even before completion of a withdrawal from the Golan Heights. In the capitals of the region and in Washington, there was a sense that palpable progress had been achieved during the week, in the discussions between Israel and Syria.

By its rocket bombardment of Israel, however, Hezbollah was serving notice, even for the Syrians who have always been regarded as their patrons and sponsors, that they still intend to be a deadly factor in any ultimate political settlement.

Scene in Ottawa

A new columnist joins *The CJN* in this issue. He is Richard Cléroux, a veteran journalist and skilled observer of politics and policies on Parliament Hill. Cléroux will be writing every second week about the scene in Ottawa, endeavoring to give our readers further background and deeper insight into the issues, ideas and events stirring in the political winds.

Dry Bones

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AND YET YOU TURN AGAINST THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL?
TRUE.
WE HAVE SEEN THE SIGNS AND WONDERS OF YOUR LORD OF HOSTS...
BUT THE ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS ARE A LITTLE CLOSER TO HOME... AND THEY'RE A LOT MORE SCARY.
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Budget blues for professionals

In a recent issue of *The CJN*, an accountant gave a brief overview of Paul Martin's budget. I believe he missed the most crucial part of that budget for all self-employed professionals (doctors, dentists, lawyers, accountants etc.) with deferred tax year ends. Martin's proposal to force all taxpayers into a calendar year end will have unfair, disastrous, and perhaps unintended tax consequences for all the above groups.

The unfairness lies in two areas. In the transition to the calendar year end, professional net income in the stub year, in effect, becomes taxable income, due to the *loss of all deductions such as RRSP, personal exemptions etc.* This alone would raise taxes inequitably. Secondly, the *entire* net professional income in the sub year 1995 is taxed at the *highest marginal tax rate*. This is unconscionable. It would result in self-employed professiolnals paying tens of thousands of dollars above and beyond the normal tax payable (again, because the entire 1995 calendar year income is taxed at the highest marginal rate and it cannot be reduced by RRSP contributions).

I urge all these individuals to contact their tax advisors urgently to verify this. I then urge them all to contact their MP and Paul Martin to encourage them to revise these drastic and decidedly unfair tax increases.

Stephen Stern, MD
Ajax, Ont.

Searching for relatives in Canada

I am a recent immigrant from the Soviet Union, and am trying to locate my father's relatives, who immigrated to Toronto many years ago, or their children or grandchildren.

My grandfather's brother, Simon Mesonzhnik, emigrated from Fastov, near Kiev, Ukraine, in about 1914. Their mother and two sisters joined Simon in Toronto in the late 1920s; their father had died several years earlier in one of the pogroms that swept the Ukraine in that period. I believe that Simon was in the shirt business in Toronto.

My grandfather was an actor in Tiraspol under the stage name Mikhail Mon. He received a Canadian visa and was to join the family in Toronto in the late 1930s. He left through Germany, was deported back to the Soviet Union by the Nazis, then was arrested by the KGB and jailed in Siberia, where he died in 1952.

My father, Yakov Feinstein (Mikhail's son), lived with his mother in Smolensk and took her last name. He remembers receiving letters from the family in Toronto before World War II. However, contact was lost during the Stalin era, when communication with the West was severely restricted.

Please contact me c/o the Jewish Genealogy Society of Long Island, 37 Westcliff Drive, Dix Hills, N.Y. 11746, 516-549-9532.

Natalie Langer

What a man this Sokol is!

Re: the article on San Francisco 49er Harris Barton, believed to be the only Jewish player in the National Football League (*CJN*, Feb. 16).

Perhaps the most phenomenal Jewish athlete today is Steve Sokol, 38, of San Jose, Calif., who has been dubbed "the world's fittest man." He went to Hebrew school in Yonkers, N.Y., and is a proud Jew. When I recently spoke to him, I was surprised that, although various American newspapers and magazines have written articles on him, not one Jewish publication has profiled him.

In 1981, Sokol executed 52,003 sit-ups in 32 hours and 17 minutes. In 1983, he performed 30,000 jumping jacks in 7½ hours. In 1985, he rode a bicycle from San Francisco to Los Angeles, a distance of 500 miles on the hilly coastal highway, in 43 hours. And in 1994, within a 24-hour period, Sokol swam two miles, race-walked five miles, kayaked five miles, did five miles on a rowing machine, skied 10 miles on a machine, ran 10 miles, hiked 10 miles in the mountains, biked 100 miles, completed 1,000 sit-ups, 1,000 push-ups, 1,000 leg lifts and 1,000 jumping jacks, and lifted 50,000 lbs. That is incredible!

Jacob Mendlovic
Toronto

Megillah in Saint John Museum

In the March 16 issue there was a very fine article by Dr. Fred Weinberg about an old Megillah and an inlaid box that was made by a prisoner at Dorchester Penitentiary. These articles were identified as being from the collection of Dr. Weinberg, but in reality they are in the collection of the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum (the only Jewish Museum in the Atlantic Provinces) and was given to us by Leonard Kaplansky of Montreal, the grandson of A. Kaplansky, the original owner.

Marcia Koven, Curator
Saint John, N.B.

Proud to be Jewish

I was glad to see in March 9 Montreal edition that the elderly people of the Sephardi community are speaking up about Quebec separation. This is a problem that is affecting many members of the Jewish community and I am proud to see what our golden agers are saying about it. I feel like they do: they do not want Quebec to separate.

The Jewish community wants Canada to stay unified. When I see the community stand together and fight for something of importance, it makes me proud to be Jewish.

Kathy Benhamou
Montreal

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Perspectives

THE JEWS OF CANADA

Alberta & the Yukon

By LEVI BEIERBACH
Special to The CJN

Cowboys, fur traders and rum-runners tamed Canada's Wild West, and many of them were Jews.

Whether wearing the leathery duds of cowpokes and trappers or the rustic overalls of farm hands, the children of Abraham plowed an indelible furrow in Alberta's history.

Their trickle to Alberta began in the 1860s when Jewish liquor merchants and trappers arrived seeking an easier life than that in the European shtetlach.

"Almost all who came here sought better lives and greater opportunities than could be found in the old country," explains Jack Switzer of the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Alberta.

"Many saw emigration as an escape route from intolerable social conditions, persecution and even organized massacres."

As access to Alberta became easier due to the national railroad, more Jews started settling in the province, mainly in the farming communities at Trochu, Rumsel and Sibbald.

And by the turn of the century 242 settlers, mostly from Russia, Poland and Romania, were braving the dry prairie summers and the biting winters. But because of their inexperience at farming and a lack of financial aid, a good portion left for the United States.

"After too many years of drought, the settlers from Sibbald moved to Los Angeles and became chicken farmers," says Jay Joffe, president of the historical society

"Others left for the bigger cities of Calgary and Edmonton."

As communities in the larger centres began to form, more and more disillusioned Jewish farmers vacated their wheat fields and became resident merchants in Calgary, Edmonton, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.

Facilities and institutions began to develop in the early 1900s and Alberta's first rabbis were brought in to provide spiritual guidance.

More immigrants kept coming both from eastern Canada and Europe, pushing the number of Jews in the province to 4,000 by 1951. Today, about 13,000 Jews live in Alberta, mainly in Calgary and Edmonton.

The province's first minyan was held by Jacob Diamond at Calgary in 1894. He also brought in Alberta's first rabbi, Hyman Goldstick, and presided over the building of the first synagogue, the Beth Jacob, in 1911.

From there, Calgary's Jewish community has grown to its present size of about 7,200.

Possessing four congregations, from Reform to Chabad, the community also has two schools, a kosher food store and bakery, a Jewish community centre built in 1979, a senior's residence and a host of other organizations and institutions.

"It's a very dynamic and united community, and an excellent place to raise your family," says Cheryl Shore, president of the Calgary Jewish Community Council.

Governed by a community council, every Jewish organization, from Jewish Family Services to the Orthodox Akiva Academy school, has a seat on the council.

Its main function is to facilitate the community's various institutions and allocate UJA dollars. "But we are still learning not to be a board of hats with our own agendas," Shore explains. "It is a wonderful community because of the lack of turf wars."

The major problems facing the Calgary community are economics and intermarriage, she says.

A lack of funding from federal and provincial governments is having a negative effect on schools and services while assimilation stands at just over 20 per cent.

"The red flag is waving and there is a strengthening in our institutions towards Jewish identity," Shore says.

"But the fact of life is that we are intermarrying, so we need to welcome these couples or else lose the Jewish partner and the children."

Shore says if the community's spirit of pride and volunteerism are continued by the upcoming generation, Calgary's community will continue to attract more newcomers.

"Edmonton has an unfortunate history of having too much of its UJA campaign based on the moderate givers," he says, explaining the reasons for the dollar shortage.

Assimilation in Edmonton is the second highest in the country, nearing 25 per cent, he says, compounding the money problems.

"Everybody in the community is concerned about the issue, so a number of programs and institutions have been set up to try and enhance Jewish continuity."

Elman says the leadership of the community is very young because "a whole generation of potential leaders were simply uninvolved" in the community.

HOME ON THE RANGE

Abe Hapton at the first Calgary Stampede, 1912. The bottle beside him, one assumes, is sacramental wine. [Photo courtesy Leon Hapton]

While Calgary's Jewish population is growing in spurts which correspond with the success of the province's oil and gas industries, Alberta's second largest Jewish community in Edmonton has not seen significant growth over the last few years.

Recent Russian immigrants and the arrival of a 10-family ultra-Orthodox kollel two years ago have topped up the population at about 5,500 Jews.

A federated community formally founded in 1906, Edmonton boasts two schools and five congregations, a community centre, a butcher, a kosher mart and a pizza place in the city's famous West Edmonton Mall.

And like Calgary to the south, it too is experiencing financial difficulty, says the city's federation president, Bruce Elman.

And while the federation is planning programs in combination with organizations like Hadassah-WIZO and ORT, it lacks the money to set new programs for the future, like adult education, a high school and library improvements.

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At about the time Jews were establishing themselves in Calgary and Edmonton, smaller Jewish communities in Lethbridge and Medicine Hat were also forming.

Mainly from Russia and eastern Canada, these Jews also took up farming and shopkeeping. While both cities had a Jewish population of about 200 in the 1960s, today only a shadow of those communities now remains.

"They still try and get a minyan when someone has a yahrzeit and for the High Holy Days," says Lethbridge native David Bickman of the dozen families, mostly seniors, that still live in the city.

"There hasn't been a rabbi there for 20 years and the community will hardly make it into the next century."

Birkman says the synagogue, built in 1955, is a peculiar mix of Orthodoxy and Conservatism with separate seating at the front and mixed near the back.

As in Lethbridge, most of Medicine Hat's young Jews moved to the bigger centres of Calgary and Edmonton to attend college and never returned.

The Sons of Abraham synagogue in Medicine Hat had eight different rabbis over the years, but now the city's remaining 15 Jews arrange High Holiday services.

"We just keep plugging away and carrying on as best as we can," says congregation member Bert Maltin.

The once proud community which produced Harry Veiner, Medicine Hat's Jewish mayor for 20 years, will only live as long as its senior population holds out, he says.

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While only 12 Jews reached Alberta in the late 1800s to establish a Jewish presence in the province, 85 scrambled to the Yukon during the Klondike gold rush of 1897.

Jewish prospectors, miners and merchants from all over the world came to stake their claim.

The first prayer services were held in Dawson City for Rosh Hashanah 1898 in a downtown store, and Yom Kippur was held in the Yukon Pioneer Hall.

The most famous Jewish prospector was Henry Zimmerman, who came from San Francisco to spend 40 years mining his claim. He was found dead in his burned-out wilderness cabin in the early 1940s.

The fledgling Yukon Jewish community of 85 grew to 163 by 1901 but gradually diminished after the gold rush.

Today there are only eight known Jews living in the territory, mainly in Dawson City and Whitehorse, with no formal community organization.

Some are government employees, another is a teacher, one a psychiatrist, one a hotel clerk and there is a husband-and-wife team who run a desktop publishing business.

"I never came across anyone who had been there since the gold rush," says Marty Waldman, an actor who lived in the Yukon for eight years.

"It's so Godforsaken, even Jews didn't go there. I met a Jewish couple in Watson Lake when I was playing a concert. It was like meeting lantsman in the desert," he recalls.

Despite the small number and the inaccessibility, Waldman says Passover seders were very much a part of Jewish life in the Yukon.

Matzah was sent in by family members from other parts of the country and the Haggadah was faxed in and photocopied.

How long those eight Jews will stay in Canada's frozen north Waldman cannot speculate.

He says the reason most of them are living there now is a lifestyle where "no one can bug them."

"They're not there for cultural or community reasons," he says.

"But after you've been there a while, the Yukon is a place you become fiercely loyal to. It supercedes your cultural matrix."

Vital Signs

ALBERTA

Jewish Population	13,000
Main Jewish centres	Calgary, Edmonton
Number of synagogues	11
Number of day schools	4
Number of children receiving some Jewish education	975
Number of kosher restaurants	3
	(plus 4 hotels offering kosher services)

YUKON

Jewish Population	8
Main Jewish centres	Dawson City, Whitehorse

Opinions

Just how much do people change?

I recently came across a long statement on immigration policy, from which the following represents a small excerpt: "We ask nothing else but that our country, which prides itself — and rightly so — on its loyalty to the dictates of scientific knowledge and discovery, as well as its adherence to the moral law, should no longer rely on so significant a portion of our legal and legislative structure on foundations so thoroughly and irrevocably exploded by science and research, and so unequivocally denied by every religious and moral tenet.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

"Our strength as a nation has not depended merely upon our great material riches, but it has depended far more upon our diversity of peoples and cultures and upon our unique ability to fashion a creative national unity out of that diversity, without penalizing the differences. Our people has not been nourished at a single font; it has drawn from many springs and it must continue to draw from many springs if it is to remain strong.

"While it is true that we have an obligation to protect ourselves against those who would seek to enter the country for purposes of subverting our democratic system of government, we cannot allow ourselves to be party to a sentiment which poorly disguises its hostility to all immigration and all immigrants. Further, our strength and vigor as a nation has come, in large measure, from the polyglot peoples, the cast-offs of other nations who fled to the autocracies of other lands to build a stronghold of freedom in our country. I read our public sentiment and then I remember the inscription on the Statue of Liberty in the United States. 'Give me your tired, your poor ...' Which expresses better the spirit of the land? Can there be any doubt?"

Anti-immigrant feeling persists

The above is not a comment on current Canadian affairs, but was testimony I gave before the House of Representatives in Washington in 1952.

The President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization was then holding hearings, and I represented the Minnesota Jewish Council. It pains me to see how much of this anti-immigrant feeling still persists both in the United States and in Canada, both nations of immigrants.

I continue to believe that we Jews have a special responsibility to keep the spirit of fairness alive in this country, as in fact Jews should do in every country in which they reside and have become the beneficiaries of freedom.

This freedom is rarely destroyed from without; it erodes more usually from within, when people forget that compassion, understanding and fairness are essential elements of our liberty. Canada is poorly served when we apply these sentiments exclusively to ourselves.

You will be interested to know how well Canada did in the refugee-accepting process during the year 1994. Some 22,000 claims were made and were referred to the Convention Refugee Determination Division by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

In 1994, 70 per cent of all claimants who were processed were granted refugee status. Some 3,000 claims were withdrawn or abandoned.

The major refugee-producing countries for Canada were Sri Lanka, Somalia, Iran and the republics of the former USSR. They accounted for approximately one-third of all claims, and the rest were distributed all over the world. The present backlog of claims yet to be heard is around 17,000.

Skeptical about Syria

During his last visit to Damascus, Secretary of State Warren Christopher hoped to obtain more than just the resumption of the Syrian-Israeli peace talks that were interrupted by Syria last December. But Damascus felt that what the United States had to offer in return for Syrian concessions was less than it expected, and that American promises cannot be relied upon, now that the Republican-dominated legislature, isolationist and hostile to Syria, may not support them.

By Yeshayahu Anug

Nor does President Hafez al-Assad trust Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, though the latter must have indicated that the gradual restitution of the Golan, in return for iron-clad security arrangements, can be negotiated.

Until now, many observers thought the possibility of a Likud victory in the next elections would prompt Assad to rush into a deal with Rabin. But Damascus suspects that Rabin's hints were mere tactics. If Likud can indeed win the next elections and annul an accord reached with the Labor government, why not wait and see before signing a binding commitment to peace?

Those who do not believe full conciliation with Syria is in the cards have some strong arguments to support their skepticism.

Syria is a very closed society, they say, firmly ruled by a ruthless dictator who has given his country a long period of relative stability and has for many years enjoyed the backing of the former Soviet Union and an open credit line for his military planning aimed at reaching strategic parity with Israel. Israel's military superiority still constitutes a humiliating threat to Syria's self-perceived role as the custodian of Arab nationalism.

True, the fall of the Soviet Union was a fatal loss to Syrian regional designs, but the blow was in some measure softened by its alignment with the western coalition against Iraq. This forced the United States to treat Syria, the pariah country which promotes terrorism and helps the international drug cartels, a little more gently than would have otherwise been the case.

It was logical for the United States to engage Syria in the peace process with Israel and for Israel to cooperate with the idea, at a time when the remodeling of the Middle East seemed to be a credible option. This was the time when Assad presumably made his strategic decision to change course vis-a-vis Israel and to aim at "a peace between the braves," as he called it, albeit on his unyielding conditions.

But so much has happened since. The grand design of the New World Order that was to replace the Cold War was soon crippled by the wave of nationalist and ethnic clashes and by financial disorder worldwide. The unchallenged clout of the United States was clearly affected and its efforts to influence international conduct were severely limited by the unsuccessful attempts to stem local conflicts everywhere. And right now the American mood is inward-looking and the internal power structure is shifting.

Assad looks around and seems more and more undecided as to what he should now do regarding Israel. The policy of conciliation was presented to him by the American administration — and to some extent by the Europeans — as the solution to his problems. But he not only distrusts Rabin's preparedness to return the Golan, but also the American readiness to offset the political costs of such radical change in its position.

Assad also suspects that once an agreement for the return of the Golan is reached, the continuation of his occupation of Lebanon will become untenable. He may feel the price to pay for the return of the Golan is not worth it. He may also worry about the reaction of his regimented population to the winds of liberalization which will blow into his country once the wall of separation from Israel will start crumbling. Surely, he can control the situation for a while, but for how long?

Assad may not be so desperate as to take risks. Syria's economic situation is bad but not too dramatic. Unlike other Arab countries, he has no serious problems with Islamic fundamentalists, which are fewer and more intimidated by his regime than elsewhere.

True, western economic investments may be stimulated by a relaxed environment and by the improvement of his relations with the United States. But that might expose his firmly controlled society to the dangers resulting from a relaxation of his iron hand.

Why endanger the wall he has so meticulously constructed around his country and lose the benefits of his good relations with Iran? Why rock the boat? It was always difficult to read the inscrutable Syrian president, but what can be understood is what is at stake for him. He surely wants the Golan back but hesitates to endanger political survival to the uncertainties of what may follow.

The peace talks between Israel and Syria have now resumed and may even be upgraded. This is undoutedly a positive development. But do not expect quick results. The partners are — and for good reasons — both still very cautious.

Things that endure

It is not generally known that the rite of spring cleaning is rooted in Jewish tradition. It stems from the erev Pesach practice of preparing for the holiday by cleansing the house of all things chometz.

By Jack Chisvin

With Pesach at hand, we have completed our spring cleaning and retrieved the boxes of Pesach things — pots, pans, utensils, cutlery, dishes and other special things, from the basement. While shlepping the boxes I came to realize what a thing-ridden world we live in.

Human history is recorded through a preoccupation with things — things made out of stone, clay, iron, bronze, glass and precious metals — things for survival and for vanity. Over time things have become endowed with mystical powers, social influence, political significance and international prestige. Judging countries by their standard of living is simply a counting of things — refrigerators, television sets, automobiles, computers, toilets.

We are compulsive about making things: widgets, gizmos, doohickeys, whachamacallits, thingumajigs and thingumabobs. We take non-things like food and by processing them, freezing them and packaging them, make them into things. A thing is easier to cope with than a fact of nature in the raw. If we don't need a thing for ourselves, we sell it or trade it for other things. On a national scale we call this commerce.

Humans are acquisitors and creatures of clutter. Clutter is what happens to things when they become useless but remain friendly. Sooner or later we are forced to make decisions about things, lest we be defeated by them, lest as consumers we become consumed ourselves, lest we become overwhelmed and buried. The ancient Egyptians had the good sense to take their things to the grave. We on the other hand, believe "you can't take it with you" and not only continuously accumulate things, but inherit others.

There are some who give the appearance of staying ahead of things. People whose desks are always neat and uncluttered, like tidy altars ornamented with the ritual things of business: the onyx-based pen stand, the silver framed family photograph, the tooled leather portfolio, the empty "in-out" basket — symbols of decisiveness and mastery over things. I suspect however, that such desks beneath their pristine surfaces have drawers weighted with indecisions — undigested memos, knots of elastic bands, dried up erasers, a collection of promotional ballpoint pens — things seemingly impossible to throw away, no matter how useless.

The more valuable the thing the less likely we are to use it. Our best silver and crystal, inherited from parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, are stored in boxes in the basement only to appear for the one week of Pesach.

Amongst other things that appeared in our boxes containing Pesach things was a matzah cover made by our youngest child as a nursery school project. We presented it to her youngest child to compare with his own matzah cover made in nursery school. Examining it with the curiosity of a 4-year-old he took it apart and out fell a matzah, perfectly preserved after 30 years. He promptly ate it.

Maybe some things don't endure forever after all.

Features

Israel and the Holocaust

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

For better or worse, the Holocaust is indelibly etched into the consciousness of Israeli society. It has affected Israel's identity as well as its politics, both in peace and in war.

The truth of this maxim was illustrated yet again recently when Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin caused an uproar by suggesting that official foreign visitors no longer be required to visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem.

Yet interestingly enough, there was once a time in Israel when, as Tom Segev writes in *The Seventh Million* (HarperCollins, $19.95 paperback), the Holocaust was enveloped in "a great silence."

In the aftermath of World War II, when almost one out of three Israelis was classified as a survivor, the Holocaust was widely regarded with ambivalence. There was sorrow, of course, but also shame that millions of Jews had perished "like sheep." As a result, many Israelis preferred not to think about the greatest tragedy to befall the Jewish people.

But since the Eichmann trial, the Holocaust has come out of Israel's collective closet, to the point where it is now practically a constant preoccupation.

Segev, a serious Israeli journalist whose previous work was *1949: The First Israelis*, addresses this theme in *The Seventh Million*, an engrossing and important book which draws on original research.

Segev, whose parents were German refugees fleeing Nazi persecution, does not merely content himself with the period after the Holocaust, but also considers what came before. That is to say, he closely examines the yishuv's relations with Germany, the settlement of German Jews in Palestine and the attitude of the Zionist movement to the unfolding Shoah.

It may be surprising to some that the yishuv had more or less normal ties with Germany from Hitler's accession to power in 1933 to the outbreak of World War II in 1939. There was trade, formalized by the so-called transfer (haavara) accord. There were mail, telephone and financial links. People travelled back and forth.

To be sure, Palestinian Jews mounted protests against Germany's anti-Semitic politics. But ultimately the pragmatists in the yishuv prevailed, convinced that a boycott of Germany would not advance Jewish interests in Palestine. Indeed, more than a few Zionists even described the Nazi persecution of Jews as "punishment" for their unwillingness to make aliyah.

Approximately 50,000 German Jews, or about 10 percent of the refugees, settled in Palestine during the Third Reich. Called yekkes, they were often mocked for their formality and bearing. Yet their contributions did not go unrecognized.

The first news of the extermination of European Jewry reached Palestine in June 1942, writes Segev. There were rallies and demonstrations and acts of public mourning. But after the second half of 1943, front-page headlines in Jewish newspapers related to the Holocaust gave way to inside stories.

The spectre of a German invasion of Palestine, then controlled by Britain, produced a series of schemes to repel the invader. One idea, the Northern Plan, envisaged a last stand on Mount Carmel or perhaps elsewhere in the Galilee.

David Ben-Gurion, chair of the Jewish Agency, considered the Holocaust a catastrophe for Zionism. Yet, Segev observes, the Zionist movement was too weak to meaningfully help Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe.

By 1949, nearly 350,000 Holocaust survivors had arrived in Israel. About one-third were resettled in buildings abandoned by Palestinian Arabs during the War of Independence, which exacted a toll on the survivors. Segev claims that one out of three of the casualties in that war was sustained by survivors who, he adds, were not brilliant fighters.

Hatred of Germany was rampant in the new-born state. The editor of the daily *Ha'aretz* proposed legislation barring Israelis from any social contacts with German citizens, while the Foreign Ministry decreed that Israeli passports were not valid in Germany.

Despite this, Israel negotiated a reparations agreement with West Germany. Segev reckons that the funds were invaluable in developing Israel's industrial infrastructure. He cites a Bank of Israel estimate that 15 percent of the country's growth, and 45,000 jobs, could be attributed to investments made with reparations monies.

In 1957, Israel established secret military relations with West Germany. The architect of that policy was Shimon Peres, then director-general of the Ministry of Defence. Under the agreement, Israel received German weaponry such as aircraft and tanks free of charge and sold Germany arms. Furthermore, Israeli pilots and officers were sent to Germany for advanced training.

David Ben-Gurion confers with Konrad Adenauer in New York City in May 1960.

These contacts, Segev suggests, laid the groundwork for Ben-Gurion's historic encounter with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in New York City on May 14, 1960. At the meeting, Ben-Gurion asked for more arms and a $250 million loan for the development of the Negev.

Diplomatic relations were established in 1965, following a Knesset vote which ratified the agreement by a margin of 66-29. Not surprisingly, there were angry demonstrations. Still, Israel's bilateral relationship with West Germany grew to be durable.

The atrocities of the Holocaust had a profound effect on Israeli society.

By the mid-1950s, upwards of 30 Jews suspected of collaborating with the Nazis had been investigated, though only a few were actually indicted. These proceedings caused much anguish in Israel.

For politicians, the Holocaust was a useful tool. When Israel was condemned for its 1956 invasion of the Sinai Peninsula, several Knesset members justifed the operation by citing the Holocaust.

On the tense eve of the 1967 Six Day War, Israeli newspapers identified Egypt's president, Gamal Abdel Nasser, with Hitler. And during the 1982 war in Lebanon, Menachem Begin, the prime minister, wrote a letter to the president of the United States likening Israel's bombardment of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's headquarters in Beirut with the destruction of Hitler's bunker in Berlin.

As might be expected, the Eichmann trial was a watershed in Israeli history. Segev says it served two purposes — to remind the nations of the world that the Holocaust obligated them to support Israel, and to reinforce the Jewish identity of Israelis, particularly the younger generation. (More than two decades later, the John Demjanjuk trial [or mistrial] was used to achieve similar goals.)

Not without reason, Segev claims that the legacy of the Holocaust insinuated itself into the national debate about the disposition of the territories captured by Israel in the Six Day War. Doves who opposed the military occupation, as well as hawks who sought to retain these lands, both harkened back to the Holocaust to justify their positions. More recently, Benjamin Netanyahu, the Likud leader, spoke out against returning to Israel's pre-1967 "Auschwitz borders."

The Holocaust as an historical leitmotif also surfaced during the 1976 Entebbe hijacking. When it was learned that Israelis had been separated from the rest of the passengers, the "selection" process in the Nazi concentration camps was evoked.

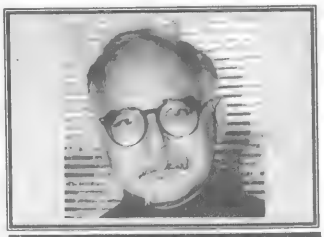
More than any prime minister before or since, Begin — himself a survivor — deployed Holocaust imagery to strengthen his policies. He justified the 1981 air raid on Iraq's nuclear reactor by declaring: "We must protect our nation, a million and a half of whose children were murdered by the Nazis..." And prior to Israel's invasion of Lebanon, he remarked, "There is no other way than to fight selflessly. Believe me, the alternative is Treblinka."

Finally, the Holocaust has weighed heavily on Israel's education system.

The first lessons on the Holocaust were given in 1953, eight years after the last concentration camps were liberated. But not until 1979 did the Ministry of Education require Holocaust studies to be mandatory for senior high school students.

Today, Segev notes, consciousness of the Holocaust is increasing in Israel. In a 1992 study on Jewish identity, almost 80 percent of the respondents agreed with the statement, "We are all Holocaust survivors."

Need more be said?



Mideast Analysis

By Sheldon Kirshner

The Hula Project

When Israel was barely three years old, struggling to absorb new immigrants, build industry and defend its borders, the government launched its first major development project — the draining of the Hula swamplands in northeastern Galilee.

Considered a feat of Zionist pioneering, it was spearheaded by the Jewish National Fund (JNF).

The work began in January 1951 and took seven years to complete. The driving forces were economics and politics. Thousands of acres of prime agricultural land would be reclaimed, while millions of gallons of swamp water that had been lost through evaporation would be channeled to the Sea of Galilee via a network of canals. At the insistence of naturalists, 750 acres in the swamp would be turned into a nature reserve.

It all seemed like a good idea. A malarial swamp would be drained, giving Israel 15,000 acres of additional arable soil, as well as a chance to become self-sufficient in the production of food for a growing population.

Israel also wanted to make a political point. A segment of the swamplands lay in a demilitarized zone which the United Nations had staked out in the wake of the 1948 War of Independence. Israel and Syria both claimed title to it, and the territorial dispute touched off fighting which ebbed and flowed.

For years, Israel basked in the apparent success of the project, not realizing it was damaging the fragile ecosystem of the Hula Valley. Soon it dawned on officials that there was a gap between the project's expectations and its consequences.

In an environmental disaster, the water table dropped, the dry peat burned in underground fires, the fertility of the soil declined and nitrate pollutants seeped into the Sea of Galilee. As wind and dust storms carried off soil, the Hula Valley was invaded by rodents and weeds. Farmers and environmentalists threw up their hands in despair.

Reviewing the situation, the JNF decided that the only way to save these precious wetlands from self-destruction was to reflood sectors of the Hula Valley that had been inadvertently despoiled by the drainage project.

The partial reflooding of the Hula Valley, begun in November 1993, will take up to five years to finish. As part of the rehabilitation process, the Jordan River around Kibbutz Kfar Blum has been restored to its original course by means of a dam and a water diversion facility. The entire undertaking, which is being called the largest environmental project in the Middle East, will cost about $15 million (US), according to a JNF official in Jerusalem.

The areas to be reflooded will become a complex of parks tailor-made for tourists.

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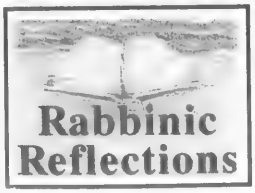

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI WILLIAM Z. EISENSTEIN

Is the Torah outdated? Is the Torah only for the past? In the parshat hashavuah, the Torah portion of the week to be read this coming Shabbat morning, the Torah talks about the Metzorah, the leper.

The Torah enumerates in great detail the symptoms of what resembles the disease of leprosy. There are three types of leprosy mentioned in the Torah. One, leprosy of the skin. Two, leprosy of the clothes one wears and three, leprosy of a house. The Torah tells us that the person exhibiting these symptoms was to go the kohen, the priest, and he would examine the symptoms and advise the person as what he is to do.

Are these laws relevant to us today in our modern times? Our chazal, our rabbis of blessed memory, explain that the greatness of the Torah is that it is timeless. It is as relevant today as it was in the generation it was given to.

Loshen hara can lead to disaster

The rabbis ask, why is a person afflicted with tzoraat? One of the answers given is that this leprosy-like illness can afflict a person who speaks loshen hara (one who says something about someone that is true, false or intended to hurt someone). Often what someone says about another is true. It is not intended necessarily to hurt someone. The objective is to feel good by repeating something about someone that another person does not know. The effect is disastrous. As a result people learn not to trust each other.

It is clear from the Torah in enumerating in detail the laws of tzoraat that this kind of behavior should be condemned. If a society or people are to get along and be united people must trust each other.

Perhaps what the Torah is teaching us is the correct behavior that unites people instead of dividing them. Perhaps we should learn to greet each other instead of being angry with each other; say hello to each other with a smile and respect each other. It is not for us to judge each other. For this we have a G-d.

What a beautiful and united Jewish people we would be if we smiled at each other, greeted each other pleasantly and respected each other. If we behave in such a manner we will learn to trust and respect each other. We the Jewish people are in need of less condemnation of each other and more tolerance and respect for each other. The lesson is as relevant today as the day the Torah was given.

Rabbi William Eisenstein is the principal of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

Service to emphasize youth

TORONTO — Jewish youth in Toronto are being encouraged to take part in a candlelight march from the Yad Vashem Holocaust Monument in Earl Bales Park to Adath Israel Synagogue, where this year's Yom Hashoah service will take place April 26.

The entire community is invited to attend a brief service at the monument, to start at 7 p.m. Poetry readings and a wreath-laying are planned. Candles will then be distributed for the march to the synagogue, where the main service will begin at 8 p.m.

The theme of this year's Yom Hashoah's service — which falls close to the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II — is From generation to generation. As such, the emphasis is on Jewish youth.

The Toronto Jewish Youth Council is involved in the program's planning. The council is comprised of representatives of B'nei Akiva, NAHON, B'nai Brith Youth Organization, United Synagogue Youth (USY), the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY), Tzabar and North Eastern Lakes Federation of Temple Youth (NELFTY).

For information, call the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem at 905-660-6028.

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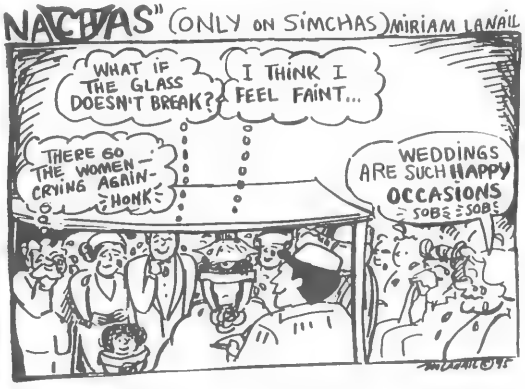
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Jewish Life

There's much more to Pesach than matzah

By ARNOLD R. GLICK

"And on the fifteenth day of the first month is the feast of unleavened bread; seven days ye shall eat unleavened bread."

This is the biblical directive instructing us that during the week of Passover, no bread is to be eaten. The reason is easy to understand. As is stated in the Haggadah, "The dough of our forefathers did not have sufficient time to rise ... for they were driven from Egypt and could not linger."

That explains the matzah.

GUEST VOICES

But, as any Passover food shopper knows, there is much more to Passover foods than matzah. Even in all of its many forms — matzah farfel, matzah meal, matzah crackers, matzah balls — matzah is not the primary filler of supermarket shelf space. That's because in recent years many other food items have become part of contemporary Passover tradition.

Let's start with the holiday's No. 1 non-matzah food item: Passover candy. It's everywhere. You can't avoid it, even if you try. In college I had a friend who — convinced the Israelites fled Egypt without fruit gels or caramel cashew clusters — was determined to likewise survive the week without candy. It was impossible. She broke down less than four hours into the holiday as the second box of assorted chocolates was being passed around the seder table.

Of course Passover candy is nothing new. I remember, as a child in the 1960s, accompanying my mother when she did the Passover shopping. At that time the Jewish community of my city was moving out to the suburbs, and there was but a small remnant of Jewish storekeepers in what was once a bustling neighborhood of Jewish commerce. Every year before Passover my mother made sure we visited each of the remaining Jewish grocery stores so that we could help them, in our small way, by giving them our Passover business.

I remember anticipating our annual trip with a mixture of melancholy and excitement. The sadness came from seeing the poor Jewish storekeepers struggling to hold on. The excitement was in knowing these old-fashioned grocery stores held a wonderful variety of Passover candy.

It was the 1970s that ushered in another now-essential Passover food item: the Passover cake mix. Over the years I have perfected my baking technique (knowing exactly how many drops of water it takes to get the frosting just right is just one of my culinary talents), and I cannot imagine getting through the holiday without the traditional making of the chocolate cake. As of the late 1980s, this ritual has become even easier — I can now buy a Passover cake mix made especially for the microwave!

The early 1990s brought innovation to the morning meal with the introduction of the Passover breakfast cereal. You can now have your choice of fruit-flavored, cocoa-flavored, or plain, in a variety of crispy little shapes. And to think of all the years I survived on farfel and milk.

Which brings me to the current food-shopping season. I call this the year of the kosher-for-Passover pizza mix, in recognition of yet another amazing product designed to fill a hitherto unaddressed dietary need.

Indeed, the variety of Passover food items this year appears to be greater than ever, as a walk down the supermarket's Passover aisle will attest. And what I find most intriguing is that virtually all of these products have been created, distributed and marketed for a consumption period that lasts just eight days.

When, as a child, I would return home from Passover shopping with my exotic candy treats, my older brother would say, "If we manage to get along all year without chocolate lollipops and coconut-covered marshmallows, why is it necessary to have them on Passover?"

I suppose the same can be asked about many of the food items mentioned above. But to me the answer is really quite obvious. After all, man cannot live by matzah alone.

Arnold Glick is the creator of Shmoozin.

SHMOOZIN

" I know about the egg and the shankbone, but what do the coconut-covered marshmallows symbolize?"

Hebrew literacy day planned

TORONTO — Hundreds of people across Canada will learn to read Hebrew in just eight hours.

The course designed for people who have never learned to read Hebrew, or for those who have learned and forgotten, will be given April 23 in 16 locations across Canada (including five in Toronto).

Scheduled in honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut — Israel Independence Day — the classes cost $47 (Israel's age) and promise to be fun and easy. The fee includes a light lunch, textbook and all materials.

Sponsored by Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, and ARZA, the Canadian Council of Reform Zionists, the course is open to anyone with a desire to learn Hebrew. It is ideal for parents who would like to be directly involved in their children's Hebrew education.

"Hebrew literacy is the key to unlocking the treasures of Jewish identity, tradition and history," said Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, director of Kolel. "It provides direct access to the richness of Torah, rabbinic text and modern Israeli literature which are central to Jewish spiritual renewal."

Using a methodology developed by Rabbi Noah Golinkin, founder of the Hebrew Literacy Campaign and rabbi emeritus of Congregation Beth Shalom of Columbia, Md., students at the National Hebrew Literacy Day program will learn to read the alef-bet through sight recognition, and will master basic prayers and blessings.

Over 70,000 students in the past decade have been successful using this system.

Teachers in the Toronto area will be trained by Rabbi Golinkin in a three-hour session. In other locations, the teachers will be trained by video.

"Short of aliyah," said Dr. Harvey Zimmerman, President of ARZA/Canada, "learning Hebrew is the most Zionistic activity in which one can be involved."

ARZA/Canada is the Zionist voice of the Reform movement in Canada.

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From coast to coast

JNF chair named

VICTORIA — Kelowna resident Mel Kotler has been appointed the first national small communities chair of the Jewish National Fund of Canada.

Kotler, a former Montrealer, was the driving force behind the 100-family Okanagan Jewish Community, which opened a Jewish community centre and the Beth Shalom Synagogue.

"Small Jewish communities have a very strong bond to Israel and have been looking for a way to become more involved in extending that bond," Kotler said.

He is not sure how many communities he will be working with, "[but] I'll try to assist, motivate or otherwise help them in any way I can to undertake successful programs for Israel."

Simchah suppliers team up to aid United Jewish Appeal

TORONTO — Simchah suppliers here — consultants, caterers, florists, photographers, makeup artists, orchestra leaders — are combining to benefit United Jewish Appeal (UJA).

They have agreed to give UJA $10 from every contract, through the newly formed Simcha Association — the first of its kind in Canada. All association members will be participants in the UJA program.

"We're trying to give something back to the community that has supported us," said Simcha Association founder Larry Rodness.

Rodness conceived the idea after he had attended a meeting of UJA's Arts & Entertainment Division. Because he was uncomfortable doing telephone canvassing, Rodness sought a fundraising alternative and the association concept was born.

An association sticker will be attached to all contracts as confirmation of the supplier's contribution to UJA on behalf of the family having the simchah. Rodness hopes those planning an affair will insist on dealing with association members.

Both Rodness and association co-chair David Berk are encouraged by the response so far. They do not anticipate a negative reaction from their colleagues. In fact, they expect strong support from non-Jewish professionals as well.

The Simcha Association does not benefit UJA only; it makes good business sense for its members.

"These days, there's less work and more competition," said Rodness. "Everybody's looking for an edge to do a job. Through the association, we're doing PR for ourselves."

Forming the association also accomplishes the industry's long-sought objective of creating an organization to share common concerns and ideas.

"We deal with each other all the time. We work with each other on a regular basis, so why not get together?," asked Berk.

Once the association takes off in Toronto, Rodness wants to export the concept to other major cities.

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From coast to coast

Former MP co-authoring book on Pollard case

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — What makes Simma Holt run?

These days, apart from several projects percolating in her ever-bustling mind, the 73-year-old author, broadcaster and barrier breaker (as Canada's first Jewish female Member of Parliament), it's a book about Jonathan Pollard, the convicted American spy for Israel.

Holt speaks excitedly, almost frenetically, about the project, like an investigative reporter who's on to something. In this case, though, she *is* an investigative reporter and she's certain she's on to something — something big.

Holt, who's co-authoring the book with Pollard's sister Carol, says the story will contain fresh facts about the convoluted caper, including plenty of "dirt" on the administrations of former U.S. president Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

Pollard, a former U.S. navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in 1985 to passing classified information to Israel.

He'd been charged with one count of passing secrets to an ally during peacetime, for which the average sentence is four years. In return for a promise of leniency, Pollard agreed to forfeit a trial. He was then sentenced to life imprisonment, with no chance for parole and today languishes in a Butner, N.C., jail.

Those are the barest bones. Holt, who addressed Temple Sinai's sisterhood last Sunday on the subject, says she's discovering the real meat.

She didn't divulge much in a *CJN* interview last week, just that she first became involved in the case in 1988, when she was asked to work on Bush's election campaign. She says she quit six weeks prior to the election because "I saw Bush was a phoney. And there was lots of anti-Semitism around, including from Bush himself."

Simma Holt

But she did stumble on documents detailing the Pollard affair, and they shocked her. Holt says her book will expose a vast, complex web of hatred directed against Israel, U.S. Jews and Pollard, beginning with the so-called October Surprise: allegations that leading Republicans — including, supposedly, Bush — convinced Iran to delay the release of the 52 American hostages in Tehran in order to bring about the election of Reagan in 1980.

Then, there's the connection to the pro-Arab Bechtel Engineering Corp., whose one-time executives included former U.S. defence secretary Caspar Weinberger and former secretary of state George Shultz. Weinberger, says Holt, played a leading role in putting Pollard away, just as Reagan and Bush were getting cozier with Saudi Arabia.

Holt puts a pox on all of them but reserves extra harsh words for James Baker, Bush's secretary of state and Republican fixer. She calls him "the most evil man you ever met."

She says a New York agent is interested in the book, her fifth. She held the seat of Vancouver-Kingsway for Pierre Trudeau's Liberals from 1974 to 1979. That was after 30 years in daily journalism at the Vancouver *Sun*.

Holt says Pollard's plight ultimately holds a grave message for us all: "If one Jew can lose his freedom, none of us is safe."

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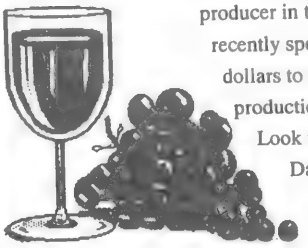

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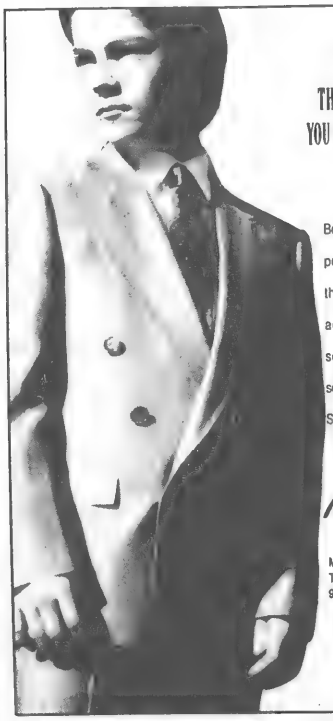

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND JEWISH WOMEN

by RACHEL WEINSTOCK

Should the fight against substance abuse be a women's issue and beyond that a Jewish women's issue?

"Yes," says the Social and Political Action Committee of Jewish Women's Federation. According to its co-chairs Agi Mandel and Marina Shear, the committee is preparing a program on substance abuse on May 10. Substance abuse is the use of addictive substances including alcohol, cigarettes, and illegal or sometimes even legal drugs.

The special needs of women in treatment for their addictions, some factors that contribute to women's substance abuse, and the frequent over-medication of women are among the issues that will be included in the program. Mandel points out that Jewish women who are substance abusers have both the problems associated with being women and those connected with being Jewish. The committee also hopes to sound a wake-up call to the Jewish community about the need to confront substance abuse among Jews, and to support measures aimed at treatment and prevention.

"Jewish women who are substance abusers have both the problems associated with being women and those connected with being Jewish."

Gone are the days when "women's issues" strictly focused on sameness: promoting the perception that women and men have the same needs. Today, many women's issues focus on difference. One example is the recognition that medical studies using male subjects do not necessarily apply to women. This has led to demands by women's advocates for increased funding of research on women's health. Similarly, the perception is emerging that causes and treatment of substance abuse are not the same in women as in men.

According to the Addiction Research Foundation, women are at a higher risk of substance abuse if they have a family history of drug and alcohol problems, if they are on their own or unemployed, or if they have a spouse who is a heavy drinker or drug user. When they seek treatment, women often see substance abuse as a secondary problem or a symptom of a larger problem such as physical abuse.

Rochelle Thompson, a veteran of 25 years in private practice as a clinical counsellor and a specialist in addictions, agrees that for women more than for men, addiction is a way of coping with trauma: 40-70% of women substance abusers have experienced sexual or physical abuse. And piled on top of all the other problems that addicts face are some issues she identifies as specific to or harder to handle for women:

- Shame, stigma and self-blaming are often stronger for women. They hide their substance abuse and fear exposure more than men.
- Women encounter more barriers to getting help. For example, since single women tend to have less money than men, they may find it harder to cope financially during treatment. Single mothers who need day care services while getting treatment can experience added financial and emotional stress.
- Hormonal changes can trigger substance cravings, so PMS (pre-menstrual syndrome) and post natal depression can set off substance abuse. Frequent cycles of emotional and physical changes can also trigger the need for addictive substances.
- Addictions in women develop faster and cause more severe damage.
- Women might choose to use marijuana -- a gateway to the use of other drugs -- because they want to avoid the weight problems that come with the extra calories of alcohol.
- Doctors prescribe more tranquilizers for women than for men, though this situation is beginning to change. Since over-medication of the elderly is also a common problem, elderly women are even more at risk.
- Mothers can feel intense guilt for the ways their substance abuse has influenced their children, and might leave residential treatment because they fear their children are being neglected.
- Women in recovery may be sabotaged by male partners.
- Attempting to be a "superwoman" sometimes leads a woman to substance abuse to help her cope with the pressures of her lifestyle.

Since there are so many aspects of addiction that are specific to women, logic suggests that these differences should be reflected in treatment. But there are few facilities as yet that provide treatment options tailored to women's needs. One such facility in Toronto is the Jean Tweed Centre. Another is the Women's Day Treatment Program at the Addiction Research Foundation. And at the Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS), counselling is done on a one-to-one basis.

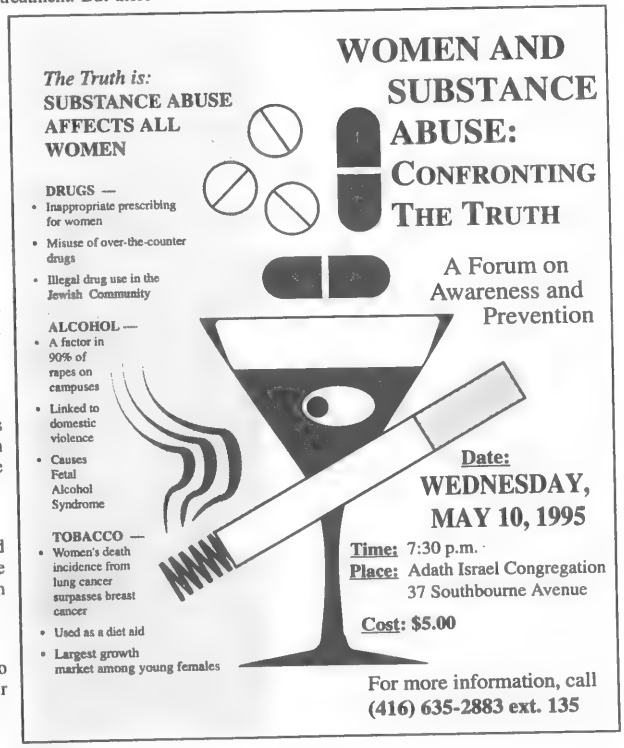
Thompson suggests that women need segregated treatment for several reasons:

- In group therapy sessions or in 12-step programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, men tend to dominate the conversation.
- Sexual abuse issues and traumatic childhood experiences need to be addressed in groups for women only.
- Women need to learn, without the presence of men, how to handle the stress in their relationships.
- Hormonal trigger problems concern only women.
- Women need to consider care issues.

If major obstacles to women's seeking treatment are the shame and stigma of substance abuse, Jewish women get a double dose. These feelings are stronger in the Jewish community, says Annette Crandell of JF&CS. Since standards are--or are perceived to be--higher, Jewish substance abusers feel more shame. In addition, Jews sometimes feel uncomfortable about participating in 12-step programs like Alcoholics Anonymous which are often held in churches, and which can have references to Christian scripture. Several synagogues have recently opened their doors to AA meetings to help Jewish substance abusers feel more comfortable.

Both Crandell and Thompson stress the importance of greater awareness in the Jewish community of substance abuse that often masquerades as family or mental health problems. In particular, Rabbis and other professionals to whom substance abusers might turn need to realize that treatment and counselling for addiction is a specialized skill that calls for referral to trained therapists.

Supplying detailed information to these professionals on resources available to the Jewish community might be useful. But as an overall constructive approach to dealing with substance abuse, lessening shame and stigma might be the most important and effective step for encouraging members of the Jewish community to seek the help they need to overcome their addictions.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THE OTHER KIND OF CHILD ABUSE

by BONNY WOLFOND

Children who are emotionally abused are not black and blue; they are not cut or bleeding. In fact, they do not appear battered at all -- on the outside. Nevertheless, emotional maltreatment is an insidious form of child abuse, and is likely to leave a child with deep, permanent scars. And unlike physical abuse, it is not always easy to see which children are suffering.

What is emotional child abuse? Eric Kirsh, supervisor of special resources at Jewish Family and Child Service says that, "basically, emotional abuse is constant verbal assault, blaming, belittling, rejecting behavior or insistence that a child assume responsibilities that she/he is incapable of handling, which ultimately results in the child feeling inadequate and demeaned."

Neglect, says Kirsh, can also be a form of emotional abuse, "when it impairs the child's emotional or intellectual growth." Extreme lack of stimulation, for example, can lead to delays in infant responsiveness and development. Emotional abuse can also include extreme isolation of a child or terrorizing a child by making her/him excessively afraid of the world at large.

Typically, parents and other primary caregivers are in the position to hurt children most with emotionally abusive behavior. Dave Fleming, Intake Supervisor of the Toronto East branch of the Children's Aid Society, explains that it is particularly traumatic for a child to be emotionally mistreated by a parent because this is the very person that the child trusts most and relies on the most heavily in day-to-day life. When others emotionally abuse a child, it is still damaging but the effects are likely to be less severe because the relationship is less significant.

Fleming profiles the emotionally-abusive parent this way: "Parents or guardians who have low self-esteem are often emotional abusers. These are frequently parents who were themselves emotionally abused and are now parenting the way that they were parented.

"They take out the problems of the world on the child, kicking their kid emotionally if they have a bad day at work or find themselves under a lot of pressure." With these families, every message that goes out to the child ends up being negative in some way, either overtly or covertly.

Of course, we are all human. Most parents are capable of losing their tempers, sometimes saying things they don't mean and know they should not have said. If you are one of these, don't panic. Fleming says "Emotional abuse is a cumulative effect - kids are very resilient and they can put up with all sorts of things. We are all going to make mistakes which we can always go back and deal with." Fleming suggests that a simple apology can do wonders, both in restoring a child's sense of self-esteem and in conveying the message that it is all right to acknowledge our own mistakes.

While it is most common for a parent or guardian to emotionally mistreat children, there are many other people who come into a child's life who can hurt her/him. People like athletic coaches, teachers, and camp counsellors are all in positions where they can, with inappropriate behavior, damage a young child's sense of self-esteem, sometimes permanently.

It is crucial that we listen to our children when they have grievances about the authority figures they come in contact with, and take their complaints seriously. In addition, Kirsh says that "all people in positions of responsibility over children need to take care to treat them in respectful, age-appropriate ways. Everything that we say and do around children will be picked up as some form of message."

Generally, emotional abuse is hard to detect and harder to prove. Out of 47,000 reported cases of child abuse or neglect in Ontario in 1993, only 4,727(10%) were reports of emotional maltreatment. In reality, emotional child abuse occurs far more often. Clearly, something else must be done.

How can you tell if a child is being emotionally abused? Signals from children include regressive behavior like bedwetting, stuttering, thumb sucking (in children who have already passed these stages) and hyperactivity, withdrawal, psychosomatic complaints and delinquency. But these behaviors can begin to appear for other reasons, so the best way to discover emotional abuse is to witness it first hand. Kirsh says that abuse can be set apart from the occassional temper flare-up by its intensity, degree, and frequency.

If you ever see someone you know treating a child in an emotionally abusive way, try to approach them and suggest that they get help. Jewish Family and Child Service is one organization among many which offers a variety of counselling options or parenting discussion groups to help people learn things like anger management.

If the person is not responsive or is someone whom you don't feel you can approach, it is your duty under the Child and Family Service Act to report any suspicion of abuse to Jewish Family and Child Service (which is an authorized provincial children's aid organization) or another children's aid organization. Reporting is, in fact, a legal obligation for those in certain professions such as doctors, teachers, nurses and social workers.

Perhaps most importantly, we should practice positive parenting at home. Every parent should be aware of the difference between discipline and punishment, and that punishments which are punitive or demeaning are not appropriate. Says Kirsh, "When a child does not learn anything about his behavior from a punishment technique, but merely what pleases or displeases a parent, the parent is not helping him to develop socially acceptable behavior, he is just using his power."

Finally, Kirsh feels that education is essential for all parents, whether they have noticeable problems or not. "It is really important for people to know that being a parent is as developmental as being a child. You can learn to be a better parent. Parents need training and education in understanding how to talk to children and meet children's needs. Some people do it naturally, but most of us don't." Certainly, it is a lesson well worth learning.

WOMEN AND LEADERSHIP

The issue of women and leadership has become a top priority for the Jewish Women's Federation (JWF) which is a department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (Federation) - the Toronto Jewish community's central communal organization. JWF, which represents 50 Jewish women's volunteer groups and over 20,000 women in the Greater Toronto area, is concerned that there has not been enough growth in terms of senior leadership in the Toronto Jewish community.

The proportion of women in leadership positions in our Federation is commensurate with other large city Federations, according to a recent North-America-wide study undertaken by the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF). The CJF study found that the percentage of women who sit on Federation committees decreases as the city size increases.

In large communities, women make up 27.8% of the total membership of Federation Boards. In the 19 largest Federations the percentage of women Presidents of Federations has dropped since 1986 from 10.5% to 7.0%. And, on the professional side, there are no women Executive Directors in the largest cities.

JWF is currently taking an inventory of the proportion of women participating on all of the committees and boards of the Toronto Federation and its local affiliated agencies. There are presently 47 women out of a total of 153 members of the Executive Board (31%) and 7 women out of a total of 26 Officers (27%).

JWF is approaching the issue of increasing women's participation at leadership levels from a number of directions. The first is to encourage a more accepting environment on the part of our current leadership. We are using every possible opportunity to sensitize current leaders about the need for women to be well represented at leadership levels.

"The fastest growing groups in the fundraising world are women's philanthropic networks"

In recently held discussions around the new By-Laws for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, JWF helped to ensure that women's issues and voices will be represented at the highest level of Federation governance. When our inventory of women in leadership positions is complete, we will publicize the results to encourage greater participation of women.

Another direction from which this issue needs to be approached is ensuring that there are enough women who have the appropriate background and skills to assume leadership roles in the broader Jewish community. We need to encourage women who have achieved senior leadership roles in women's organizations to continue their involvement in the general Jewish community.

One step that JWF is taking in this area is the creation of a high level Women and Leadership series which will take place this spring, planned together with the Federation's Human Resources Development Department. This six-part series will provide learning opportunities to help women enhance their leadership and financial management skills.

We are also beginning to track women in the Federation system so that we can assist them in "career pathing" and fulfilling their potential in their volunteer careers.

A third direction involves the recognition of different philanthropic patterns of women. At the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations held in Denver this past November, one session demonstrated that the fastest growing groups in the fundraising world are women's philanthropic networks.

As a result of gains in wage earning and increased education, women are positioned to play a much more active role in philanthropic activity. Studies have shown that women will give generously of their time and charitable dollars to organizations that are inclusive, that make them feel part of the power structure, that fund services which benefit women/families and that give women the opportunity to participate in true positions of leadership.

Therefore, increasing women's involvement will be accomplished by working together with UJA Women's Campaign and the Federation to ensure that as the new Financial Resources Development plan unfolds at the Federation, special women's services and programs are included in the "shopping list" for donors who want to direct some of their funds in this way.

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Mideast peace process doomed to failure: Leiter

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —The Mideast peace process willl ultimately fail because it is morally, politically and strategically wrong, the spokesperson of an Israeli settlers' group has forecast.

The prediction was made by Yechiel Leiter, executive director of the foreign desk of the Yesha Council of Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza (Yesha).

The umbrella organization claims to represent some 140,000 Jewish inhabitants of the territories.

A resident of the West Bank settlement of Eli, Leiter spoke at a breakfast meeting sponsored by the Institute for International Affairs of B'nai Brith Canada.

In a sweeping condemnation of the Oslo peace process, Leiter said it has divided the Israeli populace, brought an unprecedented surge of terrorism and jeopardized Israel's security.

Accusing the PLO of repeatedly violating the Oslo accord, the 35-year-old American-born settler said the peace process is so "very wrong" it may may yet lead to war.

Paraphrasing U.S. president Thomas Jefferson, Leiter declared that a true peace agreement will remain elusive as long as the process underlying it deeply fragments Israeli public opinion.

Claiming the previous status quo is preferable to the situation today, he called for a national referendum to settle the issue.

An ordained rabbi who served as mayor of Hebron's revitalized Jewish community from 1989 to 1992, Leiter said he yearns for peace every day. "The question is: What kind of a peace are we talking about? There is real peace and false peace."

Categorizing the Oslo process as a "false peace," Leiter said more than 130 Israelis have been killed in terrorist attacks since Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shook hands with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in Washington in September 1993.

He estimated that upwards of 1,500 Israelis would have died in Beersheva recently had Israeli police not intercepted a truck from the Gaza Strip laden with 200 kilograms of explosives.

Yechiel Leiter

Describing Jewish settlements in the West Bank as a barrier to a Palestinian state, he said the settlers there and in Gaza should not be pressured to leave, despite Israeli government efforts to "choke" the settlers through financial means.

He suggested Israel's claim to the territories should be based on its historic and religious connection to these areas. "Why don't we have the gumption to say they're ours?"

Leiter, who is also chair of the One Israel/Yesha Heartland Campaign, said there is no room for a third state between Israel and Jordan.

But he implied that the Palestinians should establish a state in Jordan, with which Israel signed a peace treaty last October.

In addition, he advised Israel to formally annex 58 per cent of the West Bank — eight per cent owned by Jews and 50 per cent classified as state land.

Without naming names, Leiter said there are Palestinian Arabs willing to negotiate with Israel under terms favorable to Israel's interests; but because they fear repercusions from their fellow Palestinians, they do not step forward.

Concluding his remarks, Leiter bemoaned the fact that major Jewish philanthropies in the Diaspora boycott Yesha. This, he said, is "unjust and immoral."

"We deserve humanitarian funding," he said, urging Canadian Jews to channel funds to Jewish settlers in the territories.

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Sharon Home planning to expand mandate

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Under the leadership of Daniel Ruth, Winnipeg's Sharon Home is seeking to replace the provincial government as the home care provider for all Winnipeg Jewish seniors in need.

"That is one of the reasons I was brought here," says the new executive vice-president and CEO of the city's only Jewish nursing home.

"We say we are in a better position to know the needs of our constituents and that we can better respond to their health and social service needs than the present system does."

Up to 23 per cent of Winnipeg's Jewish community of 15,000 are over 65.

What Ruth and his board of directors envisage is a "seamless continuous care program" which would provide the necessary home services to delay admittance to the Sharon Home.

Originally from Toronto, Ruth is the youngest son of Sam Ruth, for close to 30 years the CEO of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

The younger Ruth has worked in hospital and home care administration for the past nine years. Last September, he came to Winnipeg to succeed Dr. Henry Faintuch, the Sharon Home's longtime executive vice-president and CEO.

During his almost 45-year tenure, Faintuch, with wife Sonya, built Winnipeg's Jewish nursing home from a boarding house-type place with 42 elderly residents into a model institution with 234 beds, medical and nursing services, a variety of community services and outreach programs such as adult day care and respite care.

While Ruth praises his predecessor's accomplishments in building one of the finest nursing homes in North America for its size, he says the new focus will be more on people.

"We want to develop programs and services that better meet our clients' needs and we want to encourage families to become more involved in the planning and implementation processes," he says. "We want to make the Sharon Home more inclusive for the community at large."

Ruth says there are plans to make the facility's board and meeting rooms available free of charge to other Jewish community organizations, and he would like to see residents celebrate life cycle events with friends and family in the Home.

He also reports he has been meeting with representatives of other health and social service organizations with an eye to working more closely together for the good of all in these times of limited financial resources.

"The fact that these changes are occurring is not just my doing," he notes. He credits board chair Saul Kanes, president Justice Nathan Nurgitz and the late past president Bill Goldberg for thinking of the future. "The fact that I am here is a testament to them," he says.

Hadassah conference planned for Montreal

MONTREAL — Health and humanitarian issues will be the focus of the upcoming Hadassah International Congress, April 30 to May 4 in Montreal.

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Family Matters

by

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The Law of Babysitting

PART 5 OF 6 *(continued from March 23 issue)*

Parents should be particularly concerned with liability for their children in the event of an accident, with or without homeowners' insurance. Without such insurance, they could risk a tremendous lawsuit for damaging a neighbouring dwelling or a child who may be visiting.

Even with a regular homeowners' insurance policy, the policyholder's coverage will normally not extend to his own family members in the event they are personally injured and, moreover, will only cover property damage up to the maximum limit in the policy. If the child starts a fire that burns down neighbouring dwellings, then it is easy to see how even a million collars in coverage could be insufficient in such circumstances.

Frankly, given all the problems and "gray areas" that Canadian law and insurance liability suggest, I am obliged to advise that parents do what may be impractical and financially difficult for many families. **I personally feel that the individual must be responsible and ideally no younger than 16 years of age.** Moreover, I would be careful that such an individual produce a certificate from a babysitting course. Such courses are offered by local community groups and agencies in major Jewish communities across Canada. I would also wish to be convinced that the babysitter can control younger children, especially in the event of an emergency.

My wife tells me that I will probably receive a lot of hate mail from youngsters between the ages of 11 and 16 as a result of this article. However, since legally the onus is on the parents to show that they made provision for a child's supervision under the age of 16 that is "reasonable in the circumstances", I am admittedly taking a conservative approach to this issue.

APRIL 13 ISSUE: Debunking popularly held misconceptions about babysitting.

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Ten-year-old Elizabeth dies of aplastic anemia

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — We can use Elizabeth Herman's name now, because, you see, she died.

Just over two years ago, we wrote about the plucky 8-year-old who needed a bone marrow transplant to combat her aplastic anemia.

Because her parents, Mary Ellen and Michael, wanted her to have as normal a childhood as possible, and also wished to preserve the family's privacy, we called the little girl Cathy.

We talked about how she loved sports, writing stories and playing the piano. And how she would really have loved to go to school regularly.

Mostly we asked you, as we have for others who need bone marrow transplants, to be tested to see if you were a compatible donor for her.

As so often happens in these cases, her siblings, who were a perfect match for each other, could not help her.

On Feb. 17, Liz's time ran out.

Her aunt, Barbara Kaplan, spoke to *The CJN* on behalf of the family.

Liz, she said, was diagnosed with thrombocytopenia, a congenital bone marrow disorder, soon after she was born. While still a toddler, she developed aplastic anemia, a failure of the bone marrow to produce platelets or red or white blood cells.

This failure, explained Dr. Melvin Freedman, chief of hematology at Hospital for Sick Children and professor of pediatrics at the University of Toronto, who treated Liz, leads to potentially lethal complications. If not cured, the person dies from infection or bleeding.

Transfusions and antibiotics can stem the symptoms of aplastic anemia, but the only cure is a transplant.

Liz had regular transfusions over the years, as well as antibiotic therapy. When a compatible donor was not found, in spite of years of searching Canadian and international bone registries, an unrelated mismatch transplantation was tried last July, in the hope that it would be close enough.

For a few months, the family was hopeful. Liz was allowed to come home for part of each day,

Elizabeth Herman

which gave her, Kaplan said, a real psychological lift.

She kept up her love affair with sports, especially baseball. Her last outing was a luncheon with Blue Jays designated hitter Paul Molitor, arranged by the Starlight Foundation, an organization that grants wishes to seriously ill children.

One of the thrills of her life, not to mention the rest of the family, Kaplan admits, was meeting skating star Kurt Browning, who unexpectedly dropped in at a party held the night before Liz went in for her transplant.

The family, which treasures its anonymity, offered to be interviewed "to make people more aware of blood disorders," Kaplan said.

They urge people to donate not just whole blood, but platelets as well.

Judy Burgess, coordinator of special programs in blood donor recruitment for the Red Cross, explains that someone who has given blood three times, can volunteer to be a platelet donor.

When a donor's particular blood type is needed, they are called for a two hour session, during which the blood is removed from one arm into sterile tubing, spun in a centrifuge which spins off the platelets into a bag. The rest of the blood is then returned to the body in the other arm.

The other plea that the family has is obvious: get tested and registered on the international bone marrow registries.

It's too late for Liz, and the Herman family recognizes that. But they desperately hope that other youngsters can be helped. Maybe then her death will have some meaning.

Targeting the silent majority

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — To maintain Jewish continuity, says one expert, we should be targeting the 50 per cent of the Jewish population who are married to Jews but keep a low profile in the community rather than focusing on intermarried couples.

The silent majority "wish to identify as Jews but lack the wherewithal to be able to implement it," said Steven Bayme, adjunct professor at the Wurzweiler School of Social Work of Yeshiva University.

Bayme recently delivered the Ronald Heller Memorial Lecture at the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT).

Bayme said we can create a community in which being Jewish is important and tradition more vibrant by enhancing Jewish content.

"Some will buy into that message, others will not," he said.

Bayme said the Jewish community has to offer people compelling reasons for leading Jewish lives other than the Holocaust and the rebirth of Israel. "Our language of identity must be a language of positive joy and affirmation and not simply negative memories of terrible things happening to Jews."

While Jews in North America have achieved success in broader society, he said our inner lives as Jews are weak. "That's our paradox, that by the standards of the external society we are incredibly successful, [but] by the standards of promoting internal Jewish life we seem incredibly inadequate."

He stressed that Jewish continuity programs can work only to the extent that a community stands for something Jewish.

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From coast to coast

Diamond Centre provides haven for troubled teens

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sarah (not her real name) was raised in a Jewish home. Early on, she fell in with the wrong crowd. Now 18, she says she had a hard time at school and a "scary experience" at home.

It's much the same for "Jeff," 15. He says he had no rules at home and now realizes how disorienting that was. Constant fighting with his mother didn't help.

For "Amy," problems were many. There was physical and verbal abuse, a divorce, and three years ago, at 13, she was diagnosed as having a nervous disorder.

What these three teens have in common — apart from growing up without a "traditional" (read: stable, nurturing) Jewish home — is that they have all found a sanctuary at the Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Centre, among the Jewish community's better-kept secrets.

Inside a large, airy house on a leafy north Toronto street, the centre, operated by Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS), provides hope for those the community has had a difficult time admitting even exist

Here, up to 18 young people, aged 11 to 18, all with emotional and/or behavioral difficulties, take part in classes approved by the Toronto Board of Education, counselling and therapy sessions and recreational outings — all in a Jewish environment.

Just up the street is the centre's residence, where six boys and girls of the same age live dormitory style. These kids have more serious problems; for one, their families can no longer handle them at home. The kosher residence is staffed round-the-clock.

The idea, says centre manager Gayle Kaye, is to reintegrate clients back into their families and the mainstream by improving peer relationships and acquiring life skills.

"We have children from broken homes, intact homes and some who are wards of the agency," Kaye explains. "They come here because they are having family problems, learning problems and emotional difficulties.

"But here, we stress milieu treatment programming, which means the kids get used to a routine. They have chores, like laundry and cleaning. They have rules, and they are taught to be respectful of others."

The average stay in both the residence and day program is from 1½ to two years. In that time, a team of mental health professionals provides group, family and individual counselling. Classes are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All Jewish holidays, including Shabbat, are observed.

Diamond Centre supervisor Brian O'Donnell watches kids bone up on computer skills.

JF&CS's involvement goes back to the turn of the century, when the Jewish Children's Centre on Annette Street was opened in 1905. World War II brought about the Reception Centre for Redeemed Children of the Holocaust, while the Conrad Avenue home was opened in 1962.

By the 1970s, these facilities were termed children's mental health centres, and the Centre Shelanu was opened by JF&CS in 1974.

In 1982, it was renamed the Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Centre in honor of the man who served as JF&CS executive director for 22 years.

"I love the place," says resident Sarah, who also attends public school classes. "I'm now more patient with my brothers and sisters. You get a lot out of this place. I've learned there are a lot of ways of coping."

Jeff, who also lives in the residence, has learned how to cook and likes being a big brother to his younger sister.

And Amy's mood swings are under control, she's improving at school and is readying herself for a big day this autumn: moving back home.

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From coast to coast

Giving a 'get' can be a mitzvah: rabbi

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Although the head of Toronto's Beth Din Tzedek encourages estranged couples to restore marital harmony whenever possible, he believes that it can be a mitzvah to give a get (Jewish divorce).

"The Talmud says you can't live with a snake," said Rabbi Mordechai Ochs at a recent seminar on gittin sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service. Situations leading to divorce include those in which partners are abusive, he said.

The rabbi spoke of the centrality of marriage in Judaism and cautioned that it is important for couples to weigh their options. "Sometimes if one is in a rut, one feels there is no way out except a get."

He usually suggests that couples consult their own rabbi to discuss the possibility of salvaging the marriage. "Unfortunately," he added, "when it comes to us, the marriage is usually beyond repair."

If a marriage is to be dissolved, there is a correct way of doing it, the rabbi emphasized.

Because Jewish laws concerning gittin are so complex, the process requires supervision by a panel of three rabbis, he explained. Two witnesses and a sofer (scribe) are also required.

Rabbi Mordechai Ochs

Specified details include the type of ink, paper and even the writing implement (a turkey quill) required for the document.

A Conservative get will not be universally recognized, the rabbi cautioned.

Either spouse can initiate the get process by contacting the rabbinical court, said Rabbi Ochs.

It is not necessary to provide a ketubah (Jewish marriage contract), although it is preferred. In fact, even the termination of a common-law relationship necessitates a get, said the rabbi.

Without a get, a woman cannot remarry under Jewish law. Should she remarry civilly without obtaining a get, children of the subsequent marriage are considered mamzerim (illegitimate) and may only marry another mamzer or a convert under Jewish law.

A get will not be denied if the parties can't afford to pay for it, said Rabbi Ochs. The ceremony will not even be postponed, he added, although the certificate might be withheld.

A get in Toronto costs $350 if both spouses appear together, or $400 if a proxy is necessary (to stand in place of the husband if they appear separately). The cost includes remuneration for a minimum of six people doing two hours of skilled work, the rabbi noted.

In cases where one spouse is reluctant to agree to the get, rabbinical courts, working in cooperation worldwide, do a lot of behind-the-scenes work, he said.

A recent case involving an agunah (a woman whose husband refuses to give her a get) was resolved locally with the help of an emissary from Jerusalem's rabbinical court. The case had been ongoing for two years.

In another case, the rabbis went to see an incarcerated spouse in jail.

"If one partner keeps the other bound and in anguish, that is a crime," said Rabbi Ochs. "[A recalcitrant husband] is certainly an individual who should be shunned [and] denied any Jewish honors."

To that end, rabbis can issue a seruv regarding anyone who has refused three summonses to appear before the rabbinical courts. The rarely used option is a public document calling on the community to deny the person Jewish honors, such as being called to the Torah.

The seruv "has not proven to be an effective instrument," said Rabbi Ochs.

Canada's Divorce Act, however, has been "of great assistance," Rabbi Ochs said. The act was amended in 1990 to ensure that divorcing spouses remove all barriers to religious remarriage of their partner before obtaining a civil divorce. "Unfortunately, not all lawyers are aware of what the legislation implies," he added.

"We are blessed that we live in a democracy," said the rabbi. "We have to avail ourselves of that which is before us and utilize all methods including public pressure, demonstrations and moral suasion."

Secular Association updates Haggadah

TORONTO — The Secular Jewish Association has updated its Haggadah.

Originally published in 1975, the award-winning trilingual Haggadah (English, Hebrew and Yiddish) reflects the egalitarian philosophy of the secular humanistic Jewish movement.

In keeping with the Passover theme of liberation, the Haggadah includes the story of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising to commemorate the heroism of the Jews who fought for freedom. The birth of the state of Israel and the oppression of Soviet Jewry are also incorporated with the celebration of Passover.

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Blacks, Jews in shouting match on Shirley

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A shouting match between panel members discussing black-Jewish relations marred the March 23 airing of the *Shirley Show* on CTV.

Black panelist Hebrew Ben Judah triggered the match between himself and Michael Guzofsky of the Jewish Defence League with his comment that Sephardi Jews made "billions of pounds" from the slave trade.

Only two per cent of the slave trade was in Jewish hands, said Dr. Harold Brackman of the Los Angeles Simon Wiesenthal Centre, but Ben Judah retorted: "That is a falsehood."

Though taped in Toronto, every panelist but one was from the United States. A scheduled representative from the Nation of Islam backed out before the taping three weeks ago.

The talk show is seen weekdays in Canada and the United States.

Host Shirley Solomon said she debated for weeks about whether to do the show, but finally decided that as a Jew she wanted to understand why hatred exists between black and Jews.

The audience of 125, part of which was bussed in from Cleveland, heard one black panel member, Denise Burnett, say she was on "probation" from University of Toronto student radio station CIUT because Jewish people had complained about her allowing two program guests to make statements about Jews involved in the slave trade on her show *Caffeine Free*.

"My butt was strung up by the *Toronto Sun* and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre," she charged, after telling a Jewish panel member that as far as the Holocaust was concerned, "You all got money, you got paid."

A panel member identified only as Mr. Star of Black on Black Crime in Cleveland, then said Jews control the media. "The Holocaust is over but Jews are holding the world hostage to it," he said.

A black student from York University, an audience member, said on air he thought the program was slanted against blacks.

Dena Libman, a former York Jewish Student Federation president who attended the taping, told *The CJN* she was "ashamed" by some of the comments made by Jewish representatives.

Student Eric Benchimal agreed. "I wasn't impressed with the show. It had a bunch of extremists on for the ratings and they didn't represent the blacks or the Jews," he said.

However, there was a positive postscript to the show.

Black and Jewish students at York decided to air the segment in Curtis Hall and follow it with an hour-long exchange of views, which was attended by 70 students.

"There was a lot of finger pointing back and forth, but it's a start," said Benchimal.

"The real issues were not addressed adequately," said Athol Kelly, a member of the *Excalibur* Black Caucus, who nonetheless was pleased with the turnout.

York black and Jewish students will plant a tree together May 1.

Continuity concerns extend to Israel

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The issue of Jewish continuity in Israel is just as important as it is in North America, the Young Leadership Network of United Jewish Appeal was told recently.

Though many Israelis describe themselves as secular, they are deeply attached to traditional Jewish values, said Michael Wegier of Jerusalem's Melitz Centre for Jewish Education.

Ninety per cent of Israelis fast on Yom Kippur, he said, the main holidays are observed, Friday night dinners are traditional, and if the law did not require it, they would want Orthodox style weddings.

"Secular Israelis don't buy into Orthodox but they still build traditional values into their lives.

Wegier said the issue of intermarriage is a troubling one to Israelis who fear that if Israel is ever accepted as part of the Middle East, and there are open borders, it will face assimilation into the surrounding population of 100 million Arabs.

"The next cultural crunch will be intermarriage," the Israeli educator said. "I'm excited and nervous about it. It's very worrying."

Tammy Axlewicz was chair of the Network's first Perspectives meeting of the new UJA campaign held at Wendy Eisen's home on Warren Road.

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PASSOVER FOODS

Lists help you to keep your cool

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Just the thought of doing all the planning, cleaning, shopping and cooking for Pesach can be daunting.

But it is possible to get through it and still have a functional family, a relationship with your husband and the ability to stand up for more than three minutes at a time.

Now, I am not setting myself up as any kind of expert. My own family will attest to the fact that I am just as hysterical and unreasonable as anyone else, if not more so.

It is just this fact that allows me to give our readers a few pointers to help get through this period.

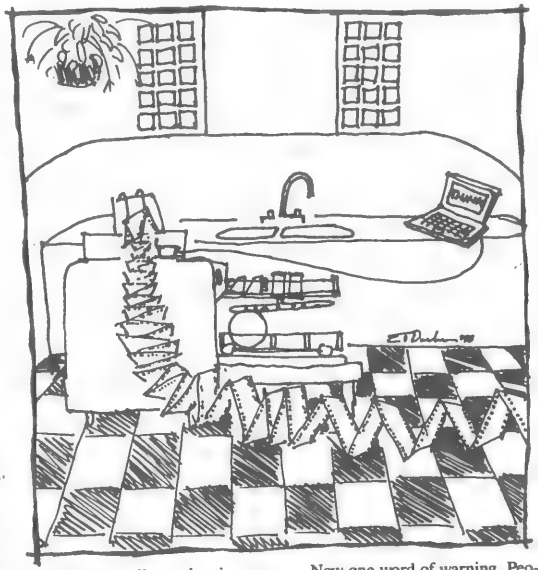
First of all, make lists. This is one of those suggestions that you see in self-help books (right after "get in touch with your inner self") but for once it is valid.

Make lists about what you should clean first, and what must be kept chometzdik until the last possible minute. Make lists about what parts of the house will hold any remaining chometz — this will save you from, for instance, not being able to find the cute pottery jar that you keep the garlic in for three months after Pesach.

Make lists of what you have to buy, and where you buy it. Modern technology can help here — put it on computer, so that you won't have to figure it all out every year.

Make lists of what you plan to serve, who is coming and where you plan to put them.

Not only does this help you get yourself organized, it ensures that



when things really get hectic, you won't forget anything really important. Unless, of course, you lose the list.

This is not the time for misguided economy. If at all possible, get some professional help cleaning. This will enable you to concentrate on remembering where you put the big Passover soup pot.

Don't put off shopping, at least for packaged products, until the last minute. If you hit the stores early, you will get a better selection, find the interesting new foods and not forget the one thing you neglected to put on that list I mentioned.

Now one word of warning. People shopping for Pesach metamorphasize from decent Canadian-type gentlemen and ladies into raging infernos of temper and nastiness.

My husband is still recovering from having a dear little old lady with grey curls and an angelic face ram a shopping cart into his back and smack him, hard, to get a jar of jam he was aiming for.

Explain to your children that the grown-ups didn't really mean to hurt them when they stepped on top of them to get to the soup on the third shelf. It's a good lesson in understanding the unpredictability of human behavior.

Then the cooking. Ah yes. Here's where planning is a must, because no matter how seriously you intend to get your cooking done a week before Pesach, you don't. It helps to know that you can chop four onions, and have enough for the soup, the kugel and the chicken, instead of taking out the chopping board three separate times.

It is tempting to try exotic new recipes on Pesach, but this might not be the best time. In the first place, if it doesn't work out, it's not always possible to send someone out surreptitiously to replace it.

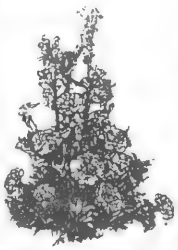
As well, one of the things that makes Pesach special, especially for children, is looking forward to the potato-cheese-sour cream casserole or matzah fruit kugel that you make always and only during these eight days.

And one final suggestion: get the kids involved, even if it takes longer to do everything with them there. The injunction on Pesach is to tell the story of the exodus to your children — and what better way for them to understand the seriousness of the holiday than by taking an active role in preparing for it.

Besides, they do not have to be very old to be a genuine help.

Sometime during chol hamo'ed, make another list — this time recording what you must get next Pesach, such as another cookie sheet, five new glasses, or a new vegetable peeler because you accidentally threw yours out with the garbage. Trust me, you will not remember otherwise, and will find yourself yelling at your husband to run out and get you a new dishpan at midnight.

Most of all, keep cool. After all, if Moses managed to get all those Jews out of Egypt and across the Red Sea in a couple of days, you can surely prepare Pesach for your own family.



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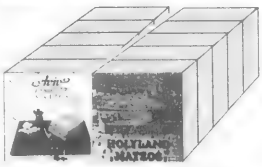

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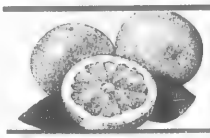

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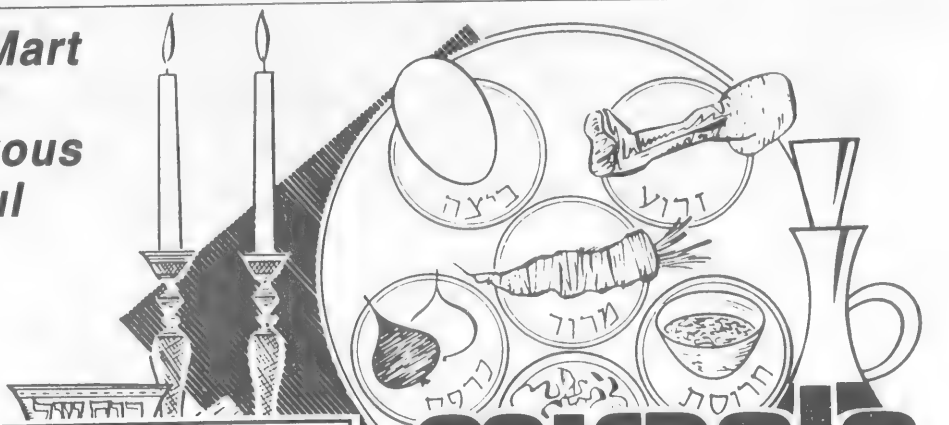

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Author puts mom's favorites into cookbook

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

When Jan Kliaman's mother, Yetta, died last year, Kliaman wanted to memorialize her in a tangible way.

Yetta Kliaman, Jan says, was "a marvelous cook. She used to make great backyard parties, and prepare so much stuff for holidays."

Relatives and friends asked Jan for her mother's recipes, and she decided to publish *My Mother's Cookbook*, filled with her mother's favorite recipes as well as some her late aunt, Anne Freedman, was known for, and others that were handed down from past generations.

Unlike many of her generation, Yetta Kliaman had written down her favorite recipes, either in a recipe wheel, or by marking favorite cookbooks.

The only trouble, Kliaman says, is that often there were just ingredients, and she had to guess such factors as exact method or pan size.

"I picked dishes that I remembered, and ones friends asked for," she explained.

She even included her father's salmon patties, made not with bread crumbs, as one usually sees, but with soda crackers.

All the recipes were tested and retested. "My father loved it. There was always lots of food in the house. And when I made a big party, I had lots of great cakes prepared. Of course, they all had one piece cut out — the piece I taste-tested."

Kliaman did all the printing, collating, binding and promotion herself, although she is looking for a publisher.

Yetta Kliaman did not use exotic ingredients or techniques, but "everything always looked terrific, and tasted wonderful."

My Mother's Cookbook is available at $18 from Jansworth Corporation, 416-398-7653.

Here are a few recipes to give you just a taste of Yetta Kliaman's cooking:

PASSOVER BROWNIES

5 tbsp. oil
⅔ cup sugar
2 eggs
½ cup cake meal
1 tsp. potato starch
pinch of salt
1 bittersweet chocolate bar - 6 oz.
½ cup chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 350. Lightly grease an 8 x 8 oven-proof glass baking dish.

Melt chocolate. Set aside to cool.

In an electric mixer, cream oil and sugar. Beat in eggs. Add chocolate. Mix in cake meal, potato starch and salt. Stir in nuts. Pour batter into prepared baking dish.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes.

Cool in baking dish on wire rack. When cool, cut into squares.

BRISKET IN WINE SAUCE

1 brisket, 5 lbs.
1 cup applesauce
1 cup Passover sherry or other wine
1 pkg. onion soup mix
1½ cups orange juice

Preheat oven to 350. Lightly grease a large rectangular baking pan. Place brisket in pan. Blend applesauce, wine, soup mix and orange juice together. Pour mixture over brisket.

Bake uncovered until tender.

SQUASH QUICHE

4 cups squash, peeled, cut into bite-sized pieces, steamed and drained (not too soft)
7 egg whites or 4 whole eggs beaten
1 onion, chopped and sauteed
1 tbsp. butter
1¼ cups cheddar cheese, grated
½ tsp. pepper, or to taste
¼ tsp. salt, or to taste

Preheat oven to 350. Lightly grease an oven-proof utility dish.

Mix together all ingredients. Pour into prepared dish. Bake for 45 minutes.

May be prepared with zucchini or mixed with squash.

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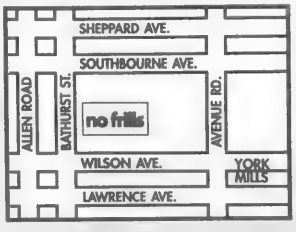

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Popular Beth Tikvah cookbook is revised for today's cooks

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

It's been nearly 25 years since Beth Tikvah Synagogue sisterhood produced it s very popular *All in Good Taste* cookbook. Those who have copies treasure them, and carefully hoard them against light-fingered reporters who also collect cookbooks and who consider it a very fine example of the cookbook art indeed.

Well, a sequel has just been published, also called *All in Good Taste*, with some of the same recipes, but a whole host of new ones, and in tune with today's lighter cooking touch.

Rhona Armel and Heather Shapiro are handling sales and publicity for the cookbook, and talk enthusiastically about the process of preparing it.

In many cases, they say, several generations were involved. People got recipes from their mothers, tested them on their husbands and children, and roped their friends in to taste-test.

"One day when I was testing strudel recipes," recalls Armel, "my husband came home and asked what was for supper, I told him strudel. Because that's all I had time to make that day!"

The whole process, which was coordinated by dietician Marsha Rosen, a past president of Beth Tikvah Sisterhood, took three years.

"Everyone was involved," says Shapiro, not just sisterhood members. "We even got recipes from men in the congregation."

While the original intention was to emphasize "light" cooking, that was not the type of recipes that were coming in. Many were "lightened" for the book, though.

Recipes chosen were, Armel said, "not a patchka. We wanted them to be suitable for newlyweds and for the more sophistocated cook."

All in Good Taste is available through Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Telephone 416-221-3433. Cost is $29.95.

Try these recipes for Passover — they are great.

Recipes suitable for newlyweds

MOCK KISHKE
(Makes 3 rolls)

3 cups matzah meal
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
2 large carrots
3 celery stalks
1 Spanish onion
¼-½ cup margarine, melted

Preheat oven to 350.

Combine matzah meal, salt and pepper.

In a food processor, grate carots, celery, and onion and add to matzah meal mixture. Add melted fat and mix thoroughly.

Divide mixture into thirds. Place each on a strip of foil, shiny side up. Shape into a roll and wrap with foil. Secure edges of the roll.

Place on a cookie sheet. Bake 1 hour. Slice into 1½ inch pieces.

HOT VEGETABLE PASSOVER PUDDING

3 cups matzah farfel
3 cups cold water
½ cup oil
2 onions, diced
2 celery stalks, sliced
½ green pepper, julienned
2 carrots, grated
5 eggs, well beaten
½ tsp. white pepper
¾ tsp. salt
2 tbsp. sugar
2 medium potatoes, grated and well drained
1 tbsp. parsley, chopped

Preheat oven to 350.

Using a large bowl, soak farfel in water until soft. Drain well. In a large frying pan, heat 2 tbsp. of the oil and saute onions, carrots, celery and green pepper until the onions are transparent. Pour into a large bowl and mix in all the other ingredients. Mix well.

Place the remaining oil in a 9 x 13 in. pan and place the pan in the oven to heat the oil. Pour the farfel and vegetable mixture into the baking pan. Bake until the top is golden, about 1 hour.

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Matzah Free Zone is ideal for meals

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

Well, it's almost show time. The main courses are set for the seders (poultry one night, beef the next) and I know exactly what side dishes and desserts I'm serving each night. I always make too much (it's the law) so I know that I'll be serving a lot of leftovers for almost a week. After eating the same food three days in a row, nobody enjoys the meals.

Each year I promise myself that this year will be different. I'll freeze some of leftovers and I will prepare meals that don't revolve around seeing how many different ways I can disguise the leftover turkey.

This column is being declared a Matzah Free Zone. All of the following recipes are 100 per cent matzah-free, yet perfectly fine for serving at any time during Passover. The ingredients are readily available and the time it takes to create them is minimal.

I've tried to provide a wide variety of salads and main courses that will tempt even the kids who are dying for a slice of pizza.

ELEGANT EGGPLANT SALAD
(Serves 6 to 8)

⅓ cup Passover margarine
1 tbsp. lemon juice
½ tsp. dried oregano
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 medium eggplant, peeled, and cut into ½ inch cubes
1 medium onion thinly sliced and separated into rings
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 medium zucchini, halved and thinly sliced
1 medium tomato, peeled, seeded and chopped
¼ tsp. salt

Combine margarine, lemon juice, oregano and garlic in a large skillet. Cook over moderate heat, stirring occasionally, until garlic is lightly browned. Add eggplant and onion. Stir to coat. Cook, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes or until eggplant is tender. Remove from heat. Transfer to medium serving bowl. Stir in zucchini, mushrooms, tomato, and salt. Cover and refrigerate at least eight hours or overnight. Stir before serving and you can sprinkle with a little grated cheese if desired. This can be doubled.

TROPICAL CHICKEN SALAD
(Serves 4 to 6)

4 cups cut up chicken (you can use the leftover turkey)
2 large oranges peeled and sectioned (don't save juice)
1½ cup fresh pineapple, cut into chunks. Save shell
1 cup seedless grapes
1 cup chopped celery
¾ cup Passover mayonnaise
3 to 4 tbsp. lemon juice
½ tsp. salt
½ to ¾ cup cashews

In a large bowl, combine chicken, fruit and celery. Mix well. Cover and chill. In a small bowl, combine the remaining ingredients except the nuts. Cover and chill. Just before serving, combine the chicken mixture with the dressing and nuts. Serve in hollowed out pineapple shells (easy clean up) or on lettuce.

CHICKEN WITH PINEAPPLE SALSA
(Serves 4)

1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple
4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1 tsp. minced garlic
Salt/pepper to taste
1 tbsp. Passover oil
½ cup diced red pepper
¼ cup diced green pepper
2 tbsp. chopped green onions
2 tsp. minced parsley or cilantro
1 tsp. lime zest

Drain pineapple and save juice. Rub the chicken with the garlic and sprinkle with the salt and pepper. In a skillet, saute the chicken in the oil until browned, turn once. Add ½ cup pineapple juice to chicken. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 7 to 10 minutes. For the salsa, combine pineapple and remaining juice with the remaining ingredients in a medium size bowl. Mix well. Cut each breast into slices and serve it in a fan shape with the salsa on the side. Can be doubled or tripled.

APPLE PECAN CHEESE CAKE
(Serves 8 to 10)

1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 cup (½ lb.) low fat cottage cheese
½ cup sugar
1 tbsp. potato starch
1 tsp. vanilla
5 eggs
¼ cup ground pecans
½ cup chopped pecans
3 Granny Smith apples, cored, peeled and sliced thin
3 to 4 tbsp. sweet white wine, Passover
2 tbsp. sugar
¼ tsp. cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350. Grease a small spring form pan and dust with the potato starch and ground pecans. Shake out excess and save. In a food processor or blender, blend the cream cheese, cottage cheese, sugar, remaining potato starch/ground pecan mixture and egg yolks together. Pour the mixture into a bowl. Beat egg whites until stiff. Gently fold into cheese mixture, ⅓ at a time. Pour into prepared pan and bake at 350 for 1 hour. Turn off oven; open door and let cool. While cake is cooling, saute the apples, cinnamon and pecans in the white wine until they are slightly soft. Remove from heat and cool. Spoon over cheese cake when serving.

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How to survive Pesach without using eggs

By CAROLAN HALPERN
CJN Staff

How do you survive Passover if you can't tolerate eggs? Or if you can only have them in small amounts?

For years I hated Passover food. I hated sponge cake and knaidlach. Matzah was for other people. I wasn't crazy about potatoes. Macaroons always had brown paper stuck to them (I know I am dating myself) and were hard enough to pull the fillings out of your teeth.

Then one year, well into adulthood, I had a massive debilitating migraine towards the end of Pesach.

I ultimately isolated a number of foods that set off my migraines and discovered they were common triggers — chocolate, red wine, sharp cheeses. And, in my case, eggs.

Then came Pesach again. A quick scan of the Passover section of any kosher cookbook shows three to 12 eggs in almost every recipe.

In theory, I should have lost weight every Pesach, but I was not so lucky. I adjusted by using cheese and yogurt for lunch and munching nuts and potato chips. I also learned to like matzah if I put enough butter on it. No eggs but lots of fat!

My other adjustment was more sensible. At the beginning of Passover, I make a large pot of pareve vegetable soup thickened with potato starch and a little margarine and freeze it in portions to use when I start feeling guilty about all the fat.

This year, the doctor has me watching cholesterol, so life will be even more interesting.

I have always eaten so much cheese that I figure I must have been a rat in an earlier life, and my Passover diet was not, on the whole, a deprivation.

But I did feel deprived when it came time for dessert and everybody else was eating the cakes — and all that chocolate.

So I started to experiment with the recipes I was using for chometz. Some of the adaptations produced rather strange looking results (like my attempt to make my son something he would accept as bran muffins, but that's a whole other story). Only once over many years, however, have my substitutions produced something totally inedible.

And I have discovered that some of the traditional dishes are just as good with fewer eggs than the recipes indicate. I now use ⅓ the number of eggs called for in all kugel recipes and none at all in the turkey stuffing, and I still get compliments. Of course, that could be hunger talking; dinner is never exactly early on seder nights.

Among my more successful endeavors to produce desserts with few or no eggs are my Passover cookies. The first time I tried them, I made the mistake of leaving them on a low table to cool and the kids got most of them before I did.

When they asked for more, I knew I had a winner.

Here are two recipes that have worked well.

PASSOVER COOKIES
(Makes about 1½ dozen)

1 egg
⅓ cup oil
½ cup sugar
½ pear or apple grated or ¼ cup fruit juice
1/8 tsp. cinnamon (omit if using orange juice)
¾ tsp. Passover baking soda
1 cup cake meal
½ cup chopped nuts (less if they are very finely chopped)
¼ cup raisins

In a large bowl, beat egg slightly. Add oil, sugar, cinnamon, grated fruit or juice. Mix well.

Add baking soda, cake meal, nuts and raisins one at a time, mixing after each addition.

Drop by teaspoonfuls on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 for 10 to 12 minutes.

APPLE CRISP

6 apples pared and sliced
½ cup sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon
2 tsp. lemon juice

Toss ingredients gently and place in a baking dish.

Topping

½ cup sugar
¾ cup cake meal
1/8 tsp. salt
6 tbsp. pareve margarine
¼ cup chopped nuts

Blend all imngredients except nuts until they crumble. Add nuts. Spread over apples. Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

Tuna and fresh fruit

TUNA AND FRESH FRUIT
(Serves 4)

1 can (12½ oz.) tuna, drained
1 cup kiwi fruit, peeled and sliced
1 cup strawberries, sliced
1 cup peaches, sliced
1 cup any melon, cut up
½ cup slivered almonds
1 8 oz. container lemon or vanilla yogurt
2 tbsp. orange juice
¼ tsp. cinnamon
Lettuce leaves

Line a large platter or four individual plates with lettuce leaves. Arrange the tuna and fruit in separate rows on the platter or plates and sprinkle the almonds on top. In a separate bowl, mix together the yogurt, orange juice, and cinnamon. Drizzle a little over the tuna and fruit and serve the rest of the dressing on the side. Can be doubled or tripled.

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The gourmet touch for Passover

By NAOMI ARBIT
Special to The CJN

Passover is a time for family memories. The heirloom kiddush cup from grandmother and grandfather's wedding is used only at our seders. We were delighted to receive a seder plate as one of our wedding gifts. And we have wonderful memories of our first trip to Israel when we use the beautifully embroidered matzah cover.

But each year brings new traditions and new adventures to our dinner table, which, along with the old favorites, make us look forward to each Passover.

Gefilte Fish in a Loaf

2 medium whole carrots, peeled and cooked until tender
2 pounds whitefish fillets
2 medium onions, chopped
1 carrot, grated
1/2 cup matzah meal
1 tsp. vegetable oil
1 whole egg
2 egg whites
1 teaspoon sugar
salt and white pepper to taste
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 cup cold water

Grind fish and onion in a food processor. Combine mixture with the grated carrot, matzah meal, oil, sugar, salt and pepper, eggs and cold water.

Place half of the mixture in a non-stick or lightly oiled 9 x 5 inch loaf pan. Arrange the 3 carrots lengthwise on top of the mixture. Cover with the remaining mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for an hour. Do not let it brown. Cool in pan. Turn it out and refrigerate it covered. Slice and serve with horseradish.

Makes 6-8 servings.

Carrot Casserole

1 pound carrots, cleaned and sliced
2 tbsp. potato starch
1/4 cup margarine
3 large eggs
1 cup Passover non-dairy creamer
1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Cook carrots in boiling water 8-10 minutes or until tender; drain. In a food processor, using the steel blade, process carrots for 20 seconds. Add remaining ingredients and process until smooth.

Pour mixture into a non-stick sprayed oven casserole dish. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Remove cover and bake 20-25 minutes longer.

Makes 8 servings.

Stuffed Veal Breast

1 large veal breast (about 6 lbs.), ask butcher to cut pocket
1 clove garlic
salt and pepper to taste

2 tablespoons olive oil
3 ribs celery, coarsely chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
3 carrots, cut into 1-inch chunks (divided)
1 1/2 cups dry kosher for Passover white wine, divided
1/2 red pepper, cut into julienne
1/2 green pepper, cut into julienne
1/2 pound mushrooms, quartered or halved

Rub veal breast with garlic and lightly season with salt and pepper. Prepare stuffing. Fill pocket of veal breast with stuffing. Secure opening with skewers.

In large, heavy kettle or Dutch oven, heat olive oil over medium-high heat. Add breast and brown well on both sides. Remove breast and spread celery, chopped onion and 1/3 of the carrots over the bottom of the pan. Return veal to pan over the vegetables. Pour 1 cup of the wine over the top.

Cook, uncovered, until wine starts to boil and steam. Add remaining 1/2 cup wine. Cover and simmer over very low heat about 2 hours or until tender. Uncover and add remaining carrot chunks and mushrooms. Cover and cook 20 minutes longer until carrots are tender. Uncover, add green and red peppers. Cover and cook 15 minutes longer.

Remove the breast, slice into ribs and transfer to a warm serving platter with the vegetables. Spoon a small amount of sauce over meat.

Stuffing:

4 cups matzah farfel
1 cup orange juice
1/4 cup olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
3/4 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped red pepper
1 egg

In a large bowl, soak farfel in orange juice. In a skillet, heat oil. Saute onion, celery, garlic and red pepper until soft. Add these vegetables to farfel. Stir in egg and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well.

Makes 4 servings.

Chocolate Almond Torte

1 1/4 cups sugar
1 cup margarine, softened
4 eggs, separated
2 1/4 cups sliced blanched almonds
7 squares unsweetened chocolate

Line bottom of a 9-inch greased springform pan with parchment paper. Grease paper.

In an electric mixer, beat together sugar and margarine until fluffy. Blend in egg yolks. In a food processor, process almonds and chocolate until finely ground. Stir into batter. Beat egg whites until they hold soft peaks. Gently fold into batter.

Spread batter into prepared pan, smoothing the top. Bake about 1½ hours at 300° or until top springs back when touched with finger. Cool cake for 10 minutes. Turn cake over, remove paper and cool completely. Serve with whipped topping or strawberry sauce.

Strawberry Sauce:

2 cups unsweetened frozen strawberries, thawed
1/2 cup sugar

Puree strawberries and sugar in a blender. In a small saucepan simmer mixture 3 minutes. Cover and cool.

To serve, spoon strawberry sauce onto plate, place slice of torte and top with a fresh strawberry.

Non-Fat Breakfast Pancakes

2 pieces of matzah, broken up
2 egg whites, beaten
1/2 Granny Smith apple, chopped
1 tbsp. sugar
1/8 tsp. cinnamon

Soak matzah in boiling water until softened. Squeeze dry.

In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites with apple, sugar and cinnamon and mix well. Stir in matzah.

Form into 6 pancakes and place in a non-stick sprayed skillet. Brown pancakes on both sides. Serve with honey, preserves or syrup.

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The Kosher Information Service of the Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with the Vaad Harabonim of Toronto, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Canadian Jewish Congress, publishes a COR holiday information and recipe pamphlet for each major holiday.

As a service to the community, the Kashruth Council provides kashruth and food related information to thousands of families across Canada, the United States and as far as Israel and Europe, says Rabbi Mordechai Levin, the council's executive director.

If you wish to be placed on the COR mailing list, call the Kashruth Council 416-635-9550, or write to 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2.

Esther Schwartz, the council's kosher food consultant, prepares and tests the recipes. The recipes for Passover 1995-5755 include avocado spread or dip, matzo meal coated fish, light tasty fruit farfel kugel, sweet potato casserole, white grape juice sorbet, meringue cookies, and light, fluffy Passover pancakes.

Here is a sample from this year's Passover flyer.

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE
(Serves 6-8)

6 medium sweet potatoes
4 tbsp. sugar
4 tbsp. butter or pareve margerine
2 medium oranges, unpeeled, thinly sliced
½ cup orange juice
¼ cup honey

Crumb Mixture:

¼ cup matzo meal
2 tbsp. shredded coconut (optional)
2 tbsp. sugar
2 tbsp. butter or pareve margerine

Cook potatoes in enough boiling salted water to cover until tender. Drain, peel and cut into ¼-inch slices. Arrange a layer of potatoes in a greased casserole. Sprinkle with 2 tbsp. sugar, dot with 2 tbsp. butter or margarine and cover with a layer of oranges. Repeat layers. Combine orange juice and honey and pour over potatoes. Combine crumb mixture and sprinkle over top. Cover casserole and bake at 350F for 30-40 minutes removing cover the last 15 minutes.

MATZO MEAL COATED FISH
(Serves 6)

6 fish fillets (salmon, whitefish or trout)
¾ cup matzo meal
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese, Kosher
½ tsp salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 tsp. lemon rind
2 tsp. oil
Garnish: 3 tbsp. dried parsley
Preheat oven to 450F.

Pat fish, dry on paper towels. Combine matzo meal, cheese, salt, pepper and lemon rind. Dredge fish in mixture. Shake off excess. Lightly oil baking pans. Arrange fish in single layer, skin side down. Drizzle with oil. Bake about 8 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork and is lightly browned. Garnish with dried parsley.

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Everything ingested during Passover should bear a Passover endorsement. If "kosher for Passover" products are not available and there is a medical need, the items listed below do not contain chometz and should be used in separate utensils. Consult your rabbi for further guidance.

Generally, when taking medication during Passover, preference should be given to non-chewable tablets rather than liquids and chewable tablets.

This is only a partial list. For a complete listing, call the Kashruth Council at 416-635-9550.

Milk Enzyme: Lactaid Drops — bearing a COR. It is necessary to prepare the milk before Passover. Use separate utensils. Lactaid tablets should not be used on Passover.

Infant Formula (Kitnyos): All infant formulas listed below should be used in separate utensils. Formula is available in liquid and powder. Check each container for a hechsher, since not all forms are kosher endorsed. Alactamil, Enfalac, Isomil, Prosobee, Similac.

Nutritional Supplements (Kitnyos): These products are not produced under Passover supervision. They should be used only when there is no alternative. A rabbi should be consuled. Boost; Koscal; Ensure; Essential.

Oral Care: Kosher for Passover toothpaste is recommended. When not available, the following toothpastes may be used: Crest Regular and Colgate Regular; Johnson & Johnson Dental Floss (unflavored); Polident; Poli-grip, Corega, Fasteeth; Listerine: Regular and Coolmint.

Aluminum Products: Special Passover certification is not required; any brand bearing kosher endorsement may be used.

Paper Products: Plates: Use plastic or styrofoam only. Parchment Paper: Peterson/Norscan Silicone Paper; McNairn Packaging Silicone Paper.

Some napkins and paper towels may contain starch. Since we cannot get accurate information as to which paper goods are absolutely free from starch content, we suggest that they not come in contact with wet foods, i.e. latkes.

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Shampoo: Johnson's Baby Shampoo.

Oven Cleaner: Any brand.

General Guidelines:

- Brown sugar and icing sugar should be used only with Passover supervision.
- Cosmetics, toiletries, soap, topical medications, which are in solid form or are thick creams, ointments and salves, may be used (preferably without perfume). Please consult your rabbi about wheat and oat based soaps.
- The following items, which are not fit for human consumption (preferably unscented, when applicable) are permissible on Passover (excluding Sabbath and Yom Tov): Nail Polish, hand lotion, hand cream, cold cream, unscented baby lotion, baby cream, shampoo (without wheat), shoe polish, ink, paint, solid air freshener, nail polish remover, stick deodorants, eye shadow, eyeliner, mascara, blush and rouge, non-flavored new lipsticks.
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By Carolyn Blackman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. April 6 is deadline for April 20 edition. Due to the holiday schedule, deadline for the April 27 edition is Wednesday, April 12. I receive calls and sort mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Friday, April 7

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Saturday, April 8

SHABBAT HAGADOL

Rabbi Moshe Stern will deliver the Shabbat Hagadol drasha at Shaarei Tefilah Congregation, 6:15 p.m. Topic is Suffering of Good People, Why? Men and women invited.

BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY 25 YEARS OLD

New Ben-Gurion Associates, Toronto's leadership development group, recently hosted a preview production of *Tommy*, in celebration of Ben-Gurion University's 25th anniversary. Standing from left are Mitchell Oelbaum, Steven Chelsky, Bruce Bronfman, Michael Spigelman, Robert Kozlov and Brian Medjuck. Seated from left are Ralph Shepherd and Michael Wilson.

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BETH SHOLOM ADULT EDUCATION

Anne Walker, will discuss Reclamation of Jerusalem, at a lecture and slide presentation at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., at 7:30 p.m.

HYPNOSIS

Congregation Habonim presents **Dr. Claude Brodeur** who will discuss Hypnosis — Is It Real?, 5 Glen Park Ave., 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.

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COMMUNITY SEDER

Secular Jewish Association is holding a community seder, 4:45 p.m., North York Community Memorial Hall, 5110 Yonge St. $15 non-members, $7 students, $4 children under 5. Call 463-3930.

Monday, April 10

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Learn how to make your seder even more meaningful from Kiddush to dessert with **Rabbi Mitch Mandel**. 8 p.m., Aish Hatorah Thornhill, Suite 303, Promenade Mall. Call 636-7530 for information.

Tuesday, April 11

MIDDLE EAST PEACE

New Fraternal Jewish Associataion presents **Prof. David Newman** who will speak on The Dilemma of Waging Peace in the Middle East, 8 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St.

PRE-PESACH CLASS

Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich, Pride of Israel Synagogue will host a class entitled Let's Make This Night Different From All Other Nights, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 59 Lissom Cresc. Call 226-0111 for further details.

ISRAEL PHILATELY

Canadian Association for Israel Philately will have slide presentation from the Society of Israeli Philatelists, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, 470 Glencairn Ave., 7:30 p.m. For information call **Stanley Davis**, 223-6373 after 6 p.m. or **Joseph Berkovits**, 635-1749.

Wednesday, April 12

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Topic for this meeting will be nutrition and weaning, 8 p.m., 3 Versaille Court, Richmond Hill. Meetings open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies welcome. Call **Robin**, 905-886-8364 or **Joyce**, 905-881-8779.

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A group of families and singles offers Shabbat services and holiday programs in an informal and egalitarian atmosphere. Upcoming programs, held at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre, include Shabbat services on April 8 and April 22, 10 a.m. Guest on April 8 is **Rabbi Danny Gottlieb**, who will also teach a Passover workshop at 1 p.m. Friday, April 28, 7:15 p.m. is an evening service with reading and reflections on Yom Hashoah. For enquiries call for prerecorded message, 905-844-4185.

RUSSIAN SEDERS

The Jewish Russian Community Centre will hold seders in Russian on April 14 & 15 at B'nai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia Ave. in Willowdale; Magen David Congregation, 10 McAllister Ave. in Downsview and at 87 Dana Cres. in Thornhill. Tickets are $26 per person. For information and tickets call **Rabbi Shlomo Vorovich**, 222-7105.

TRANSNISTRIA SURVIVORS

A meeting of the Transnistria Survivors' Association will be held Wednesday, April 26, B'nai Torah Synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave. $5 fee. RSVP **Bella**, 781-9909 or **Miriam**, 905-771-1351.

OUTREMONT REUNION

Montreal's Outremont High School Reunion for the classes of 1968, 1969 and 1970 will be held Sunday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. Organizers are looking for alumni who no longer live in Montreal. Call **Evelyne Hadida**, 514-747-9476 or **Gloria Kleinman**, 514-681-7958.

FOUR SEASONS CONNECTIONS

An outdoor maintenance program in North York links seniors and disabled adults with student and adult workers who will do a variety of outside jobs including lawn mowing, spring clean-up, painting and raking. For information on fees call 447-5074.

SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

Annual seder is on Saturday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday morning minyans continue, 7 a.m. except on April 11. Regular services are on Friday, April 7 and Saturday, April 8. For information call 905-820-5915.

SILENT WITNESS

In commemoration of the 50th anniver-

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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sary of the liberation of Auschwitz and Dachau, Cinema Libre, Wichin-York Film and the Metropolitan Theatre present *Silent Witness*, Metropolitan Theatre, 394 Euclid Ave. evenings, 7 p.m., Saturday, April 8-Thursday, April 13 and at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Director **Harriet Wichin** will be present at the evening screenings for audience discussions. Groups may meet her by calling 323-1301.

SEDER MITZVAH

The Community Integration Program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Bathurst Jewish Centre is seeking Canadian families who would like to host recently-arrived families from the former Soviet Union at one of their seders. Call 636-1880, ext. 261 or 380.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave. is taking registration for summer courses for adults, teenagers and pre-teens in beginners, intermediate and advanced conversational Hebrew. Morning courses are on Mondays, May 29-August 28 and evening courses run Tuesdays, May 30-August 29. Instructor for beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, founder in Toronto of the ulpan method of teaching Hebrew. Call 787-0197.

MATINEE THEATRE OUTINGS

Kinneret Club, Na'amat has arranged trips to Shaw Festival on Thursday, June 8, Art Park on Wednesday, August 9 and Stratford, Wednesday, Sept. 6. Tax receipt given. Call **Rita**, 783-1656 or **Norma**, 633-8276.

DENNIS WALDMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Dennis Waldman Foundation for Jewish Education is soliciting applications for a scholarship to be awarded to a student graduating from a Jewish high school who is going on to university or yeshivah or to a student graduating from a public high school who intends to pursue Jewish study. Applications, due by April 28, are available at many schools or Solursh, Feldman & Partners, 2 Sheppard Ave. E., Suite 1800, North York, M2N 6C1. Call 635-9765 for more information.

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YIDDISH CLASSES

Spring semester daytime and evening classes are available for beginners and intermediate conversation, literature and current events in a variety of locations. Sponsored by North York Board of Education, Committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and participating synagogues. Call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155 for information.

FACILITATOR TRAINING

Jewish Family & Child Service presents a training program for individuals with group/social service experience. For information call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

TEEN EXPERIENCE IN ISRAEL

Teens ages 16-18 can join their peers from Israel, United States and Europe at the 10th anniversary Lehava International Jewish Youth Assembly for a two-week inside Israel Experience featuring hiking, touring, living and learning together while dealing with issues of importance to the world Jewish community. Extended five-week program including Exodus 95 excursion from Italy available. Call **Brenda**, 322-3538.

ONE MARRIAGE — TWO RELIGIONS

Six-week series for engaged or recently married couples to discuss the impact of interfaith backgrounds on relationships, begins May 3. For registration information call **Pat Lieberman**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 215.

THIRD SEDER

Habonim Dror alumni invites the public to a third seder, Sunday, April 16, 8 p.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Admission is a few flowers for table decoration. Call 633-2511.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Single Parent Challenge begins April 24; Parenting the Young Child begins April 27; Living with Teens begins April 26. For information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Keep up your Hebrew in a fun and easy way (ulpan method) with **Yael Lev**. Spring courses include day and evening classes designed for parents with children in day schools. Three levels, beginners to advanced will be held at Beth Tikvah, Kehillat Shaarei Torah and Bathurst Jewish Centre. Call Yael, 225-6151.

VOLUNTEER PIANIST

Chaplaincy Services needs a pianist/accompanist to play in concert with singer of Hebrew/English music to entertain in seniors' residences. Call **Toby Maskowitz**, coordinator, chaplaincy services, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 287.

BETH TZEDEC MUSEUM

In commemoration of Yom Hashoah, the museum will show an exhibit of works by **Sharon Merkur** entitled Borrowed Memories, Monday, April 10-Friday May 5. For information call **Dorion Liebgott**, 781-3511.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club's trips, including Buffalo, Artpark and Stratford are filling up rapidly. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Association of Jewish Seniors having its annual seder at Bernard Betel Centre, Saturday, April 15. Doors open 8 p.m., seder begins 8:45 p.m. Fee $18 per person. Tickets can be purchased at Bernard Betel Centre. Call **Goldie Liebman**, 635-2860.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2, for tai chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 905-886-2625.

Young at Heart Seniors is going to Washington May 28. Includes Holocaust Museum, continental breakfast. Double, $519 Canadian. Call **Helen**, 635-6343.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On April 10 **Covert Balley** will present the video, *Fit or Fat*. Call 661-4689 for information.

Sunrise is offering a trip to Las Vegas April 24-May 1. Call **Esther**, 223-9165.

LZA Seniors Club is taking registration for its Western Canada trip May 21-30. Phone **Libby** for details at 782-2059. Other trips planned include Catskills in July, Stage West Theatre and Stratford. Weekly discussion group, Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Ladies line dancing, Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. is open week-days 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for socializing.

Funtime 55 is seeing the musical comedy, *Salute to Canada*, Thursday, May 11. On June 1, orchestra seats available for *Crazy for You*. Two-day trip to Windsor being planned. Call **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club next Sunday dance with live band, Sunday, April 9, 7:30-10:30 p.m., $4 members, $5 non-members. Saturday dances, 7-10 p.m. Members free, non-members $1. Variety show featuring Scarborough Showstoppers, Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m. Members $1, non-members $2. Group discussion Thursdays, 10 a.m. Local day trips April 27, May 9, June 13 and June 29. Catskills trip scheduled for July 24-30. All activities in full swing. For information call 395-7881.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Skills For Living with **Harriet Sharkey** discusses coping under stress, becoming more assertive and improving relationships. Classes run Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m., April 18-July 4. Register in advance at Wellness Desk or call **Sandra**.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents Protect Your Retirement Investments, Monday, April 10, 10 a.m.

Poetry reading with **Daniel Nadezhidin**, Monday, April 10, 2:45 p.m. No charge.

Working Together for Change is a group for women over 55 who have been or are in relationships that hurt. Learn how to understand your situation better in a supportive and caring environment. All enquiries held in strict confidence. Call **Sheila Zane**.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.

Movie, Sunday, April 9, 2:30 p.m., *A Women's Face*, members free, non-members $1.

Wednesday afternoon social, April 12, 1:30 p.m., features singer **Liza Shein**.

The annual Holocaust memorial, featuring invited guests **Elaine Ziemba** MPP, **Jim Peterson**, MP, and North York Mayor **Mel Lastman**, will be held Thursday, April 27. Keynote address will be a first hand account by a Holocaust survivor.

Congratulations to Bernard Betel Centre on being presented with two Local Hero awards from Thornhill Secondary School. The first was presented to the agency in recognition of its service in making the community a better place to live and the second was given to all volunteers for providing an inspiration for all who seek to improve life in the community.

A STEELES PESACH

As in the past several years, Steeles Memorial Chapel has once again given a substantial donation to provide Pesach necessities for those in need. Thanks to their generosity, the 50 Jewish residents at Extendicare Bayview will receive gifts of matzah, gefilte fish, cheese, cookies, jams, ices and disposable dishes and cutlery. As well, nearly 40 needy and Russian families will receive chickens, matzah, gefilte fish, wine, grape juice, cheese and candles. Seen here with some of the goods are members of the Steeles board of directors. Standing (from left) are vice-president Nat Green, Morey Eckler, Wolf Kidekel, and Marvin Lister. Seated (from left) are president Mike Rogow and Nelson Ludwig. [Alron photo]

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Negev Dinner 'love-in' raises $120,000

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — A record crowd attended the recent third Victoria Negev Dinner, raising $120,000 for the Victoria groves in the B.C. Forest in Israel.

More than 325 people attended the dinner honoring Mel Cooper, a non-Jewish radio station owner and one of British Columbia's most prominent businessmen.

Jewish National Fund (JNF) branch president April Katz said the majority of the crowd came from the larger community.

A pleasant touch was Floralove Katz, a friend of the honoree, who came specially from Ottawa to serenade Cooper with Jewish songs.

Israeli ambasador to the United Nations, Gad Yaacobi, spoke about the dawning of peace in the Middle East.

He reported that Israel now has relations with 155 of the 175 countries in the United Nations.

The ambassador's speech was the only serious part of the evening's program, which soon developed into a love-in for the honoree.

Victoria and Vancouver broadcast personalities paid tribute to Cooper, a former Newfoundlander, and "Newfie" jokes abounded.

Emcee Peter Legge said, "Mel gives back to the community time after time. It's impossible for him to say no."

Stephanie Gilbert, co-chair of the event with David Katz, thanked Cooper for his "loving kindness." She presented him with a silver kiddush cup. Mel Kottler, JNF chair for small communities, presented him with a plaque.

Cooper called it an "extraordinary evening" and thanked the JNF for the honor in picking him.

Seen at the Victoria Negev Dinner (from left) is Ambassador Gad Yaacobi, co-chairs David Katz and Stephanie Gilbert and honoree Mel Cooper.

Singles Events

Singles events is an advertising feature of *The Canadian Jewish News*. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates, or to place an ad, please call Sharon at 422-2528.

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M.T.S. Presents recreational, co-ed summer softball for the summer season. Call (416) 222-7111.

Mayfair West Racquet and Fitness Club is having our next Singles Party Saturday, April 8. The action begins at 7 p.m. with a Tennis Round Robin Dance following at 10. Cost for tennis & dance is $20, for dance only $10. Reservations are a must for tennis, call Marcia at 416-638-1010

MEET & MATCH presents a fun-filled eve, Sun., April 9, 7:30, with renowned psychic Joy Brooks, $12, Zionist Bldg, 788 Marley. Refreshments. (416) 781-2110

METRO TORONTO SINGLES presents a post-Passover party, **Sunday April 23,** at 8:00 p.m., at the **Berlin Night Club** (2335 Yonge St., 1/2 block north of Eglinton Avenue) Featuring retro night (dance music from the '70s). For more information, call 222-7111, cost $12

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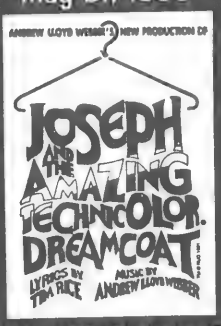

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Sports

Gymnast wins gold at Canada Winter Games

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Whether Justin Gerson's glass was half full or half empty following the recent Canada Winter Games depends on your perspective.

When the 17-year-old gymnast returned home from Red Deer recently, he had with him a gold medal and a flag of the Games, which he had obtained through unofficial channels by clambering up a flag pole as only a gymnast can do. Too bad there wasn't an event for flagpole climbing.

A gold medal and participation in an elite competition helped fill up his glass, at least partially, but he was a little disappointed — he had gone to the Games hoping to finish in the top six allround and perhaps snag two or three individual medals as well.

Gerson's gold came by the narrowest of margins, as Team Ontario edged out Team Quebec by .8 of a point.

Justin, having finished among the top four for Ontario in the team event, went on to further competition in individual events.

Unfortunately he came up just short of a medal in rings, finishing fourth, and followed that up with a sixth place showing in the parallel bars.

In the allround event, which includes parallel bars, rings, floor exercises, vault, pommel horse and high bar, Gerson had an off-day and finished 11th.

"He went for it," his father, Peter, said of the parallel bars competition. "He tried to do extras. He added extra hard moves to his routine to try to [score higher] and he didn't stick on the landing because he was tired."

Considering that Gerson considers rings, pommel and vault his best events, he can't be too disappointed by the parallel bars showing.

A native of South Africa who emigrated to Canada with his family at age 2, Gerson has been doing gymnastics for the past eight years.

"My parents put me in for recreational sport," he said. "I started off in Winstonette (a gymnastics club) in Markham."

Training once a week for an hour-and-a-half, he made steady progress. From age 10 to 15, already showing promise, Gerson worked out at the York University Gymnastics Club, where Curtis Hibert, one of Canada's best gymnasts ever, trained.

Hibert was a real inspiration, Gerson said, and he tried to pattern himself after him. "I'm into the power side of gymnastics," the five-foot-nine, 140-lb. athlete said.

Two years ago, Gerson joined Vaughan Gymnastics where he trains under the supervision of coaches Bob Carisse and Hiroshi Shimozoki. He said he's noticed a lot of improvement since making the move.

In 1993, Gerson managed a sixth place finish in the allround event at the Canadian championships and in 1994 he upped that to second.

In the months leading up to the Winter Games, Gerson was in the gym six days a week, training for four hours at a time.

The Canada Winter Games were his second shot at a multi-sport event. In 1993, he competed at the Maccabiah Games in Israel, winning a gold in vault and a bronze in rings to go with his seventh place finish overall. Better yet, he came home with a souvenir flag from that competition as well.

Gerson already has his sights set on the Canadian nationals in May, which will be held in Vancouver, and eventually he's hoping to land an athletic scholarship at a Canadian or U.S. university.

For Gerson, the sky's the limit when it comes to gymnastics. He believes a spot on the national team in the world championships and perhaps the 2000 Olympics is well within his grasp. And besides, the five-ringed flag would make a dandy addition to his burgeoning trophy mantelpiece.

Strength and control are key elements for an elite gymnast, as Justin Gerson demonstrates.

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Israel's Roi Cohen (left) checks a Turkish player during Israel's 15-1 victory.

Israeli juniors rack up respectable 2-2 record

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For Jason Goldberg and Yaron Orgil, participating in a recent international hockey tournament in Lithuania was the greatest experience of their lives.

Wearing Israel's colors and hearing *Hatikvah* played after an unexpected victory over Bulgaria brought tears to their eyes, the two young skaters said.

"It wasn't just playing a game you love, it was something from your heart, playing for your country," Goldberg said.

The 5-2 win over Bulgaria was the culmination of a two-month experience that began with tryouts for Israel's first-ever national junior team.

Along with nine other Toronto-based hockey players, Goldberg and Orgil were selected to bolster Israel's fledgling entry into world junior hockey and give it some instant credibility.

Team played physical brand of hockey

They did just that, leading Israel to a 2-2 record — the same result as the bronze-winning Netherlands team.

Host team Lithuania, a powerhouse compared to the opposition, captured the gold, while Croatia snagged the silver in the International Ice Hockey Federation tournament.

Despite its 2-2 record, Israel finished fifth behind 1-3 Yugoslavia. Participants were hard pressed to explain the anomalous result, saying they believed it was due to the divisional format of the competition.

Still, tied with the third-best record among six teams, Israel did itself proud at the games.

The 10 Canadian-based skaters, all of whom had either an Israeli passport or whose parents were born in the Jewish state, met their Israeli counterparts at a training camp prior to the tournament. Coaches Mike Rubin, an oleh from Toronto, and Mark Talesnick, a native of Kingston, Ont., threw the boys together to ensure development of good team chemistry, said Yaron's father Moti Orgil, who served as the team's equipment manager.

A second exhibition game also brought the team closer together. Against a bolstered Lithuanian national team, Israel came out playing Canadian-style hockey, hitting at every turn. With the score 4-2 for Lithuania towards the end of the second period, tempers flared and an on-ice brawl took place, with one Lithuanian leaving the penalty box to participate. The coaches of both teams met and decided to cancel the rest of the game.

Despite the result, the newspapers the next day reported that Israel would not be the pushovers that had been expected, Goldberg said.

"We played Canadian-style throughout the tournament," said Goldberg. "European hockey is all stickwork, hooking, holding and slashing. It's really frustrating."

Orgil, who plays Midget A hockey with Thornhill Islanders, said the European referees didn't penalize the stickwork, while solid bodychecks were called as charging.

Game 1 of the tournament pitted Israel against the host Lithuanians. Riki Goldberg, Jason's mother, said about 3,000 cheering Lithuanian fans overflowed the arena.

Jason said that while Israel played tough early in the game and held the Lithuanians scoreless, they were just too good and eventually pulled away, winning 14-2. "They were faster than us and their passing was stronger. But we knocked them off the puck."

Game 2 the next day saw Israel face off against Croatia. The Israelis, drained from their contest against Lithuania, lost 9-0.

Ran Oz named tournament's all-star defenceman

After a two-day rest, game 3 was against Turkey, the tournament's weak sister, and Israel poured it on, beating them 15-1.

Game 4 was against Bulgaria, a team many Israelis knew would be hard to beat. But the boys in blue and white played their hearts out and the score was 2-2 after two. In the third, Israel scored a couple of goals to break the game wide open and added an insurance marker to make the final 5-2.

"Even though we were out of the medal round, we went ballistic. We heard *Hatikvah* and it meant something. We worked hard for that one," Goldberg said.

Team captain Ran Oz, a big defenceman who plays with Toronto's Midget Marlies, was named the tournament's all-star defenceman.

When they weren't playing hockey, the boys met with members of the Lithuanian Jewish community, which numbers about 6,000.

They also toured the wartime Jewish ghetto and visited Fort 9 where Jews were murdered during the Holocaust.

With the tournament over, the boys went their separate ways with memories, they say, that will last a lifetime.

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Hamas bomb factory explodes in Gaza

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — A massive blast in a Gaza apartment block last Sunday afternoon killed nine people and wounded 30, including one of the top militants on Israel's most-wanted list.

The blast, triggered when a bomb being prepared by extremists went off, claimed at least four members of Hamas, including Kamal Ismail Hafez Kahil, the 32-year-old leader of Izzedine al-Qassam, Hamas' military wing.

Kahil was among Israel's most-wanted Islamic militants. He was blamed for the December 1993 ambush that killed Lt.-Col. Meir Mintz, the highest-ranking Israeli soldier to die in Gaza.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat responded angrily to the explosion and ordered a round-up of Hamas members.

Palestinian police who searched the ruins of the apartment in the Sheikh Radwan neighborhood of Gaza City found 150 unexploded grenades, a large quantity of chemicals, several pistols, an Uzi machinegun and three Kalashnikov assault rifles, Gaza police chief Brig. Ghazi Jabali told a news conference.

There were also backpacks for use by suicide bombers and letters documenting plans for future attacks against Israelis.

The explosion destroyed the second floor of the three-story building, throwing debris into the floor above. Among the dead was a five-year-old boy and his father, who lived on the third floor.

Hamas blamed both Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA) for the blast.

It issued a leaflet saying, "We hold the Palestinian Authority and the Zionist enemy and their collaborators completely responsible for this criminal act. It is a new massacre by the Palestinian Authority."

The Israel Defence Force had no comment, saying the explosion happened in PA-controlled territory.

Islamic militant wanted by security services

But Shlomo Kostiner, secretary of the Jewish settlement of Netzarim, said, "We should be happy about this situation ... It's good that terrorists were killed before they succeeded in harming Israelis."

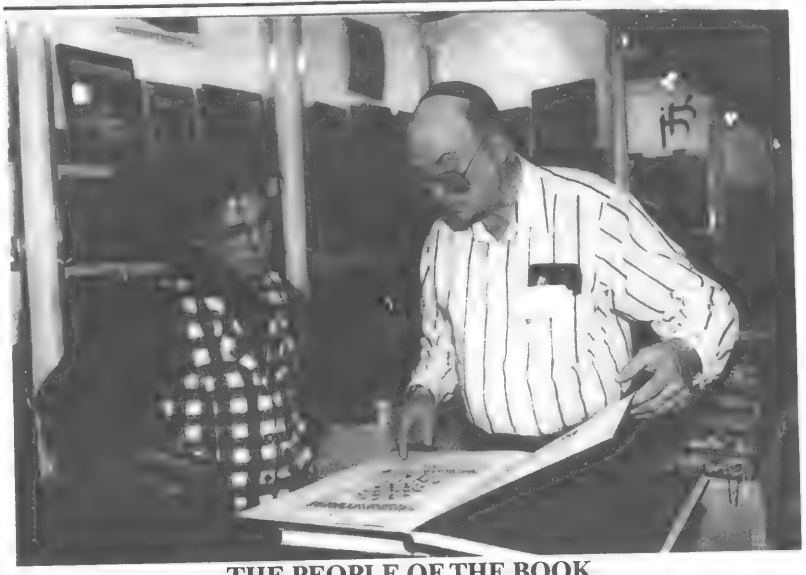
Jabali described the building's second floor as a Hamas bomb factory and operations room.

Many Gazans inhaled noxious gas created when leaking water pipes mixed with chemicals. Twelve policemen were hospitalized for gas inhalation, a senior security police source said.

Kahil is also believed to have killed several Palestinians, most recently three months ago, when he allegedly forced Jabalaya residents to bury the body of a man he had shot.

Since then, he was wanted by the Palestinian as well as by Israeli security services.

Last week, Kahil was said to have narrowly evaded capture by the Palestinian Police in the Shati refugee camp, when he threatened to detonate a belt of grenades and blow himself up if police approached.



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Talks with Syria continue despite Hezbollah attacks

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — As life returned to normal for residents of northern Israel in the wake of last Friday's rocket attacks launched by Hezbollah extremists, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the only solution to fight terrorists is a political one.

Rabin told the weekly cabinet meeting Sunday that despite the attacks, negotiations with Syria would continue.

He and other government officials have repeatedly blamed Syria, the major power broker in Lebanon, for not doing enough to stop Hezbollah in southern Lebanon.

Meanwhile, the two Israelis killed last Friday were buried in their home towns.

Staff Sgt. Liron Lang, 20, was buried in Kibbutz Givat Haim Ihud, near Hadera.

Benny Yunassi, 17, was buried in Nahariya. Yunassi was killed by a Katyusha rocket last Friday evening while jogging on the beach.

The rocket was one of some 30 to 40 fired by terrorists from the Tyre and Nabatiya areas in Lebanon. Twelve landed in Israel.

The attacks came in response to an Israeli precision air strike in southern Lebanon earlier Friday. The strike killed a senior Hezbollah leader, Rida Mahsoun Yassin, also known as Abu Alli.

Two Israeli attack helicopters fired rockets at the car in which Yassin was travelling, killing him and two others.

Hours later, the first Hezbollah salvos landed near the northern towns of Kiryat Shmona and Nahariya a little after 6 p.m. Other rockets fell in the Galilee region an hour later.

Nine people were treated for injuries and shock. There was also damage to apartment buildings.

The government sent assessors and service crews to hard-hit areas to estimate damage and begin repair work.

Israel's northern border was quiet over the weekend, after U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher reportedly appealed to Syria and Lebanon to calm the situation.

Israeli diplomatic sources in Washington said Christopher met over the weekend with Israel's ambassador to Washington, Itamar Rabinovich, who said Israel stands by the agreements reached with Hezbollah in July 1993.

According to that understanding, Israel agreed not to shell civilian targets and Hezbollah vowed not to shell targets in northern Israel.

The sources said Christopher passed on Rabinovich's message during telephone conversations with the foreign ministers of Syria and Lebanon.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa assured Christopher that Syria also stands by the agreements, adding that his country viewed last Friday's rocket assaults by Hezbollah as an aberration.

Russian foreign minister relays Assad message

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Syrian President Hafez al-Assad is serious about peace with Israel, but the price is full withdrawal from the Golan Heights, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev told Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last Sunday.

Kozyrev, on a swing through the Middle East, held talks last week with officials in Damascus.

In his talks with Kozyrev, Rabin expressed dissatisfaction with Russia's plans to build a nuclear reactor for Iran.

In a statement issued by Rabin's office after the meeting, the prime minister is said to have told Kozyrev that "Russia's ties with Iran are not to Israel's liking."

Earlier in the day, Kozyrev defended Russia's sale of nuclear technology to Iran in the face of American and Israeli opposition. "Our nuclear cooperation with Iran is under international supervision," he added.

Kozyrev also provided Rabin with an unspecified personal letter from Russian President Boris Yeltsin, and there was speculation there was one from Assad as well.

Earlier in the day, Kozyrev visited Yad Vashem, where he expressed repugnance for Nazi brutality, telling reporters there is nothing "as disgusting" as anti-Semitism.

He said the tour of the site had given him new strength to face an upcoming court case against Russian right-wing politician Vladimir Zhirinovsky.

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Jewish Agency's future debated

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — "Ever since the founding of the State of Israel, the relationship between Israel and the Jews in the Diaspora has been one-sided ... Israel dictated the joint agenda, placed its material needs at the core, and demonstrated an arrogance based on the assumption, 'You owe us.' "

This part of the unflattering portrait of Israel-Diaspora relations painted by two Israeli academics: Prof. Haim Ben-Shahar, former president of Tel Aviv University, and Dr. Arye Carmon, president of the Israel Democracy Institute.

Their critique and their recipe for reforging the relationship is the basis of *The Jerusalem Plan — 1997*, which strives to "reformulate the role of Zionism" on the eve of the movement's centennial.

The recently published document, which calls for dismantling much of the Jewish Agency, has reportedly intrigued newly appointed Jewish Agency president Avraham Burg, who asked to participate in an upcoming workshop on the plan, according to Carmon.

Burg is probably more interested in their ideas for promoting Jewish education than in the call for revamping the Jewish Agency, acknowledges Carmon. "But his interest is encouraging."

The premise of the report is that the traditional basis for solidarity between Israel and the Diaspora — the physical survival of Israel — is losing its relevance.

Moreover, Israel is no longer a country in need, but an economic success story. The money raised by Diaspora Jews through the United Jewish Appeal and the United Israel Appeal — which forms the Jewish Agency budget — was only 0.65 per cent of Israel's gross domestic product in 1994, they note.

Finally, Israel must abandon its attitude of "negating the Diaspora," and accept the fact that "significant parts of the Jewish nation will continue to live outside Israel. Israel is not and cannot be the sole centre for Jewish creativity," says the report. At the same time, there is a need to combat cultural assimilation in the Diaspora.

The solution? Make culture, not fear for Israel's physical or economic survival, the foundation of a new relationship between Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

The authors propose programs to promote cultural links, such as a Jewish university that would broadcast courses on television in different languages; a centre for development of Jewish educational software, with branches in Jerusalem, Los Angeles, Paris and other cities; and video conferences for international Jewish leaders. The idea is to exploit the global communications revolution in order to close the cultural and geographic gap between Israel and the Diaspora.

Acknowledging that "aliyah in the classic sense has never been attractive to most Jews living in free countries," the authors propose a "scale of aliyah, whose apex is living in Israel, but whose lower rungs are also legitimate expressions of commitment to the nation and participation in its life." These forms of "partial aliyah" could include living part-time, working, studying or conducting business in Israel, without necessarily cutting off links with one's home country.

Probably the most controversial part of the report is its proposal for dismantling much of the Jewish Agency apparatus. The authors argue that many of the organization's current functions could be better carried out by the Israeli government.

The Agency's budget ($490 million in 1994) is spread over too many areas, thus diminishing its ability to leave an imprint on Israeli society, argue the authors. Instead this money should be redirected almost exclusively toward Jewish cultural activities in Israel and the Diaspora.

Staff should be scaled down

The staff should be scaled down to a few dozen workers who would allocate funding to other bodies to implement educational programs.

The agency's only immigration activity should be facilitating the aliyah of Jews from countries in distress. There is no need for emissaries in free countries, argue the authors. Moreover, Israeli and Diaspora Jews should contribute equally to the Jewish Agency's budget, in order to form "a true partnership."

When Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin suggested last year that Israel no longer needs Jewish philanthropy, he received a tongue lashing from Israeli and Diaspora leaders.

Carmon says Beilin erred in the way he presented his viewpoint. "As an Israeli, I would like to become part of a world Jewish treasury that would determine priorities. I would be subject to a Jewish taxation just like other Jews. And my money would go to fund a home for elderly Jews in Montreal or to Jewish education in Calgary — if this is the priority determined by the Jewish Agency."

Carmon adds that Beilin, "who was aggressive in his approach," has since come up with more constructive proposals that "are worth serious consideration."

The *Jewish Plan* has received very little feedback in Israel, but Carmon maintains that is because it has not yet been widely disseminated.

Within a few months, the Israel Democracy Institute will hold a workshop with Jewish leaders from all over the world to debate the program and explore ways of implementing it, he says.

The Week in Israel

March 27:

• *Maariv* reported Syria has decided to change its policy on terrorist organizations operating inside the country. Quoting a U.S. document, the paper stated terrorist organizations now fear Syrian sponsorship will end soon.

• Morocco officially opened its diplomatic mission on Tel Aviv's Weizmann Street. It is the third Arab diplomatic bureau to open in Israel.

March 28:

• The ministerial committee for privatization, headed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, decided to dismantle the state-owned Israel Shipyards, based in Haifa. The Histadrut was highly critical of the decision and promised to organize workers throughout Haifa to turn back the decision.

March 29:

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee he had made it clear to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat that Israel has no intention of compromising on the issue of Jerusalem. "The issue of Jerusalem was closed politically but open religiously," Peres said.

• The Israeli satellite developed by the Technion and launched into space by a Russian rocket crashed into the sea shortly after takeoff. The satellite took three years to develop and cost $3.5 million.

March 30:

• Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev arrived in Damascus from Cairo to meet with his Syrian counterpart. Kozyrev will also be meeting with the governments of Lebanon and Israel. *Ha'aretz* reported that Rabin will raise the issue of Russia's recent sale of nuclear reactors to Iran when he meets with Kozyrev.

March 31:

• At a memorial service for Yigal Allon at Kibbutz Ginossar, Deputy IDF Chief of Staff Matan Vilna'i stated that in the month of March, terrorist forces had launched 50 separate assaults against the IDF and the South Lebanon Army in the security corridor of South Lebanon. This was the highest monthly figure of such attacks in 10 years.

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for his wartime activities, admitted involvement in two separate executions in 1941.

In documents filed in Federal Court, Immigration authorities allege that Tobiass volunteered to serve in the Latvian Auxiliary Security Police, also known as the Arajs Kommando, and later in the German Waffen SS.

The police unit "participated in the arrests and executions of civilians, including Jews, Communists and psychiatric patients...[from] July 1941 to the fall of 1941 and again in the spring and summer of 1942" outside Riga, the document states.

Tobiass "admitted that during the summer of 1941 he was involved in an active capacity in two separate executions carried out by the Latvian Auxiliary Security Police," the document continues.

Unit allged to have shot over 1,450 people

From February to March 1943, Tobiass allegedly served as a driver in Commando A of the police unit. During that time, the unit is alleged to have shot over 1450 people, including the elderly, and burned down 31 villages.

Tobiass' membership in the police and SS units and his participation in mass executions of civilians would have disqualified him from admission to Canada and from obtaining citizenship, federal authorities argue.

Abella said that while the government is finally taking some action against Tobiass, Congress believes "there is enough evidence to justify a criminal prosecution. Here's a man who admitted taking part in executions. He's a member of a gang that murdered tens of thousands of people and razed villages. If a man like that is not tried, we might as well forget the criminal route entirely."

If Tobiass is successfully stripped of his citizenship and deported, Canada "has to put enormous pressure on Latvia to accept him and to prosecute him once he gets there," Abella added.

Luitjens trying to come back

In other developments, Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi said there was no way convicted war criminal Jacob Luitjens will be allowed to return to Canada.

Luitjens, 75, spent the last 28 months in a Dutch jail on collaboration charges for betraying Jews and Dutch resistance fighters to the Nazis.

Quoting Dutch newspapers, the *Vancouver Sun* reported that Luitjens has applied to return to British Columbia. The Pacific region of Congress would consider applying for intervener status if Luitjens gains a court hearing to try to return to Canada, *The CJN*'s Maurice Lucow reports.

Michael Elterman, community relations chair for the Pacific region, said he doubts the Canadian government would allow Luitjens to return, but "he may take a chance. He may even hire a lawyer to make an application for him."

Meanwhile Luitjens continues to receive his pensions from the University of British Columbia, where he was a botany lecturer, and from the Canada Pension Plan, Lucow reported.

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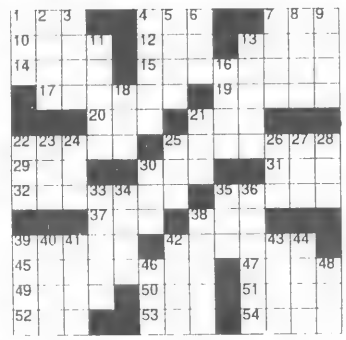

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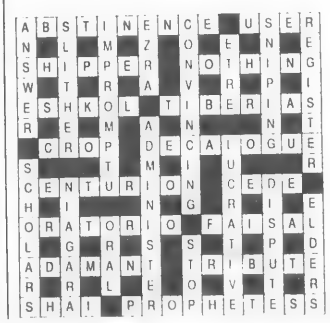

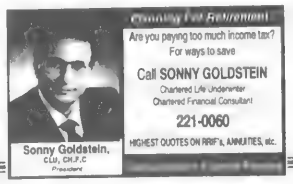

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Second Cup, the second largest coffee chain in North America

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Second Cup head Michael Bregman helped out in the family business while growing up — his father, Louis, began The Bagel King — he was sure he was not going to follow in the footsteps of his grandfather and his father and become a baker.

Instead, Bregman is now Canada's reigning king of coffee with 205 Second Cup franchises from coast to coast and Coffee Plantation outlets in the U.S.

The Second Cup is currently the second largest coffee chain in North America. Starbucks, a U.S. company, holds the number one spot.

Gazing out the window of his west end Toronto office, Bregman sees the city below bathed in sunlight. It's a terrific day, just like business at The Second Cup.

Starting at age 10, Bregman worked behind the coffee bar at a Bagel King branch his father opened in Yorkdale in the mid-60s. "In order to get my allowance I worked with him on Saturdays. I served sandwiches and cold drinks," said Bregman. "I did that for many years on Saturdays and sometimes when I had time off I would work in the bread factory."

Bregman, now 40, said he decided to avoid the bakery business since the retail side had declined over the years and "because it was my father's business and I was going to do something different."

But Bregman freely admits he broke his own rule about the bakery business after getting his MBA at Harvard and serving as director of corporate development and bakery operations at Loblaw's. In 1979 Bregman, his father and a silent partner from out west formed Mmmuffins Ltd., the operator and franchiser of Muffin Break and Michel's Baguette.

They have since sold the thriving Mmmffins Ltd. as they acquired The Second Cup at the end of 1988 and decided to focus on specialty coffee, he said.

Taking Second Cup from 130 stores to 205 in a little more than six years, Bregman introduced cafe latte, cappuccino and iced espresso to his franchise. The Second Cup has gone through an enormous transformation, he said, "because coffee consumption is becoming so much more sophisticated."

Did Bregman anticipate the explosive growth in coffee consumption? Not really, he says. "We acquired The Second Cup because it was such a compatible business with Marvellous Mmmuffins. We had a lot of locations near one another in shopping malls, it was a business we understood. It was after we got in there that we started to understand the kind of emerging trends we are seeing so clearly now, in terms of specialty coffee consumption and specialty drinks, in gourmet coffee that by now is not new, and a very pronounced trend that's been sweeping North America."

To get in on the U.S. action, The Second Cup acquired the Arizona-based Coffee Plantation in 1993. There are currently nine locations in that state. One of the larger spots, the Tempe coffeehouse, can accommodate up to 250 people. In the next year the company plans to open 15 Coffee Plantation outlets in Arizona, California and Texas.

Michael Bregman looks out over his realm of Second Cup franchises. [Alron photo]

In spite of its growth and its profitability — the Second Cup made more than $2 million in profit from June 1993 to June 1994 and is debt free — company shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange have remained stubbornly low. Second Cup shares are currently selling for less than their offering price of $7.

"That's one of the things we talk about around here because the company is doing so well, but that hasn't been reflected in the value. Part of that is definitely because small-cap [capitalization] securities in this country have been somewhat neglected," said Bregman. "There's been more attention paid to larger companies. Some of the institutions have actually had a reduction in their small-cap funds. But there are probably other reasons as well — that we just haven't got our story well known out there.

"We've just done some comparisons to the value of Second Cup versus all other similar, comparable companies around North America, and by virtually any measure it's terribly undervalued. But I think at the end of the day if we continue to do a good job and the earnings come forward and we're able to continue to grow, the value will be reflected in the stock."

He expects the company to grow rapidly in Canada, at least 20 to 25 per cent a year, and much more than that in profits. "Percentage wise we'll be growing faster in the United States, but it's still a relatively small business down there. We have tremendous growth in front of us in both countries," he said.

Outside of the office, Bregman, married with a son and three daughters, is an active volunteer in the Jewish community and a fitness buff.

He is currently a member of the board of directors of Mount Sinai Hospital, was co-chair of the major gifts division of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and has plans to be involved in this year's UJA campaign in another capacity.

"I'm lucky enough to be in a position to help out in some small way people who aren't as lucky. I think that's a part of life that's quite important to me."

Business & Finance

Market grows for resale clothes

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Where can you buy Laura Ashley, Roots, Gap and OshKosh clothing for kids at much lower than retail price? At Happily Ever After, a children's resale shop at 385 John St. in Thornhill.

Owner Susan Bernstein, a lawyer by training, says she opened the store almost three years ago, when she became inundated with good quality clothes and toys that were still in great shape but that her son had outgrown. "I wanted to recycle the things that, with proper care, can last forever."

Bernstein says resale is quite popular in the United States and definitely a trend of the future in Canada. "Canadians are still a little conservative about buying resale items but I've found that people who have sold me clothing are now buying from the store as well. This is not a consignment shop — customers are paid when the items are brought in, generally about one-third the retail value of the items."

Susan Bernstein helps clients pick an outfit at Happily Ever After.

Racks at Happily Ever After are jammed with designer clothes in sizes ranging from newborn to 10 or 12. Labels include such names as Mexx, Francoix Bouthaillier, Mousefeathers, Bravo, Deux par Deux, Roots, the Gap and Laura Ashley. As well, there are Perego and Chicco strollers and at different times, there may be a wooden glider or a Fisher Price wagon.

"These items are in great shape and will last forever. The clothes can be washed over and over again and still look like new.

"People come in for the first time and they are shocked that it is a second-hand store. Everything looks brand new. I have a 7-year-old son and a 2-year-old daughter, and I will not buy anything unless I would dress my own kids in it. I feel good about what I do. I am giving people who cannot normally buy designer clothing for their kids the opportunity to do so. There are a number of second-hand children stores in the city, but I do not think there are any others that sell only designer labels."

After recently paying a customer $800 for items she brought into the store, Bernstein says it really is a win-win situation. "Both the buyers and sellers are happy and most sellers also buy. I've had such a good response from people who want to sell me clothes that there is now an eight-month waiting list for an appointment."

She says she recently began taking in new designer samples in selected sizes which she sells at much lower than retail prices. "Once customers get used to top quality clothing at lower prices, they can't go back into department stores."

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN.
This week the spotlight's on:

Heritage Fine Clothing

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — Heritage Fine Clothing did their homework before they opened their spacious retail and manufacturing outlet, which offers thousands of high quality men's and women's suits and coats at wholesale prices.

"We found in the industry low end stores with low prices and high end stores with high prices," said David Rosenberg, the company president. "There were no high end stores with low prices and that's where heritage has positioned itself."

Prices are low for several reasons, he said.

Their stock of Italian-designed garments created from premium European fabrics is made on the premises, allowing the company to eliminate the mark-up added by retailers, as well as other costs.

Operating out of a single store at a slightly out-of-the-way location on Orfus Road also helps keep overhead to a minimum.

Volume is high — a quarter of a million people visit the store each year.

The company purchases accessories in volume, including ties, shirts, sweaters and blouses, and passes their savings on to customers.

"We realize these are tough economic times for Canada," said Rosenberg. "We realize that if we do not give maximum quality for the best price we will not be here."

Along with favorable pricing, Heritage offers a size and color selection in high end clothing that Rosenberg says is "unprecedented under one roof" for a non-department-type store. Stock in popular sizes includes more than 200 men's suits and about 150 to 200 women's suits for each available color. Heritage carries sizes two to 20 for women and men's sizes 36 to 52.

Four boutique areas for women, each highlighting garments in a particular color, include other items in complementary colors and accessories. Suits in the four areas of the store designated for men are not as artfully displayed as the women's clothing since men's shopping habits are different from women's.

"Men just want to find their size and leave," said Rosenberg. "Women like to spend a couple of hours looking around."

Both men's and women's suits and coats are made in accordance with the Jewish law of shatnas.

Heritage's staff of 40 full- and part-time salespeople have fashion backgrounds and five on-site tailors are available to discuss alterations with customers.

Services include valet parking and electronic change rooms that lock automatically when customers exit. An employee at the entrance to the change rooms buzzes customers back in.

Heritage rents a corner of its huge facility to Fancy Diamond Jewellery, a company that manufactures jewelry on-site and sells directly to the public.

Rosenberg, 27, and his sister Anita Rosenberg-Gleberzon, 31, bought the business from their father, Nathan, in 1993. David Rosenberg has a business and marketing degree from Ryerson Polytechnic University; Anita, a York University psychology graduate, holds a fashion consulting diploma from George Brown College.

Heritage was originally a Montreal manufacturer that supplied menswear stores, including Lido Men's Shop, which Nathan Rosenberg opened in 1962. Rosenberg and a group of investors purchased the Montreal company in 1979 and relocated it to Toronto.

In 1981, when Heritage was on the verge of bankruptcy, Rosenberg suggested that they sell directly to the public. His partners were skeptical, so he, with an associate who eventually left the business, bought them out. They opened the Orfus Road location in 1982.

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Arts

Documentary examines Christian anti-Semitism

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

The tragic and often violent encounter between Judaism and Christianity is the subject of *Shadow on the Cross*, to be broadcast on Vision TV on April 12 at 9 p.m.

This sensitive British documentary examines 2,000 years of Christian anti-Semitism, and heralds the onset of a new era in Christian-Jewish relations.

Leading Christian theologians and scholars appear in the 52-minute film, which was shot on location in Britain, Israel, Germany and the United States. All say or imply that anti-Semitism is a blot on the fabric of Christianity.

Franklin Littell, an American theologian, puts it into proper perspective. How, he wonders, do we deal with the fact that six million Jews were killed by baptized Christians? "I call that a credibility crisis," he declares.

As he and others theorize, the litany of anti-Jewish measures adopted by the Nazis — ghettos, the yellow star, expulsions — were conceived and implemented by the church hundreds of years before the rise of Hitler.

Not surprisingly, one of the most ardent Nazis, Julius Streicher, was a disciple of Martin Luther, the revolutionary theologian who described Jews as a "rejected and condemned people."

Shadow on the Cross also raises another disturbing point. Jesus was originally Jewish, yet many Christians deny or repress this fact. This unsettling question is discussed at length.

Despite the past, Christians and Jews have embarked upon the path of reconciliation, we're told, but much more remains to be done. Christianity should abandon its efforts to convert Jews, acknowledge its debt of gratitude to Judaism, and make amends for its indifference to Jewish suffering during the Holocaust.

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The Lapirovs Go West

Another absorbing program is *The Lapirovs Go West*, an 80-minute documentary about three Russian Jewish emigres, to be broadcast on TVOntario April 12 at 10 p.m.

French film-maker Jean-Luc Leon's film begins as Ilya Lapirov, the head of the household, returns to Moscow after 11 years. He sits with old friends and regales them with anecdotes about the marvels of America.

The film then moves back to 1981, the year the Lapirovs — Ilya, wife Bella and 9-year-old son Kiesha — move to Los Angeles.

The streets of Los Angeles are hardly paved with gold. Living off welfare, the Lapirovs realize they must work exceedingly hard to succeed in a country where "time is money."

Ilya attends English classes and studies to be a hospital technician, while Bella toils for what appears to be an unscrupulous Soviet employer. Kiesha, now Ken, dreams of becoming rich and living in Beverly Hills.

By 1992 the Lapirovs have made progress. They own a mortgaged flat in a better neighborhood; they are both working; and Ken is studying law. The family revisits Moscow, where Ilya is insulted by an anti-Semite on the sidewalk. Ken, thorougly Americanized, feels like a stranger in his former homeland.

Full of insights and humor, *The Lapirovs Go West* is an instructive documentary on a topic rarely aired on television. It whets the appetite for more such films.

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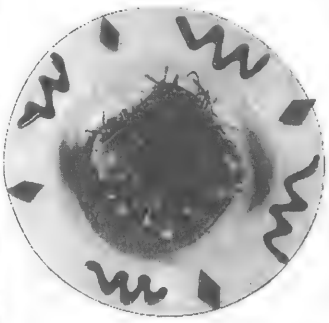

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Book has advice on comforting mourners

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — One of the hardest obligations for Jews to fulfil is visiting those who are sitting shivah.

Dealing with one's own feelings about the one who has died is hard enough. But knowing what to say to the mourners, and what one ought to do to comfort them is a very real concern.

Do you talk about the person who has died, or will that make the mourner feel worse? Do you ask for details? Do you ask how the mourner feels?

Or do you change the subject entirely, and discuss politics, sports, children, anything to get the mourner's mind off his or her grief.

Do Jews send cards? Bring flowers?

And suppose you are the mourner. Are you obligated by Halachah or by common courtesy to respond to questions you don't want to answer? Should you try and be as "good company" as you can?

Help is at hand. Rabbi Aaron Levine, current vice-principal and incumbent senior principal of Eitz Chaim Schools, and a columnist for *The CJN*, has written an excellent book *To Comfort the Bereaved: A guide for mourners and those who visit them* (Jason Aronson, 1994).

Rabbi Levine has written extensively about laws and customs concerning the sick, the dying, death and now shivah. His *Zichron Meir*, in Hebrew, is an exhaustive guide to the field, and he has published in English *The Complete Yizkor Handbook* and *Bikkur Cholim, visiting the sick*.

This book concentrates specifically on the time before the burial, the shivah period, comforting the mourner and the mourner himself.

Anecdotes clarify points

What I found helpful was anecdotes, parables and midrashic stories that illustrate the customs or clarify the points Rabbi Levine is trying to make.

Some are well known, such as the story of the wife of Rabbi Meir, who, after finding her two sons dead, asked her husband whether she was required to return something of great value she had been asked to keep for someone else.

When an astonished Rabbi Meir replied that of course she did, she showed him the bodies of their sons, comforting him that their souls had returned to G-d.

Others are less familiar, but equally poignant, such as the account of a wise man who asked a grieving mother to find a mustard seed from a home that was free of sorrow. During her search, she realized there was no such place — but she could mitigate her own sorrow by comforting others.

The book is a fount of information on dealing with a mourner, including such basic questions as what the meal eaten on the return from the cemetery should consist of, whether a mourner is obligated to stand up when a distinguished person comes to visit them (the answer is no) and bringing gifts to the shiva house.

To Comfort the Bereaved is available in Jewish book stores.

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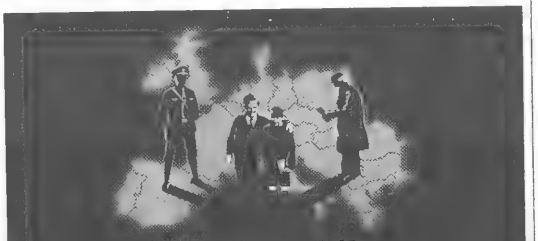

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Children Of The Storm: Two non-Jewish students, terrorized by members of the Hitler Youth for associating with Jewish friends, find themselves at a moral crossroads. Under duress, one chooses the road toward Nazism by renouncing his Jewish friends and all things Jewish. Under equal duress, the other opposes the Nazi bullies.

This is one of the stories in *Children of the Storm*, a play by Johnathon Hoskins that explores the turbulent Nazi era from the perspective of four teenagers in Austria. It's being performed at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts on April 13, 16 and 18 to 22, and at the Bathurst Street Theatre April 27 to 29. For more information, telephone 416-635-7969.

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Gala Spring Concert: An evening of new music written over the last two decades especially for the woman cantor is set for performance at the Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, on April 9 at 8 p.m.

The Woman Cantor in Recital: New Voices in Jewish Liturgy features cantors Roslyn Barak of San Francisco and Faith Gurney of Baltimore, the Holy Blossom Temple Singers and Chamber Choir, pianist Nadyah Adler, and conductor Benjamin Z. Maissner. Contact Tryna Kane at the Holy Blossom, 416-789-3291.

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The Dreamers: This first play by 78-year-old Toronto actor Irving Hoffman about a Jewish family is set to have its world premiere this month at the Robert Gill Theatre, 214 College St., Toronto.

Irving's theatrical background extends back to 1935 when he performed with the acclaimed Theatre of Action. He appeared in many feature roles during television's early days and he also worked in film and theatre. He studied voice with the late Lorne Greene and acting with David Pressman and Hollywood director Daniel Mann.

In order to support his family, Irving took a break from acting and began a career first as a hairdresser and later as a beauty supplies salesman. Since returning to acting, Irving has appeared in several CBC productions.

Play dates are April 26 to 30. Matinees are at 2 p.m. each day, evening performances at 7.30 p.m., April 28 and 29 only. The director is Vrenia Ivonoffski.

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Media Watch: Just after actor Tom Hanks, star of *Forrest Gump*, received the best actor award at the 67th Academy Awards last week, Stephen Spielberg came on stage to award the Best Director Oscar to Robert Zemeckis for the same film.

Spielberg graced the cover of *Time* magazine last week, along with David Geffen and Jeffrey Katzenberg, his partners in the new Hollywood studio DreamWorks.

The *Time* article focused on the rush of excitement generated by the founding of DreamWorks, but conveyed the opinions of a few naysayers — including Hanks, whose unfortunate choice of words was printed in large display type: "I guarantee that, when their first film premieres, everyone will say, 'This is it? This is what these three geniuses have come up with?' ... Everybody is rooting for their failure."

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In Brief: *The Balkan Express*, a play presented by the Company of Sirens, runs at The Poor Alex until April 9. It's a one-woman show by talented Yugoslav actor Mimi Vulovic, from a script by Slavenka Drakulic on the reflections of a journalist on the civil war in that country. 416-975-9642.

Musica Viva & Friends consists of Viki Blechta on flute, Grigory Goldberg on cello, Cecilia Ignatieff on piano. The ensemble, with guests Senia Trubashnik on oboe and Katharine Rapoport on viola, performs works by Mozart, Telemann, Damase and Srul Irving Glick at the First Unitarian Congregation, 175 St. Clair Ave. W., April 9 at 3 p.m. Adults, $15.

The Uptown Gallery opened last week at 43 Martin Ross Ave., Unit 1, North York, featuring works by noted Canadian and international artists Jeffrey Holland, Ruben Zellermeyer and Marc Chagall. "Until now there has not been a fine arts gallery in the uptown area offering a range of top quality works of art at great prices," says director Rebwar Shaban.

Livent chair Garth Drabinsky, whose new autobiography *Closer to The Sun* has prompted enormous media attention, was in the spotlight again when *Billboard* magazine honored him with its International Achievement Award for Business during Canada Music Week.

Amadeus Ensemble leader Moshe Hammer welcomes special guest Norbert Kraft for an evening of Latin and Italian music for violin and classical guitar. The concert, featuring works by Paganini, de Falla, Piazzola and Villa-Lobos, takes place in the Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. W., Toronto, on April 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets available at the door or by calling 416-205-5555.

Concentration Camp Documentary: Memories of the Camps is a powerful, hour-long documentary showing actual footage of the Allied armies liberating the Nazi concentration camps. It was made years ago but deemed too explosive for the television medium; Alfred Hitchcock apparently had a hand in its editing. It's being shown to mark the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Buchenwald by CBC Newsworld on "The Passionate Eye," Sunday April 9, 9:30 p.m.

Arts

Klezmer band enthralls fans

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The raggedy klezmer musicians of Eastern Europe reincarnated into "suits" employing high-tech wizardry captivated a sold-out audience of 1,600 at Convocation Hall.

The recent concert was in support of Yiddish courses at the University of Toronto.

From the moment they stepped on stage, for the first time in Toronto, the 11 members of the Klezmer Conservatory Band of Boston had the audience in thrall, demonstrating a high degree of professionalism. As leader Hankus Netsky, resplendent in a purple suit, put it, they have left the myths of the poverty-stricken klezmers behind.

Though the old Yiddish folk and theatre songs were enthusiastically received, the hit of the evening was the band's own *Frelich Fantastique*, a foot-stomping take-off on pieces by Beethoven, Mozart, Strauss, Stravinsky and Gershwin.

And a close runner-up was *Klezified*, a Romanian horah, written by the band's violin virtuoso Miriam Rabson, and featuring out of this world innovations on the klezmer style by drummer Grant Smith.

The original klezmers never saw anything like the sliver of a bass or toothpick violin used by this band, instruments designed for their portability, according to Netsky.

The crowd favorite was the talented clarinettist Ilene Stahl, dressed in red, front and centre, who poured so much physical energy into the numbers that one expected only a blob of sweat to remain where the performer once stood.

Scores in the audience couldn't resist the urge to dance and they filled the aisles, giving a fervent "amen" to vocalist Judy Bressler's closing words, "Let's dance so joyously it will give our enemies a pain."

A gala at Knox College attended by 450 followed the concert. Guests were welcomed by Eda Zimler Shiff, president of Friends of Yiddish and Bayla Chaikoff, chair, Committe for Yiddish Studies, University of Toronto, concert sponsors.

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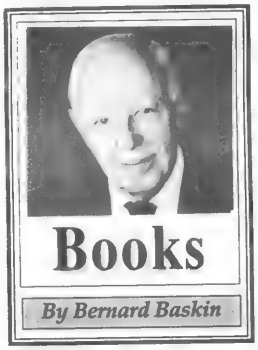

Books

By Bernard Baskin

The Haggadah

Which Haggadah will you be using at your seder this year? There are more than 30 different Haggadot in print. These include versions produced by each of the Jewish denominations as well as by groups fostering feminism, leftist politics, ecumenism and gay rights.

The Haggadah has been reprinted more often and in more places than any other Jewish classic work. It has also been the most frequently illustrated. Over 3,500 extant editions have been catalogued thus far, and unknown editions continually come to light. These editions vary in text, format, commentaries, translations, illustrations and type faces.

Yosef Yerushalmi in his monumental work *Haggadah and History* indicates that there is hardly a city or a town in the world "where a Hebrew press once functioned which has not produced at least one Haggadah. It has been translated into almost every language spoken by Jews throughout their global dispersion."

The first full rendering of what is basically our present Haggadah was included in the prayerbook edited by the Babylonian scholar, Rabbi Amram ben Sheshnah, in the ninth century CE. He introduced rabbinical midrash and commentary on the Haggadah, against the wishes of the Karaites who were active at the time and who opposed any interpretation of biblical passages.

Saadya, in the 10th century, and Maimonides in the 12th century, simply included the Haggadah as part of their larger collection of prayers. It was only in the 13th century that the Haggadah emerged as a separate book.

The origins of the printed Haggadah remain obscure. What is believed to be the first extant copy has been ascribed to the Hebrew press in Guadalajara, Spain, in 1482. Other printed Haggadot soon followed in Italy and Turkey. But it was not until the 19th century that it became customary for every participant in the seder to hold his or her own copy.

Modern Haggadot have been illustrated by a number of prominent artists such as Ben Shahn, Arthur Szyk, Leonard Baskin, Saul Raskin and David Moss. During and after World War II, the Israeli Kibbutzim produced many distinctive, most of them extolling the virtues of working the soil.

The recent upsurge of interest in illuminated Haggadot, stimulated by technical advancements in printing, has made possible the publication of splendid reproductions at reasonable prices.

One of the most beautiful among these is the Birds Head Haggadah. It dates from about 1300 and is the oldest illuminated Haggadah so far known, at least as far as the Ashkenazi type is concerned. One of its most striking features is the large eagle-beaked faces imposed on human figures, presumably because endowing human bodies with birds' heads was one way in which medieval Jewish artists sought to circumvent the prohibition against the making of images. The males in the pictures wear on their bird heads the conical "Jew's hat" introduced by the Lateran Council of 1215, and the female birds wear hair nets and jewelled pins which were stylish at the time.

Another famous illuminated volume of medieval origin is the Prague Haggadah (1527), containing the earliest wood-cut illustrations. Still another is the Kaufmann Haggadah, reprinted from a manuscript located in the Hungarian Academy of Science in Budapest.

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Hebrew University Bike Tour: A charity bike ride through the Negev desert has been organized by The Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. That group's Mission With A Difference '95 has devised a cycling route that starts in Jerusalem, takes in several biblical and historic sites, and culminates about 300 kilometres later at the Red Sea port of Eilat. The group, which is limited to 100 participants, pedals approximately 50 km per day.

Sites include the Burma Road, built in 1948 as a bypass to the Arab Legion stronghold at Latrun; the Bar Kochba Caves at Amazia; Beersheva, the capital of the Negev and one of the world's oldest cities; Kibbutz Sde Boker, where David Ben-Gurion resided; Avdat, a city of the semi-nomadic Nabateans; the large Ramon Crater at Mitzpe Ramon; Timna Valley Park, with its amazing scenery and features such as Solomon's Pillars; and Eilat, with its sandy beaches and colorful coral reef.

Travel dates are Oct. 19 to 27. Cost to participants is $2,800, and each participant is required to raise a minimum of $1,500. Contact Merle Goldman, 416-485-8000 or at 1-800-668-3956 within Ontario and Quebec only. Fax: 416-485-8565. An information evening is being held on Thursday May 18.

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Yachdav '95: This international young leadership Mission to Israel occurs July 31 to August 10, when about 500 Jewish leaders from around the world enjoy an active itinerary in Israel. A side trip to Amsterdam takes in the Jewish Historical Museum and the Old Jewish Quarter, and an excursion to Jordan involves the red-rock city of Petra and Mount Nebo, where Moses glimpsed the Promised Land before he died. Contact Ronit Climan, 416-631-5738.

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Advantage Israel: That's the name of a newsletter published by the Israel Economic Mission to the United States. Its purpose is to inform the public on recent economic and trade developments in Israel. For a copy, call 416-961-1242.

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Judaic Paintings in Vienna: The largely vanished world of Eastern European Jewry is the focus of Rabbis, Bokhers, Talmudic Students, an exhibition of paintings by the Viennese artist Isidor Kaufmann (1853-1921) organized by the Jewish Museum of the City of Vienna. On display until May 7. Judisches Museum, Palais Eskeles, Dorotheergasse 11, 1010 Vienna.

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Travel & Leisure Show: The ninth annual show features about 330 exhibitors, including national tourist boards, tour operators, airlines and independent travel specialists. Organizers expect some 30,000 people to attend. International Centre, Hall 6, Entrance A, 6900 Airport Rd., Mississauga, Friday April 21 to Sunday April 23. Adults $8. For times, call 416-360-5514.

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A Bit of the Canadian Shield in France: In centuries past, furladen boats from Canada arriving at the French port of La Rochelle would empty their holds of rocks carried for ballast. These rocks were used to pave the city's streets. Situated on the coast about 470 km southwest of Paris, La Rochelle is served by the TGV Atlantique from the Montparnasse train station.

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A Plague On Both Your Houses: *Romeo and Juliet* opens the Royal Shakespeare Company's season April 5 at Stratford-upon-Avon, England, with previews from March 30. More plays are set to follow during the spring and summer, including *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Julius Caesar* and *Richard III*. Meanwhile, *Twelfth Night* and *A Midsummer's Night Dream* are featured this month at the Barbican Theatre, the company's London home.

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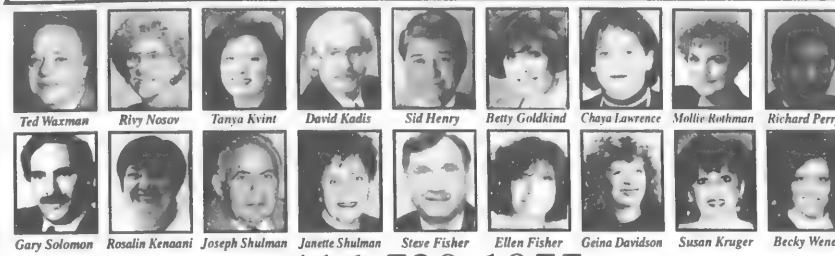

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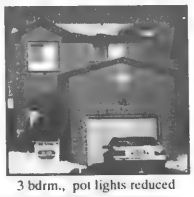

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Stessel, Golda. The unveiling of the monument to the beloved memory of Golda Stessel will take place Sunday, April 9, at 11:00 a.m., Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, All for One Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended my 100th birthday party, and/or made charitable contributions, sent greetings and gifts. Special thanks to Cheltenham Nursing Home for marking this occasion with an outstanding birthday party in my honour.
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330 OBITUARIES

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Edward Swartz on March 10, 1995, late of 1 Canyon Ave., #201
Ian Presement on March 9, 1995, late of 3821 20th St. #4
Bess Gelman on March 11, 1995, late of 715 Finch Ave, W., #101
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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If you belong to the generation that has personal memories of that landmark day, we invite you to share them with us, when ***The CJN*** marks the 50th anniversary of VE Day May 7.

Please put them in writing, not more than 200 words, and send it to us. Or, if you have a unique photograph of VE Day, please send that along as well.

Mail or deliver your submissions by April 28 to: The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1. If you want us to return the material to you, please provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Otherwise, we will be unable to do so.

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Hamas vows revenge

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Muslim radicals are vowing to avenge the deaths of three members of Hamas, killed in an ambush Sunday by Israeli security forces.

Israeli border policemen shot and killed three members of Hamas' armed wing, Izzadin Kassam, in a grove outside Hebron Sunday morning. Two of the dead were apparently among the most wanted Hamas terrorists.

However, Palestinians claimed that one man the Israelis said was killed was not among the dead.

Members of the Border Police undercover anti-terror unit ambushed the terrorists' car, apparently as they were on their way to attack Israelis.

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FUNERAL FOR NEW JERSEY STUDENT

Mourners embrace outside a West Orange, N.J. synagogue April 12 following the funeral of Alisa Flatow, 20. Flatow, a student from New Jersey, was killed in the Gaza Strip by an Islamic suicide bomber. Thousands attended the funeral. See related story on page 34. *[RNS photo]*

Montreal braces for HLI conference

CJN Staff

MONTREAL — The Jewish community here is bracing for this week's conference of Human Life International (HLI), an American anti-abortion group that has been labeled anti-Semitic.

Dozens of organizations have planned protests against HLI, whose leader, Catholic priest Paul Marx, has blamed Jews for being at the forefront of the abortion movement.

Over 1,000 Montreal police have been put on special alert for the five days HLI will be in town, and they are expected to be out in force Wednesday night, when HLI members are scheduled to have a candlelight procession through Old Montreal.

Anti-racist, ethnic, labor and women's groups have planned frontline demonstrations against the conference, which is expected to attract 1,500 to 2,000 followers.

But Jewish organizations have decided against taking to the streets.

B'nai Brith was due to participate in a press conference Tuesday, along with other groups, to denounce HLI's ultra-right-wing ideology.

B'nai Brith wants to keep the focus on HLI's record of intolerance and racist statements and away from abortion, spokesperson Robert Libman told *The CJN*.

"We don't want to be seen as taking a position on abortion. [Street demonstrations] have a tendency to slip into confrontation and violence," Libman said.

The Quebec region of Canadian Jewish Congress is planning meetings with Andrew Hutchison, the Anglican Archbishop of Montreal, to find "a common position," Congress spokesperson David Sultan told *The CJN* Monday morning.

Congress says it too wants to keep the focus on HLI's racist, homophobic and anti-Semitic views.

"We are being very careful not to touch on abortion. It's not in our mandate," Sultan said.

Kids burned in ceremony

TORONTO — Five children burned during a pre-Passover ceremony in Richmond Hill are reported to be well on the road to recovery.

The five children, aged between three and 10, suffered second- and third-degree burns during the traditional burning of chometz held by staff of Ner Israel Yeshivah last Friday.

"The prognosis is excellent," said a school official who did not wish to be identified. The accident occurred after a 44-year-old man poured what police believe to be paint thinner on a dying oil-drum fire to reignite it.

The solvent flared up, burning the man's hand. He turned and inadvertently sprayed nearby children with a stream of burning fluid.

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Israeli consul-general Dror Zeigerman presents the Righteous Among The Nations medal to Margit Hedley of London, Ont. See story on page 18. *[Ron Csillag Photo]*

Next Week

Watch for our special eight page commemorative supplement *Yom Hashoah: 50 Years.*

Rabin rejects IDF role in Gaza — please see page 33

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CANADA

Charpak Fellowship

OTTAWA — The Ottawa chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science has announced plans to create the Georges Charpak Fellowship, dedicated to promoting research between Canada and the institute, in the field of applied physics in life sciences.

Charpak won the 1992 Nobel Prize for physics. During World War II, he served with the French resistance and was incarcerated in Dachau.

The fellowship will endow, for up to one year, either a Canadian scientist engaged in research at the institute or an institute researcher in Canada.

A reception to celebrate the fellowship's establishment will take place June 6 at the residence of Israel's ambassador.

For information, call 613-236-3391.

ISRAEL

Protests Held

JERUSALEM — Anti-government protests were held last Tuesday night outside Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's residence in Jerusalem and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid's home in Tel Aviv.

Some 500 demonstrated outside Sarid's home. They carried signs, flags and torches, and chanted slogans against Rabin and the remarks Sarid made calling for the immediate removal of Jewish settlers in the Gaza Strip.

Burg Opposes Changes

JERUSALEM — Acting Jewish Agency chair Avraham Burg vowed last week to oppose any changes in the Law of Return.

Burg said he doesn't want to lose Jews because of changes in legislation which may close the doors to a spouse or other family members.

Muslims Win Status

JERUSALEM — Forty-six Bosnian Muslim refugees received permanent status in Israel last week, two years after they were brought here as part of a humanitarian rescue.

The refugees were among a group of about 85 from Bosnia that Israel took in February 1993.

The 46 who remained in Israel moved to Kibbutz Beit Oren on Mount Carmel, where they live and work.

Israel Radio reported that some have asked permission to bring relatives who had fled to Croatia.

The Israeli government is reportedly considering the request.

Chometz 'goy' is Jewish

JERUSALEM — Ahmed Mugrabi, who for years bought the nation's chometz from the chief rabbis before Passover, has been found to be the son of a Jewish mother, making him Jewish.

The discovery, which shocked the rabbis, forced them to find another gentile to whom to sell chometz.

Jerusalem businessman Salim Daoud agreed to fill in for Mugrabi at the sale, which took place last Thursday.

WORLD

Serbo-Croatian Haggadah

ROME — A new translation of the Haggadah into Serbo-Croatian has been printed in time for Passover by the beleaguered Jewish communities in the former Yugoslavia.

The Haggadah was prepared by Eliezer Jajcanin, a rabbinical student in Israel originally from Sarajevo.

Communal seders were scheduled to be held last week in many cities in the former Yugoslavia, including Sarajevo, Zagreb and Split in Croatia, and the Yugoslav capital of Belgrade.

Kosher Goods Available

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — For the first time, kosher l'Pesach food and products were available here, in time for Passover.

Getting kosher food for the holiday used to mean ordering it in advance and travelling to Miami to pick it up.

Now, major supermarkets in this capital city are stocking kosher products, including meat and poultry.

Matzah and kosher wines, however, are still imported.

Costa Rica's Jewish community numbers about 2,500.

Swiss Jews Want Memorial

GENEVA — Jewish leaders here plan to petition the Swiss government to erect a monument to the thousands of Jewish refugees who were killed when Switzerland closed its borders to those fleeing Nazi Germany during World War II.

Swiss Jews recently circulated the petition and will present it to the government May 8, the 50th anniversary of the Allied victory over the Nazis.

During the war, Jewish refugees who crossed the German border into Switzerland were turned back on the orders of the Swiss chief of police.

Israel-Britain Trade

LONDON — Trade between Britain and Israel will reach $3.5 billion this year, as the Jewish state overtakes the oil-rich United Arab Emirates to become Britain's second biggest Middle East market, officials in London predicted last week.

Figures compiled by the Department of Trade and Industry show a "phenomenal" growth in business with Jerusalem.

Ties With Tunisia

BRUSSELS — Tunisia and Israel have agreed to open economic interest sections in Tunis and Tel Aviv soon, according to news reports here.

Interest sections are seen as a first step toward full diplomatic relations. Because the two countries have not yet agreed to establish embassies or consulates, each country's representatives are to be stationed in the Belgian embassies in Tel Aviv and Tunis.

Anti-Semitic Textbook

PRAGUE — The Czech Republic's Education Ministry reportedly says it will look into a new history textbook that Jewish leaders worldwide call anti-Semitic.

Handbook on Church History claims Jews in the Middle Ages took over money-lending businesses and were usurers who charged more than 100 per cent interest. It also says Jews committed ritual murders.

According to the U.S.-based Anti-Defamation League, the Education Ministry has ordered a review of the textbook.

Access Denied

ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York State Cable Commission has voted to permit cable companies to restrict the availability of their community access stations to those who live in the area served by their system.

The move is seen as a blow to Toronto-based Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel, who attempted to get his neo-Nazi videotapes aired on community access stations in upstate New York.

Holocaust Survivors & Friends Education Centre proposed the new interpretation in mid-February after Zundel and an upstate supporter tried to convince cable stations across the state to air Zundel's material.

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Sexuality report controversial in Canada

Rabbis divided over RA document

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A groundbreaking report on human sexuality, unanimously approved as an official document of the Rabbinical Assembly (RA) by its executive council earlier this year, is still a source of controversy among some Conservative rabbis in Canada.

The document, entitled *"This Is My Beloved, This Is My Friend:" A Rabbinic Letter on Intimate Relations*, is the result of three years' work by the RA's Commission on Human Sexuality. It underwent seven revisions, reflecting the input of member rabbis across North America.

The document puts forth a religious context for sexuality, including non-marital sex and homosexuality.

Rabbi Wayne Allen of Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue is a Conservative rabbi who resigned from the RA in 1992. He sees the document as "fundamentally flawed and misguided.

"An assumption has been made by this document that what has become socially true has been elevated to the point of religious principle. The report doesn't condone [non-marital sex], but says that it's sometimes explicable," said Rabbi Allen.

"We should be aiming for a higher ideal. This seems to be a surrender to the sexual laxity of our society rather than an attempt to restate the ideals."

In fact, the 49-page report makes it very clear that sexual intercourse outside of marriage is not condoned by Judaism and discusses relevant Jewish values including modesty, respect, love, fidelity and safety.

Issues addressed in the document include teen sex, single parenthood, contraception, adultery, condoms and AIDS.

Rabbi Wayne Allen

Rabbi Kenneth Katz

The report strongly encourages couples to have three or four children and offers justification for following the laws of family purity. It is believed to be the first call on Conservative Jews to consider observing those laws, which include prohibition of sex during a women's menstrual period and for a week thereafter, followed by her immersion in a mikvah.

The paper's treatment of homosexuality amounts to a discussion of two differing rabbinic viewpoints. The issues are still under study by the RA.

'Risk worth taking'

"The document does take a risk," admitted Rabbi Joel Meyers, executive vice-president of the New York-based RA. "The feeling was that it was a risk worth taking. We did not want to put our heads in the sand."

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation agrees. "Not to speak on these subjects would be to indicate that we have nothing to say," he said. Rabbi Frydman-Kohl moderated a public debate about the report in January.

Rabbi Allen agrees that some of the issues raised in the letter "need to be addressed by Judaism," but he is against raising them publicly. "Certain issues are best resolved between the enquirer and the rabbi. What may be appropriate in one person's situation should not be generalized and communicated to the public."

Rabbi Kenneth Katz of Congregation Beth-El in Montreal used draft seven of the letter in a study session last Shavuot. He would use it again "without question."

Rabbi Katz said he doesn't have to agree with everything in the document, and praised the extensive footnotes which allow readers to refer to original sources and "recreate" the commission's debate.

"There's always a danger that some people will use it to justify something that wasn't intended, and that's a hard call," Rabbi Katz said, adding that the benefits of having such a document outweigh the risks of misinterpretation.

Rabbi Henry Balser of Winnipeg's Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, an egalitarian Conservative congregation, is not convinced. "I'm positive about the content ... but I question whether this is the kind of thing you say in public."

Rabbi Martin Cohen of Congregation Beth Tikvah in Richmond, B.C. is very much in favor of the letter. "I feel it's basically a great step forward. You can't publish a document this long that is not go ing to engender some controvrsy and that cannot be picked at in terms of this or that detail.

The report is one of few modern-day documents to address sexuality so comprehensively within a Jewish context. It also represents the first time the Conservative movement, as a unit, has addressed the issues in print.

"It was important for the movement as a whole to have some kind of joint statement, not one rabbi's opinion or another," said Los Angeles Rabbi Elliot Dorff, author of the report. "[Conservative rabbis] share much more than we disagree about. That's what makes us a movement."

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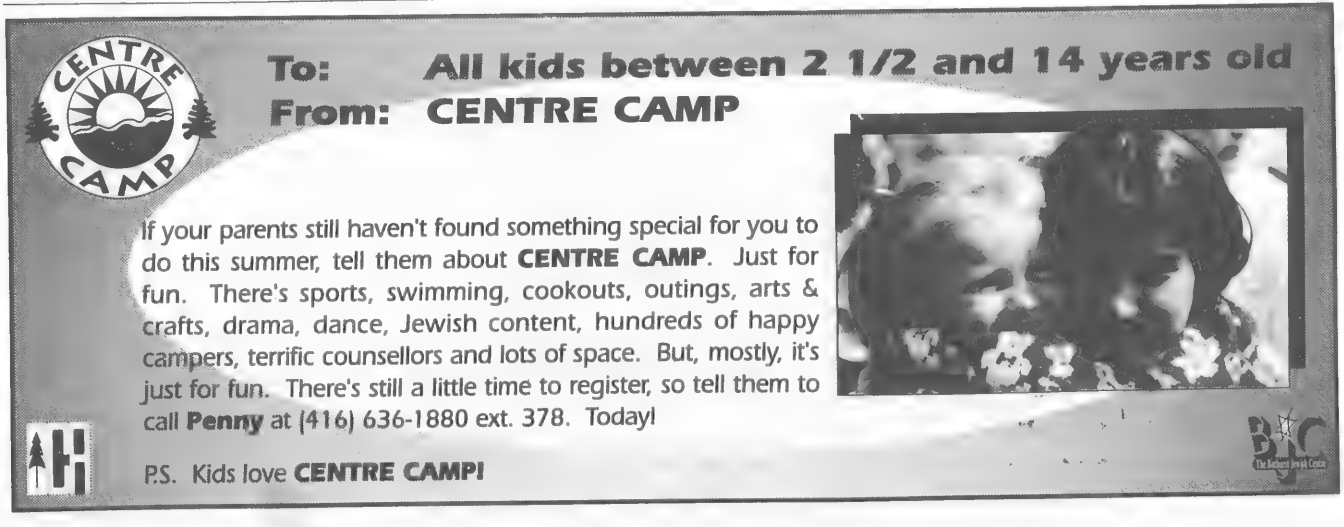
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From coast to coast

Hate literature investigated at three Nova Scotia sites

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Police are investigating the appearance of hate literature in three locations of Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley.

Anti-Semitic propaganda was mailed to a Kentville church, a local newspaper and a New Minas-based political group, Democratic Change Association.

A spokesperson from the New Minas detachment of the RCMP confirmed the investigation.

A package containing nine pages of racist material was received by the Kingsway Assembly Pentecostal Church in Kentville. The envelope had a Halifax postmark and was addressed to members of the church. The package included hand-written and typed letters, photocopied texts and invitations to join a new political party.

Warning of a growing "Zionist conspiracy" in Canada and urging readers to take up arms and join a "citizen revolution," the pages contained rambling denunciations of Jews.

A columnist with a weekly Kentville newspaper also received hate material, postmarked locally, which included a hand-written letter that referred to the "Zionist-controlled medical profession" and charged that Jewish doctors are prescribing "dangerous toxic drugs and operations." The letter stated Christianity is under attack and "all white Christians are expendable."

The Democratic Change Association, which believes in fiscal responsibility and accountable government, received two packages of racial material. Association president John Merriam told the Halifax *Chronicle-Herald* he threw the material in the garbage "where it belonged" but later called police because the distributor claimed association with his group.

Jon Goldberg, executive director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, called the incident "unfortunate" and said it might be related to 50th anniversary celebrations of the liberation of the camps. "Let's hope this is an isolated incident," he said.

Burdi convicted

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —The assault conviction last week of a key Canadian neo-Nazi is expected to put a damper on white supremacist plans to recruit young people.

The conviction will also prevent George Burdi, 24, from entering the United States. In recent years Burdi, a resident of Woodbridge, Ont., has produced hate recordings in Detroit under the Resistance Records label. He is also involved with *Resistance* magazine.

Last week in Ottawa, a seven-man, five-woman jury deliberated for almost five hours before finding Burdi guilty of kicking an anti-racist in the face during a wild brawl at the Canadian War Memorial on May 29, 1993.

Alicia Reckzin, 22, suffered a broken nose in the attack.

Burdi was in Ottawa with his band RaHoWa (Racial Holy War) to play a concert, which was broken up by anti-racists and the Ottawa police riot squad. Later, a group of white supremacists roamed through downtown Ottawa and Burdi and Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege led a charge into a group of anti-racists.

While several witnesses testified about Burdi's role in the melee, Burdi's only witness was Droege.

Droege, who entered the court wearing leg shackles, testified that he, not Burdi, led the charge against the anti-racists.

Burdi will be sentenced on May 11.

Congress lends a hand to help out Jews of Cuba

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The fastest growing Jewish community in the Diaspora is in Cuba, Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella said after visiting the country at the invitation of the community.

There are now 1,412 Jews in Cuba, 50 per cent of them under the age of 30, Abella told the Congress, Ontario region executive "What other community has doubled in five years?"

Though Cuban Jews had to line up at 3 a.m. to buy food for a reception for the Canadian visitors, Abella said he found the visit "inspiring."

There is no official anti-Semitism by the Castro government, he reported. Jews are allowed to practice their religion without interference, and Castro's minister of religious affairs — "an oxymoron in an atheistic country" — was one of 400 attending the reception.

Many Jews have returned to the community, Abella said, recounting that Havana's new shochet was unable to take his usual 20-mile bicycle ride into the city for a week because he was newly circumcized.

Community leader Dr. Jose Miller credited the Passover food shipments organized by the Ontario region for keeping the Jewish community together, Abella said.

Havana's oldest synagogue, the Orthodox Adath Israel, is located in "the equivalent of a third-world slum," he said. After morning prayers, the congregants spent the rest of the day playing dominoes.

Havana is "Moscow without palm trees," Abella said, with no evidence of any new construction since 1950. "The country is caught in a time warp."

The buses he rode in Cuba were all from Canada and at Verraderro Beach he caught one still marked "Eglinton West," with Canadian advertisements in place. The Bathurst bus came along next.

Congress officer Jack Silverstone accompanied Abella.

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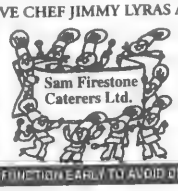
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CJC plenary to focus on national issues

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — No Quebec politicians have been invited to participate in Canadian Jewish Congress' national Plenary Assembly.

Due to the lack of time, the agenda will be limited to issues of a national nature, says the plenary's programming chair Sharon Wolfe.

Nor will there be much ruminating over the future of the Jews in Quebec. It's a departure from past assemblies in Montreal when prominent Quebec politicians, including then premier Rene Levesque, were eagerly anticipated speakers, and the inclusion of a session on the state of Quebec Jewry was almost pro forma.

The plenary May 14 to 15 at the Bonaventure Hilton Hotel will include a bilingual forum entitled Jewish Community Dynamics: Local, National and International, but nothing specifically on Quebec.

"The Quebec issue has been discussed ad infinitum," said Wolfe, a former special assistant to Brian Mulroney.

Labor Minister Lucienne Robillard, the federal cabinet member responsible for the referendum campaign, will speak on National Unity at the plenary luncheon.

There will also be no French-language session as such this year, other than the biligual forum and another plenary where Israeli Knesset member David Levy will participate.

No simultaneous translation will be offered either.

Making the best use of the limited time available was a priority in planning the program, said Wolfe, who until last year was a commissioner of the federal Immigration and Refugee Board.

Plenary is about half the length it usually is. The reason, she said, is mainly to hold the line on costs. The registration fee is $125.35, which does not include hotel or meals.

Congress is hoping for an attendance of 1,000.

The only event the community at large may attend is the night of May 14, moderated by television talk show host Shirley Solomon. The topic is the Changing Face of Anti-Semitism. Individual tickets are $18.

"We had three goals," Wolfe said. "We wanted to be relevant and avoid redundancy. We wanted it to be inclusive and avoid sessions where the converted were preaching to the converted; and we wanted it to be forward-thinking, to address the concerns of the future, rather than review the past."

That means there won't be special sessions for youth, small communities or Quebecers, for example.

Such issues as hate messages over the Internet, the impact of the recession on the Jewish community, intermarriage and assimilation, and the media's coverage of Jewish affairs will be dealt with in the concurrent forums.

Public advocacy is the topic of the opening plenary, Wolfe said, because "the proliferation of interest groups is making it increasingly difficult to get the ear of decision-makers."

A Diamond nomination

TORONTO — University student Robbie Diamond is running for associate chairman of the national executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress at the upcoming plenary in May.

"It's time my generation is represented at the highest levels in the Jewish community. My generation represents the vital link in the chain of Jewish continuity," Daimond said.

Diamond, a student at the University of Toronto, has interned with former external affairs secretary Barbara McDougall and with Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. He helped plan the recent Jewish Students' Network national convention.

"It is time to view my generation and students as equal members of the community. We must be active participants in the decision making processes, rather than only objects of the decisions."

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Children invited to take part in Jerusalem art contest

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Children from around the world are being invited to show their vision of Jerusalem.

The art contest, The Children of the World Draw Jerusalem at 3000, sponsored by Israeli Minister of Education Amnon Rubenstein and Ehud Olmert, mayor of Jerusalem, is coordinated by local Israeli consulates.

Children between the ages of 7 and 14, either individually or as a group, can submit drawings or paintings. Deadline for submissions is June 9. Entries will be sent to Israel for judging.

Twelve prizes will be awarded, each consisting of a week in Israel, including airfare, for a child and escort, and a silver coin. Prizes for group projects will be awarded to the school or institution. Each child whose entry is displayed in the final round exhibition will receive a certificate and album about Jerusalem.

Some suggested topics are Jerusalem of gold, Me in Jerusalem, Stories of Jerusalem and Jerusalem in the future.

This year's event helps mark 3,000 years since King David established Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Information has been sent to public libraries, day schools and community centres.

In Canada, the event is being coordinated by Israeli consulates in Toronto and Montreal. For more information, or to submit an entry, contact the Consulate General of Israel, 180 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ont. M5S 2V6, telephone 416-961-1126,

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נאָנט צו צוויי טויזנט מענטשן האָבן אָנגעפילט דעם גרויסן זאַל פון טאָראָנטער אוניווערסיטעט (קאָנוואָקעישאָן האָל) — און גאָר אַ סך אַנדערע זיינען געבליבן אַנטוישט, ווייל יעדער אַריינגאַנג-בילעט איז געווען אויספאַרקויפט — אָנטייל צו נעמען אין דער פייערונג פון 25 יאָר יידישע שטודיעס ביים אוניווערסיטעט און 23 יאָר ווי עס זיינען דאָרט איינגעפירט געוואָרן — אויף דער איניציאַטיוו פון קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש און פון דאַמאָלטדיקן טאָראָנטער יידישן קאָנגרעס (די איצטיקע יידישע פעדעראַציע פון גרויס-טאָראָנטאָ) — שטודיר-קלאַסן אין יידישער שפּראַך און ליטעראַטור. אין די ערשטע דריי יאָר זיינען די יידיש-קלאַסן פינאַנסירט געוואָרן פונעם קאָנגרעס און פון מיטגלידער פון קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש. שפּעטער האָט דער אוניווערסיטעט איבערגענומען די פאַר-אַנטוואָרטלעכקייט פאַר פינאַנסירן די יידיש-קלאַסן.

ווען דער אוניווערסיטעט האָט, נאָך עטלעכע יאָר, אויפגעהערט צו פינאַנסירן די קלאַסן, האָט דער קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש ווידעראַמאָל גע-נומען אויף זיך די פאַראַנטוואָטלעכקייט פאַר שאַפן געהעריקע פאָנדן, כדי יידיש-לימוד אין אוניווערסיטעט זאָל נישט איבערגעריסן ווערן.

אַ קאָמיטעט פאַר יידישע שטודיעס ביים טאָראָנטער אוניווערסי-טעט איז געשאַפן געוואָרן, צו פאַרזיכערן פינאַנציעלע מעגלעכקייטן אויפצוהאַלטן יידיש-לימוד אין אוניווערסיטעט. אונטער דער ענערגישער פירערשאַפט פון דער באַקאַנטער יידישער דערציערין און קולטור-טוערין, ביילע טשייקאָף, האָט דער קאָמיטעט באַוויזן, אין אַ קורצער צייט, צו אָרגאַניזירן אינעם יידישן ישוב פון טאָראָנטאָ די געהעריקע אונטערשטיצונג, וואָס וועט פאַרזיכערן די סטאַבילע פונקציאָנירונג פון די ביז-איצטיקע דריי יידיש-קלאַסן און איינשטעלן פאַרן קומענדיקן יאָר אַ פערטן קלאַס.

אַ גרויסן חלק אינעם דערפאָלג פון דער פאַרזיכערונג-אַקציע פאַר יידיש-לימודים האָט די אָנגעזעענע אָרגאַניזאַציע „פריינד פון יידיש", וואָס האָט, צוזאַמען מיטן קאָמיטעט פאַר יידיש-שטודיעס, אונטערגע-נומען לעצטן יאָר די זייער דערפאָלגרייכע פאַרשטעלונגען פון יידישן טעאַטער-אַנסאַמבל, אין דער אויפפירונג פון דער הומאָריסטישער פּיעסע „דער יידישער מיקאַדאָ".

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דער היי-יאָריקער קאָנצערט, מיטן אָנטייל פון דעם באַסטאָנער קלעזמער-קאָנסערוואַטאָריע אַנסאַמבל, זונטיק, דעם 26-טן מערץ, איז געווען אַהויך-פונקט אין די טעטיקייטן פון „פריינד פון יידיש" און פון קאָמיטעט פאַר יידישע שטודיעס ביים טאָראָנטער אוניווערסיטעט.

עס איז פּשוט שווער צו באַשרייבן דעם ענטוזיאַזם פון דעם ריזיקן עולם אין זאַל, מיט וועלכן עס איז אויפגענומען געוואָרן דער מוזיקאַלי-שער פּראָגראַם, וואָס דער קלעזמער-אַנסאַמבל האָט דורכגעפירט. די מיטגלידער פונעם אַנסאַמבל זיינען באַשאַנקען געוואָרן מיט שטורמישע אַפּלאָדיסמענטן נאָך יעדן נומער, וואָס זיי האָבן אויפגעפירט, און מיט אַ לאַנג-דויערנדיקער אָוואַציע ביים סוף פון פּראָגראַם. דער בייטראָג צום פּרעכטיקן פּראָגראַם פון יידישער מוזיק און געזאַנג פון דער זינגערין דזשודי ברעסלער, פון קלאַרינעט-שפּילערין אילענאַ סטאַל, פון דער פידל-שפּילערין מרים ראָבסאָן און פון האַנקוס נעצקי, וואָס האָט אָנגע-פירט מיטן גאַנצן פּראָגראַם, איז באַוונדערס ווערט צו דערמאָנען.

די אַריינפיר-ווערטער אין אַ פּרעכטיקן יידיש, פון ביילע טשייקאָף, פאָרזיצערין פון קאָמיטעט פאַר יידישע שטודיעס, האָט אָנגעשלאָגן דעם ריכטיקן טאָן פאַרן גאַנצן קאָנצערט. אידאַ זימלער-שיף, פאָרזיצערין פון „פריינד פון יידיש", האָט ביים אָנהויב באַגריסט דעם עולם. עס איז גע-ווען דערפרישנדיק צו זען אַויפיל יוגנטלעכע צווישן דעם גרויסן עולם.

מיר סאַלוטירן די „פריינד פון יידיש" פאַר זייערע טעטיקייטן צו שטאַרקן דעם אינטערעס אין יידיש און יידישער קולטור. און מיר דריקן אויס אָנערקענונג צו ביילע טשייקאָף און די מיטגלידער פון איר קאָמיטעט, וואָס מאַכן אַזאַ גרויסן בייטראָג צו פאַרזיכערן די עקזיסטענץ און אויסברייטונג פון יידיש-לימודים אין טאָראָנטער אוני-ווערסיטעט.

ש.ל.

From coast to coast

Jordan's King Hussein gets cozy with Chrétien

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

King Hussein of Jordan and his Good Queen Noor were here earlier this month. The king was going home after a regular cancer checkup at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and stopped off for refuelling and a little chat with Prime Minister Jean Chretien. His comments at a news conference later showed how far the peace process has progressed in the Middle East.

After all, King Hussein is the same Jordanian ruler who only four years ago was on "the wrong side" in the Gulf War. Now here he was purring about his new peace treaty with Israel and saying all sorts of nice things about his country's future with the Jewish nation, about his obligation to "give future generations the chance to live their lives in a way we never had" and what "a worthy cause" it is to bring together in peace "the descendants of the children of Abraham."

The king, it turned out, had heard about the upcoming free trade deal between Canada and Israel. And he wants a free trade deal with Canada too — just like the one Israel is getting — whatever it is.

"We would certainly like to have exactly the same arrangements as far as the agreement you refer to in regards to trade," King Hussein told reporters with Chretien at his side.

Chretien himself had made the free trade offer, unprompted, moments earlier.

"We would be happy to negotiate a free trade agreement with them like we've done with the neighbor country," the prime minister blurted out to reporters. That was awfully nice of Chretien. Chretien could hardly say Canada and Jordan have been longtime allies, so instead, he joked that King Hussein was like himself, "a survivor" of many political changes. It went over well.

Considering the recent past history of the two nations, the pair could hardly get any cozier. Not that His Highness had forgotten Canada's role in the Gulf War. He simply had a new spin on it: "Our friendship with your country has grown through difficult circumstances and times. When Jordan was misunderstood by the rest of the world, you understood us, and stood by us."

Jordan's King Hussein with Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Actually Canada did more than just stand by. It sent the fleet over to the Gulf and vetoed all trade with Jordan for the duration of the war, because material going to Jordan was ending up in Iraq.

Now with the peace accord, all has been forgotten, except for the fact that bilateral trade with Jordan is still languishing. It was a piddling $9.3 million from January to August 1994 with a ratio of nine to one in Canada's favor. By comparison Canada-Israel trade for the same period was $202.7 million — a big difference.

The Canada-Israel free trade deal will also likely allow Israel, which makes excellent helicopters, to bid on the upcoming multibillion dollar Canadian contract to replace our navy's aging Sea King helicopters — the deal the Tories signed and the Liberals cancelled in 1993.

In return Israel is looking the other way while Saint John Shipbuilding Ltd., an Irving shipyard, with the help of the Canadian government is trying to sell three Canadian-made navy frigates to Kuwait and maybe one or two more to Saudi Arabia.

The shipyard recently opened an office in Kuwait, and the navy sent the HMCS Fredericton on manoeuvres in the Gulf of Oman last month, just in case somebody nearby wanted to see a frigate in action on the high seas. The fully-automated frigates, considered the finest attack ships of their size in the world, are the envy of the world's navies.

In the past, putting the world's most sophisticated fighting ship in the hands of an Arab country, especially a precariously positioned one, would have sparked the ire of Israel, the Canadian Jewish community and Canada's NATO allies. But the times have changed in the Middle East. We are no longer in 1990 and today the talk is of trade, not war.

As King Hussein told reporters: "We hope that the peace treaty will be a solid building block for trade and that you will be a partner in exploring possibilities that peace offers to the region."

Somebody at the news conference asked if that meant Canada would be selling Jordan those 39 refurbished CF-5 jet fighters that until recently were headed for Turkey (until it attacked the Kurds). King Hussein looked over at Chretien and asked if the fighter jets were for sale.

Wisely, Chretien replied they were not.

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The Mimouna

They called the man Saba Shalom although he was not their grandfather. The term Saba was an acknowledgment of his vast wisdom and of their deep love for him. In every word he spoke, in every hand he extended, he touched and exalted the humanity in others.

"Saba" died more than a decade ago, alone, in Haifa. And like the sound of a solitary violin string dividing the silence, he left no tangible signature except his memory, now forever in the hearts of those who knew him. Recalled often, his voice is heard again and again, gentle, wise, generous, and inspiring.

He taught visitors about Mimouna, the holiday celebrated by the Jews of North Africa on the last night of Passover. When many of us in the Galut and in Israel are scurrying to put away the Passover dishes, Mimouna celebrants are exchanging visits, conveying greetings, and sharing sweet hospitality.

Many in our predominantly Ashkenazi community, do not know about Mimouna. But in our view it is a lesson worth learning. Thus, in this issue of *The CJN* we have assembled a collage of articles appropriate to the occasion, explaining and reminiscing.

Our reporter Elias Levy writes about the origins of the holiday, its special foods, and the manner in which it is celebrated today in Israel. Renee Levy remembers with dreamlike affection a childhood Mimouna in Casablanca. We have an article about Chakatiyah, the unique melange of Hebrew, Arabic and French, spoken by many of North Africa's Jews. Brigitte Dayan poignantly recounts an almost mystical pilgrimage to her great grandfather's grave in Marakesh. And Rabbi Yehiel Benayon elegantly provides a wider cultural context for the festival.

Mimouna is a holiday of joy. It beckons: "Come share my table, be my guest and let us bid one another happiness and prosperity". In the words of the traditional Mimouna greeting: *Terbh'ou Outsaad'ou* .

At long last, the first step

The bombings last week in Gaza have finally invoked a substantive response from Yasser Arafat. As of this writing, the Palestinian police was reported to have arrested some 250 supporters of the Islamic extremists. Israeli authorities have commended his action. It appears to have been the first tough security measure taken against the radical anti-peace forces.

However Israel's commendation was not an effusive encomium. It was simply an acknowledgment of Arafat's having at long last taken the first step in protecting the peace process. Government officials are encouraged, but wary.

Arafat's reaction was indeed bona fide but it was prompted as much out of self-interest as it was out of bilateral interest. He knows that the threat from the extremists is directed at him as well. And it is no mere political threat. It is aimed at his very life.

Out of such horrible grief

Untimely death is always sorrowful. But the death of a child is a more cruel sorrow. Among the seven who were killed by the bomb blasts in Gaza was a young American student from Brandeis University, Alisa Flatow, *z'l*. After consulting with Rabbi Moshe Tendler, a widely respected Orthodox expert on biomedical ethics, her parents, Stephen and Rosalyn Flatow of West Orange, N.J., decided to donate their daughter's organs to needy patients in Israel. Thus, her heart, liver, lungs and kidneys were given to different individuals, and her corneas were donated to an eye bank.

Alisa's father explained the decision by saying Alisa would be making "a lasting contribution to the people of Israel."

We are moved to comment upon the parents' strength and upon their dedication to humanity. They are an example to us all. Out of such horrible personal grief, still a striving for life's betterment.

Dry Bones

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Lessons of Brandeis-Bardin Institute

One year ago the California earthquake severely damaged a very special resource to the Jewish community.

The Brandeis-Bardin Institute, located just north of Los Angeles, brings together Jews from various parts of the world and offers them an opportunity to experience Jewish life in a unique way. A kibbutz-like environment situated in the Simi Valley on 3,500 acres of desert land reminiscent of Israel, Brandeis is the perfect setting to investigate and discover the values and ideals integral to Jewish identity.

As a 26-year-old woman who never really believed in God, I travelled to Brandeis to explore my "Jewishness." Brandeis provided the environment which allowed me to search, the resources with which to study, and scholars who encouraged me to question that which I had always denied. Brandeis also taught me that to be a Jew, not only to be Jewish, is something of which to be deeply proud. For these two lessons, I am grateful.

Sari (Stringer) Dennis
Toronto

Absurd claims of lost tribes

In his quest for the lost tribes of Israel, Rabbi Eliyahu Avichail apparently overlooked some 50 million Englishmen, because the Anglo-Israel movement considers these to be true descendants of the ancient Israelites. British means "B'rith Ish" (covenant of man).

But not to worry, Rabbi Avichail determined that those 27,290 Manassites exiled some 2,700 years ago by Assyrian King Pul (Tiglath-Pileser III) raised plenty of descendants; 20 million in former British India, Afghanistan and the Philippines, 18 million Brazilians, millions of Latin-Americans ... not to mention about 40 million Africans, from Nigeria to the Sudan.

No wonder that Israel's minister of immigration, Yair Tsaban, stated that: "We witness a phenomenon of non-Jews eager to join Judaism, if doing so means entering the State of Israel, thereby significantly upgrading their standard and quality of life."

Not surprising that the Jewish Agency's director of immigration, Uri Gordon, bluntly rejected Rabbi Avichail's allegations in declaring that: "These are people willing to do anything to reach the West ... According to Israeli law [of return], one Jewish grandparent is sufficient. Therefore the State of Israel needs to decide whether or not to convert to Judaism innumerable tens of millions of poverty-stricken Third World people who allege to be of Jewish ancestry."

Similar views were expressed by the deputy foreign minister of the State of Israel, Yossi Beilin. "The State of Israel is a very attractive country. Therefore it is not surprising that increasing numbers of Third World people call themselves 'Jews.' "

Need one have to pronounce on the absurdity and non-legitimacy of these claims to be those "lost" tribes of the Israelitic kingdom?

Klaus J. Herrmann
Montreal

Escaping the Final Solution

By Sarah Ostrzega Greening

I experienced five concentration camps and two labor camps where they kept us as slaves for ammunition factories and three death camps — all representing unimaginable inhuman conditions, slavery, starvation, torture.

We were forced to watch each time when some of us were hung on gallows erected in the centre of the camp or murdered with machine guns.

When the Germans forced us to march to Dachau, which we knew meant death, I decided I am not going. I am running. On both sides of the road there was forest — good camouflage. I told the three girls walking next to me to come with me. "We are running to freedom," I told them.

We ran in a zig-zag manner to avoid the bullets. I realized I had a white kerchief on my head which gave me away, so I pulled it down. Six more girls run after me, so together, 10 of us escaped. A few weeks later Germany surrendered.

With my last breath, I faced freedom. Free, but still in the powerful grip of death. I was left all alone, the only one of so many of my immediate family, relatives close and far, no parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings., no old people, no children.

I contemplate suicide, but reason with myself, immerse myself in studies instead.

I dream of an international society working toward understanding between nations and religions. I dream to raise a child of every race as a manifestation to the world that people can live in harmony and understanding instead of killing one another.

Emaciated from my ordeal and starvation, I couldn't utilize the nourishment I took. I fell ill. I was rushed to a hospital in Verishoffen, Bavaria, Germany. The doctor explained that my intestines were very weak, thin like strings and twisted. He didn't think I would make it. A priest came to give me the last rites, but when he came back a few days later, shock, disbelief, surprise was written on his face seeing me alive. He told me he was witnessing a miracle. I smiled shyly and told him in German I couldn't just simply say good bye and leave since I had to wait for the rabbi.

I also thanked him for caring for my soul. I was polite, but inside me was unbearable pain. I asked myself: where were people like him when the Germans did such an excellent job in murdering our people?

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

Perspectives

Celebrating Jewish living with gusto: Mimouna

By RABBI YEHIEL BENAYON

One of my earliest and most vivid childhood memories is of my grandmother dipping rolled lettuce leaves into honey and putting them in our mouths. It was Pesach; well, not really Pesach. It was the Mimouna, a day marking the end of Pesach.

Pesach is a bittersweet occasion. To appreciate freedom, the holiday tells us to first sample deprivation. Matzah, the bread of affliction, is eaten for eight days; the maror, bitter herbs and the charoset all underscore this. One of the first actions in the seder is the ritual dipping of karpas into salty water, recalling the tears and hardships of our ancestors.

Mimouna confers on all of us the things that Pesach withheld. The sweetness of a grandmother's good wishes to her grandchildren surpasses the bitter reminiscing. Homes are festively decorated and brightly lit. Tables are laden with different foods, sweets and symbols of optimism: for spring — flowers, budding branches and boughs of greenery; for chometz — oversized challah, mounds of pastries, bowls overflowing with rising yeast and flour; for prosperity — pitchers full of the proverbial milk and honey, buttermilk, a large whole fish set on a bed of greens and carnations.

Mimouna is celebration of many things. Foremost it is a joyful leavetaking of a meaningful holiday well spent — Isrou Hag.

Secondly, Mimouna is a home-based tradition celebrating the centrality of family life to Jewish living. During the course of the evening families and neighbors exchange visits, greetings and toasts over arak, a clear and sweet liquor. For children, these open houses allow them to fill their bags to brimming with goodies. Hence, Mimouna is not only about Jewish family, but about Jewish community.

Mimouna is also about inter-community. Jews were never able to properly prepare for the festivities, since Mimouna comes when chometz preparation is not allowed. Muslim neighbors viewed this as an opportunity to ingratiate themselves with the Jews. On the eighth day of Passover, while Jews were in their synagogues or homes, Muslim men would gather flowers and greens and Muslim women would bake breads to be delivered after sunset. Arab families took this custom quite seriously and with much pride. For some it was a responsibility that had been passed on for generations. The Jews always found ways to reciprocate.

While Mimouna, with its bounty of food, drink and gregarious gatherings, may be just another Mediterranean feast, its religious essence is important to Sephardim in general and North African Jews in particular.

The origin of this custom has been obscured by time. Two popular theories both borrow from its name, Mimouna. emunah (faith).

One groups says that when G-d spoke the first of the Ten Commandments, He introduced Himself not as G-d, creator of the cosmos, nor as G-d supreme ruler of the universe, but rather by saying, "I am your G-d Who took you out of Egypt" (Shemot 20:2). In this fashion we are to perceive Him as an involved G-d, and find Him manifest all about us.

Alternately, some trace the Mimouna to a memorial to Maimonides, who passed away just after Pesach. Maimonides enjoys a singular position in Judaism due to his many and diverse accomplishments. He was a scholar, statesman, man of the sciences and medicine; but above all, he was a man of reason, something even a casual reading of his works would attest to.

Faith and rationale are arguably mutually exclusive. Faith is the innate state of one's mind, an intangible and unsubstantiated conviction arrived at after much thought and inculcation. Rationale, on the other hand, is the result of a scientific approach based on logical proof and calculation.

I like to think of my ethnic group as having successfully synthesized these two approaches in their outlook to life and religion. Together, faith and rationale don't just explain the Mimouna but also accurately describe the people that celebrate it. Sephardi psyche is a cloth woven with equal measures of faith and rationale. Yes, emphatically we have a mystical, sometimes superstitious bend. We have in our culture the veneration of the tzadik and the pious lighting of candles, but we encompass scholastic and intellectual achievement every bit as much. Sephardi pride and contribution are not limited to the creative arts of music and piyoutim, but also incorporate the philosophical and halachic fields.

Mimouna night is followed by Mimouna day, where the theme of celebrating Jewish living with gusto continues. In warmer climates it is a day for a picnic, not just a family outing but a time to recite a blessing, the one made in the spring when first seeing fruit trees in full bloom: Blessed be Hashem, Ruler of the Universe, Whose world lacks nothing and Who put into it such beauty and goodness for our pleasure.

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This is the traditional Piyout (poem) sung during the Mimouna. It was authored in Casablanca by Rabbi David Bouzaglo in 1903. Rabbi Bouzaglo, the 'blind Paytan,' was this generation's foremost authority on religious liturgy and himself authored and composed a great many of the tunes used by North African Jewry.

אַתֶּם יוֹצְאֵי מַעֲרָב. מָארוֹק אַנְשֵׁי אֱמוּנָה
הַלְלוּ אֵל בְּעַם רָב. יוֹם זֶה יוֹם אֵלְמִימוּנָה .

אֶתְמוֹל פָּעַר אֶת לוּעוֹ. יַם סוּף לְנֶגֶד פַּרְעֹה.
עִם כָּל רִכְבּוֹ בְּנָסְעוֹ. וּלְקָחָם לוֹ לְמָנָה.

וְעָבְרוּ בֵּין בְּתָרָיו. צֹאן יִשְׂרָאֵל עֲבָדָיו.
עֵת נֶעֱרְמוּ מִשְׁפָּרָיו. עַל יְדֵי רַעְיָא מֵהֵמְנָא .

וּרְכוּשׁ רוֹדְפָיו וּמוֹשְׁלָיו. שָׁם יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵל בָּלָיו
מִתּוֹךְ הַיָּם וְגָלָיו. נָתַן לוֹ לְמַתָּנָה.

וְשָׁמָּה עַל כָּל מִדְרָךְ. אִישׁ אֵת רֵעֵהוּ בֵּרַךְ.
חֶבֶר תִּהְיֶה מְבוֹרָךְ. בְּכָל חָדְשֵׁי הַשָּׁנָה.

וּבְמָארוֹק לְדוֹר דּוֹרִים. כָּכָה יֹאמְרוּ הָעִבְרִים.
בִּבְרָכָה לַחֲבֵרִים. אַרְבַּח יָא כְּאִי וּלְגִ׳ינָא.

וּבְנֵי נֵכָר, נוֹזְלֵיהֶם נִבְקְעוּ תּוֹךְ כֵּלֵיהֶם
וְתִפּוֹל שָׁם עֲלֵיהֶם. יִרְאַת שׁוֹכֵן מְעוֹנָה.

וּמַשָּׂאוֹת עַל מַשָּׂאוֹת. מִלְּאוּ כָּל טוּב וּתְבוּאוֹת.
הוּבְאוּ מֵאַרְבַּע פְּאוֹת. לְעַמּוֹ אֲשֶׁר קָנָה.

וְיִלִּיד עֲרֵב זֶה דַּרְכּוֹ. עַד עַתָּה תּוֹךְ מָארוֹקוֹ
וְלַיְהוּדִים כְּעֶרְכּוֹ. יַקְרִיב מִנְחָה שְׁמֵנָה.

שְׂאוֹר וּדְבַשׁ וּתְבוּאָה. חֶלֶב פָּרָה בְּרִיאָה.
דְּגִים נְעָנָע וְחֶמְאָה. עִם פְּרִחֵי בָּר וְגִנָּה

שָׁמָּה עִבְרִים וַעֲרָבִים, יַחְדָּיו כֻּלָּם מְסֻבִּים.
וְאֶת לִבָּם מְטִיבִים. עִם כְּלֵי שִׁיר וּנְגִינָה.

וְלָבְשָׁה הָעִבְרִיָּה. תִּלְבַּשְׁתּ עֲרָבִיָּה.
וְגֶבֶר עִם אַדְרַעְיָא. וּקְטֹרֶת מֹר וּלְבוֹנָה.

וְלֹא נִכַּר הָעִבְרִי. לִפְנֵי אֶחָיו הַהֲגָרִי.
אִם עִירוֹנִי אוֹ כְּפָרִי. רוּחַ כֻּלָּם נְכוֹנָה.

שָׁם טֶשְׁטְשׁוּ הַתְּחוּמִים בֵּין יִשְׂרָאֵל לָעַמִּים
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הֵמָּה הַמְגוֹגִים. מוֹסְרִים עַמָּם לַהוֹרְגִים
כִּי לְכִתָּרָם דּוֹאֲגִים. לֹא לְנֶפֶשׁ נַעֲנָה.

עִזְבוּ רֵיבוֹת וּמְרוֹרִים. לָעַד וּלְדוֹרֵי דוֹרִים
וְעַל שָׁלוֹם וּדְרוֹרִים. קְרִיאוֹת הוֹי תְּחַדְּלָנָה.

Traditional Moroccan family, the Alaloufs, in Fez 1920.

Opinions

Is the U.S. really Israel's friend?

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

There is a well-worn saying that goes like this: Nations have no friends, they only have self-interests. Yet many of us would like to believe that there are some national friendships that are as real as those in private life. The events of the past few weeks have made it clear that this is not necessarily so.

Look at what is happening to the British-American relationship. It was one of those sacred cows, and it was called "special." Yet something has happened — Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, has been accorded regal treatment in the United States, much to the displeasure of the British. They are making cautious and tentative arrangements with the Irish Republican Army, but they are appalled that U.S. President Bill Clinton would give the leader of what the British describe as a longtime terrorist organization such attention and loving care. Hence the "special relationship" between the two countries has been put in jeopardy.

Another of these sacred cows — or so Jews have long believed — is the way the United States and Israel have gotten along. Israel has breen dependent on the Americans, who have responded in kind. There have been ups and downs, but the relationship really never changed.

Now comes a book by Moshe Arens, Israel's foreign minister from 1988 to 1990 and defence minister from 1990 to 1992. The American-born diplomat, whom many observers believed to be a potential prime minister himself, now lets fly a broadside attack on U.S. policy during the critical events of the Gulf War. The Bush administration was then in charge of American policy, which was not only neutral with regard to Israel's requirements, but even neglectful to the point of unfriendliness. In his book *Broken Covenant*, Arens traces the perfidy with which Israel was treated to James A. Baker, secretary of state to President George Bush.

No Israeli will forget what took place during the Gulf War: how Israel, a noncombatant, was attacked with missiles by Iraq, and how the United States insisted that she not defend herself. Israelis taped up their dwelling places and huddled together in bomb shelters and other secure places whenever the sirens sounded, announcing the arrival of yet another Iraqi Scud. Long proud of its ability to defend itself when necessary, Israel sat shackled at home, gas masks strapped over the faces of young and old alike, the stuffy atmosphere unbearable at times and the frustration nation-wide. Yet Israelis endured it stoically, knowing they had no other choice if they wanted to keep their relationship with the United States.

But it was all a sham, Arens asserts. The Americans knew very well that Israel could and would take its fate into its own hands and deal Iraq a serious, if not fatal blow. But Baker didn't want it that way and he insisted that Israel stand aside, lest — so the political wisdom went in those days — Israel's participation in the war should lose the United Nations its Arab support. The result was a humiliation of Israel and, even more important, an undermining of its confidence in its ability to take care of its own security.

Part of the American strategy had to do with the American administration's dislike of the Likud, Arens avers. He says they were worried about an Israel that stepped out alone when it seemed to be in its interest.

In a review in the *New York Times* of the Arens book, Connor Cruise O'Brien, a longtime friend and admirer of Israel, says: "The Shamir government had been given to understand that its forbearance during that great crisis would be rewarded by more considerations from America when the war was over. This did not happen. Quite the contrary."

Shortly after the war was over, it looked as if there might be new fighting between the United States and Iraq, and Israel would be exposed to more Scud missiles, which this time might contain chemical or biological components, Arens writes:

"On October 8, the Iraqis submitted a protest to the United Nations which may enter history as a record in hypocrisy: Iraq had, without provocation, launched missiles against Israel's cities, and now protested that our aircraft had entered its air space to take photographs. Iraq was joined by the United States in this protest."

O'Brien concludes, "Mr. Arens and his government had served the general interests of the West, to their own political detriment, in a time of crisis and was shabbily treated in return. Though his bitterness blemished his book, *Broken Covenant* is recommended reading for all serious students of Israel and its relationship with the United States. Some of the generalized conclusions, and the book's title, are exaggerated, but the detailed narrative has the ring of truth."

I am not privy to the details, but I do remember how 50 years ago, we were all heartbroken when Franklin Delano Roosevelt died, whom we Jews considered to be like our father, a true friend. Later on, history showed that this was a badly skewed view, and that Roosevelt was all too often not our friend.

It is good to remember that, whether or not Arens' assessment of United States policy is accurate, it does bear out the general thesis, adumbrated above, that nations have no friends but only self-interests.

And the winner is . . . Moses!

By Allan Gould

Now we return you to the continuing saga of the HALO Awards, with Pharoah reading the nominees for Best Supporting Actor.

The Snake, in the first ever "skin flick" in history, *Eat My Apple*; Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, in that touching animal movie for the whole family, *They Were Born Free, But What About Me?*; Ham, in his deeply moving role as the accursed son in *Barefoot in the Ark*; And Goliath, in the popular adventure movie, *The Harder They Fall*.

May I have the papyrus, please? Well, I can sure identify with this one! The winner is — The Snake.

Special effects of biblical proportions

(A giant snake slitters up from the audience, which is now giving him a standing ovation.)

Snake: I won! I showed all you fools and suckers!

(The snake has his microphone cut off, although the six billion people watching this on television can probably guess what he says. As a group of shepherds carry the snake off, Aaron the High Priest rushes out on stage)

Aaron: Hu, er, our next award, for Best Actor, will be presented by the winner of last year's HALO for Best Supporting Actress, for her incredible transformation into a pillar of salt: a woman who has been a pillar of strength to her husband Lot for many hundreds of years — let's give a big hand to — Lot's Wife!

Lot's wife: Thanks so much, Aaron. For a Second Banana, you're such a great guy — but then, look at the Baldwin boys! (She turns to read haltingly from the cue cards, in the shape of the Ten Commandments). And I'd now like to announce the winner of the much-coveted — even though we really shouldn't covet, should we? — HALO for Best Actor. The nominees are: Abraham, for his role in that scream of a comedy, *We've All Got to Make Sacrifices*; Moses, as the leader of the Hebrews in that glorious epic, *Take Two Tablets and Call Me in the Morning*; and Job, for his heart-breaking portrayal of a perennial loser in the tragic motion picture, *You Think You've Got Problems?*. The scroll, please! And the winner is ... Yes! It's Moses! Come on up, Moe!

(Moses rushes out in a white heat of anger and fury)

Moses: You didn't listen to Ha-Shem! You obeyed false gods! You built a Golden Calf! You made fun of my wife! You never stopped complaining in the desert! You never stopped egging to go back to Egypt! A plague on every single one of you!

(Moses turns to Lot's wife, Aaron, the judges off-stage and screams) Here is what I think of your G-d-Forsaken Award!

(Moses lifts the beautiful halo-shaped statuette above his head with both hands, and throws it down upon the stage, shattering it.)

Lighting and thunder fill the stage. Cameras overturn, the set collapses, and the screen goes black. (Amen.)

Rabin fights back after troubles

By Yeshayahu Anug

It is no secret that Yitzhak Rabin, one of Israel's best generals, is not a very brilliant politician and would himself not dispute it. He got the premiership twice, because his military record assured the voters that with him Israel's security would be in trusted hands.

On the first occasion in 1974, he replaced the Labor team that was punished for not having foreseen the disastrous Yom Kippur War, but he lost power to Likud three years later. As minister of defence in the government of national union (1984-1988), he was surprised by the intifadah and misunderstood the strength of this popular upheaval.

He handled it harshly and relentlessly as a security problem only and failed. But this very image of uncompromising toughness was a major factor in his comeback. It not only won him the leadership of his party from Shimon Peres but played a decisive role in his electoral victory in 1992.

During that electoral campaign and at his inauguration, he undertook to dedicate his second premiership to the search for peace by territorial compromise and promised to change the priorities of the national agenda, and he started rather well. He obtained a loan guarantee from the United States, more than doubled the budget for education, invested heavily in road construction and almost froze settlement building in the territories with the sole exception of Greater Jerusalem where development goes on.

He broke with the paralysing taboos of the past and started negotiating a peace agreement with the PLO, and despite this radical change of course, not only maintained popular support but even increased it initially.

The opposition decided that the best way to fight the prospects of territorial concessions was to demolish Rabin's security record by accusing him of betrayal. At first he appeared to be indifferent to the wild verbal excesses and the stormy demonstrations of the opposition. When murderous Islamic terrorism escalated, the rejectionists of peace exploited the nation's grief to promote their objective by waging the most ruthless campaign against the prime minister, and according to the polls, succeeded in substantially weakening the support for his government.

In part, Rabin is himself to blame for his troubles because he handled the situation ineffectively. Instead of using his well established reputation as a confidence-inspiring leader to encourage public endurance, he yielded to pressure and slowed down the implementation of the next phases of the accord with the PLO and accused it of insufficient vigilance.

Was he himself reconsidering the whole agreement with Yasser Arafat? This could have been the public impression. In any case, his reaction was interpreted as a recognition of political failure and also helped Arafat's opponents to discredit him for cooperating with Israel.

Now both Rabin and Arafat are in trouble. Both had opted for a policy of conciliation, fraught with danger but also rich in promise, yet both were stumbling and were trapped between their own bilateral agenda and their domestic opposition. To make matters worse, although they have become partners and meet frequently to remove the many obstacles to progress, they have evidently not been able to establish a suitable working relationship between themselves.

As the most important battlegrounds for both are now internal, and as their political survival has become the most urgent issue, both are adopting new tactics within their constituencies.

Arafat has now increased his efforts to foil the activities of would-be terrorists against Israel and has achieved some positive results which were recognized by Israel, but on the other hand, to maintain popularity in his own ranks, he escalated his anti-Israel rhetoric by making inflamatory speeches on the issue of Jerusalem, which promises to remain the most delicate to solve.

Rabin, for his part, is now using harsh language in his fight against the onslaughts of the Likud opposition. It seems he has finally recognized that his former indifference to its attacks were interpreted as personal weakness or, worse still, as a recognition that he himself had lost confidence in the peace agreement he had so insistently endorsed.

Features

Holocaust rescue attempts

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Could more Jews have been saved during the Holocaust? Although 50 years have elapsed since the end of World War II, it remains an intriguing question without a satisfactory answer.

Despite this conundrum, the fact of the matter is that rescue efforts, both before and during the war, were undertaken. And unquestionably, they yielded results, though often they were too little and too late.

Prior to 1939, the most successful effort occurred in Germany, in the nest of the vipers, when thousands of German Jews were able to immigrate to Palestine in an orderly fashion with their capital. This exodus was the outcome of negotiations between Nazi Germany and the Zionist movement.

Once the war was on, the Final Solution came into play. But even during this seemingly hopeless period, Hitler's emissaries, ranging from Heinrich Himmler to Adolf Eichmann, engaged Jewish negotiators in shadowy talks. From the Jews' point of view, the talks were designed to mitigate the devastating effects of the Holocaust. For the Germans, they were potentially useful in economic and political terms.

These developments are analysed at length by Yehuda Bauer, the eminent Hebrew University historian, in his latest book, *Jews for Sale: Nazi-Jewish Negotiations, 1933-1945* (Yale University Press, $30 US), a thoroughly researched but stylistically turgid volume. Apart from Germany, the bulk of his book deals with Hungary and Slovakia. He passes over the rescue of Danish and Bulgarian Jewry, since the status of these communities was not contingent on talks with the Nazis.

The basis of Germany's negotiations with the Yishuv was unambiguous. Germany wanted to get rid of its Jews, while the Zionists wished to absorb them gradually in Palestine. What was needed was an arrangement whereby the interests of both parties could be served.

In August 1933, eight months after Hitler's accession to power, the Jewish Agency of Palestine and the Ministry of Economic Affairs in Germany signed a so-called transfer agreement.

Joel Brand

Under the accord, German Jews were allowed to leave with their assets, and in return, were obliged to purchase German industrial goods. The Jewish economic boycott of Germany, initiated by American Jews, was thus broken. On the other hand, the agreement was a boon to German-Jewish emigrants and a windfall for Palestine's developing economy.

Eventually, the Nazis had second thoughts about the pact. The influence of the pro-Arab German ambassador in Iraq, and the impact of the Palestinian rebellion in Palestine (1936-1939), caused Germany to ask itself why it should support the Jews, albeit inadvertently. By 1941, Germany was no longer interested in channelling Jews to Palestine.

As Bauer makes clear, the situation in Slovakia was far more complex. Slovakia, with a fascist, pro-German government, promulgated a series of anti-Semitic decrees. Under German pressure, the Slovakians agreed to the deportation of its Jewish citizens. Some 60,000 Jews were shipped to Poland from March until October 1942.

Attempts to save the remnant were undertaken by Rabbi Michael Dov Weissmandel, an ultra-Orthodox Jew. He initiated negotiations with Dieter Wisliceny, a Nazi official, hoping that bribes would stop the deportations.

Raoul Wallenberg: savior of Hungarian Jews.

There was indeed a pause, Bauer writes, but it had no decisive impact. With Hitler's assent, Himmler, in December 1942, entered the picture. Himmler's objective was three-fold: to ransom off Jews for hard currency, to gain the release of prisoners of war and to open contacts with the Allies in order to sow divisions within their ranks.

These negotiations, insofar as Jews were concerned, were of minimal value.

One of the most fascinating but tragically unproductive rescue episodes turned on the "trucks for blood" affair in German-occupied Hungary. Prominent in this set of negotiations were Rudolf Kasztner, a journalist and left-of-centre Zionist, and Joel Brand, a Communist-turned-Zionist. According to Bauer, both were marginal figures in the Hungarian Jewish community. Yet each played an important, though ultimately futile, role in the attempt to stave off the deportation of Hungarian Jewry.

Eichmann empowered Brand to offer the Allies a tantalizing deal. In exchange for the release of approximately one million European Jews, the Germans would receive 10,000 trucks and quantities of coffee, tea and soap from the Allies.

Were the Nazis playing a double game? Probably. On the day Brand left for Istanbul, Eichmann travelled to Auschwitz to ensure it would be ready to receive the first transports from Hungary.

Brand's mission was a non-starter, if only because the Soviet Union objected. Kasztner took over, and the negotiations he conducted eventually led to a meeting between Himmler and Norbert Masur, a Swedish national and a representative of the World Jewish Congress. But the net effect of their encounter was insubstantial.

In concluding, Bauer reminds the reader that, in spite of its tactical interest in negotiating with its Jewish enemies, Nazi Germany remained strategically true to its goal of exterminating European Jewry.

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Where Brand and Kasztner failed, Raoul Wallenberg — the Swedish diplomat — succeeded brilliantly.

Wallenberg, who disappeared 50 years ago, never to be seen again, is credited with saving the lives of approximately 100,000 Hungarian Jews.

He is the subject of Kati Marton's biography, *Wallenberg: Missing Hero* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $15.95), which was originally published in 1982 and is now available in paperback. It remains one of the finest accounts of the Wallenberg saga.

Lest we forget, Wallenberg was dispatched to Budapest by the War Refugee Board, a U.S. government agency established in 1944 to save Jews imperilled by the Nazis.

He was chosen because he was a man of passionate conviction and good organizational skills.

It should be noted, as Marton does, that the Swedish legation in the Hungarian capital had been giving out protective documents to Jews *before* Wallenberg appeared on the scene. These passports exempted the recipients from wearing the humiliating yellow star and gave them the right to settle in Sweden.

But thousands more wanted these passes, and Wallenberg — one of whose ancestors had been Jewish — saw to it that they got them. Forming a special section within the legation, and recruiting a staff of 400 to help him, he set out on his humanitarian task.

Circumstances were right. When Wallenberg began, Hungary was still in the hands of non-Nazis (notably Admiral Miklos Horthy), though Nazi elements sat in the cabinet. (It was not until the autumn of 1944 that the Arrow Cross, the Hungarian Nazi militia, replaced Horthy.)

The Wallenberg mystery

As Marton tells it, Wallenberg was a smooth operator, capable of sweet-talking his putative enemies into delivering vital concessions.

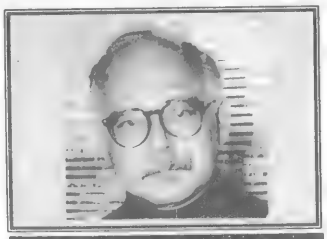
Elisabeth Kemeny, the wife of Hungary's foreign minister in the fascist Szalasi regime, browbeat her husband into honoring the passports bestowed on Jews by Wallenberg.

Paul Szalai, a veteran police officer, gave Wallenberg the precise details of the comings and goings of various Arrow Cross and German factions and arranged for policemen to guard the increasingly besieged ghetto.

Marton claims that the Russians, the liberators of Budapest in January 1945, were mystified by Wallenberg's account of his activities on behalf of Jews. And they were convinced he was an American agent, given his ties with the War Refugee Board.

She maintains that Wallenberg was alive until the mid-1970s, though a recent book by Pavel Sudoplanov, a former KGB agent, disputes this thesis. In any event, Soviet officialdom stuck to its story that Wallenberg died in prison in 1947 and that his body was cremated.

Archival material uncovered since the demise of the Soviet Union in 1991 offers no new, startling clues about Wallenberg's fate. In all probability, he is dead. But to Hungarian Jews, his spirit lives on.



Mideast Analysis

By Sheldon Kirshner

An elusive Syrian visa

I should have been so lucky.

Some months ago, Irving Abella, president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, was granted a visa to visit Syria. But two days before his scheduled departure, the Syrians revoked his visa.

I didn't even get that far. When I applied for a Syrian visa, I was met by an implacable wall of bureaucratic silence.

Late last year, I signed up for an 18-day package tour of Syria and Jordan. I had no reason to believe I would not go. I had already visited Syria once, and I figured that Syria would be ready to receive Jewish visitors now that it was engaged in peace talks with Israel.

I submitted my application in early January, expecting to get my visa well in advance of my Feb. 21 departure date. (Jordan would be no problem. I intended to apply for a Jordanian visa as soon as I received my stamped passport from the Syrian Consulate in Montreal.)

Not long afterward, my travel agent informed me that the Syrians wanted samples of my writing and two copies of *The Canadian Jewish News*. I immediately knew why. I had listed "journalist" as my occupation and Jewish as my religion.

In a fax to the consulate, I explained that although the primary purpose of my trip was tourism, I wished to spend several days, before the start of my organized tour, gathering material for articles about Syria.

Ten days passed. I called the Syrian honorary consul in Montreal, Farris Attar, and sent off faxes to Syria's embassy in Washington. (Syria does not have an embassy in Ottawa).

I waited patiently, but to no avail. I phoned the Syrians in Washington. I spoke to a woman named Mona, who identified herself as the secretary of Souad al-Ayoubi, a diplomat in charge of visas. I told her all I wanted was a simple Yes or No answer. She empathized, but added that my visa request had been forwarded to Damascus for special handling.

I called Attar, who seemed genuinely sorry that I was being treated so shabbily. He assured me that the delay was caused by my status as a journalist, not by my religion. In the first week of February, I called Mona again. She suggested I cancel my trip. I said I couldn't, since I had already paid for it. Hearing that, she urged me to get in touch with the Ministry of Information in Damascus.

But first I contacted Rodney Moore of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa. He said I should call Talab Kadi Amin, an official in Damascus responsible for issuing visas to reporters. I called him and subsequently faxed him a letter, after being told that the Canadian embassy in Damascus was working on my case.

Amid these exchanges, the Syrian consulate returned my passport and original visa application without explanation.

The long and short of it is that no visa was ever issued. I went to Florida instead.

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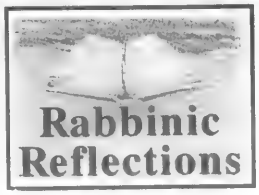

Rabbinic Reflections

By
RABBI MARTIN J. BERMAN

Each day of Passover we recite the Hallel. However, unlike Sukkot, when we recite the complete Hallel every day, on the intermediate days of Passover we recite only an abbreviated version.

The Shulchan Aruch instructs that each day of chol hamo'ed and the last two days of yom tov we read the Hallel, skipping part as on Rosh Chodesh. The Mishna Berurah explains: "Because on the seventh day of Passover the Egyptians drowned."

The midrash tells us that when the Egyptians were drowning, the ministering angels wanted to recite a song. The Holy One, praised be He, said: "The work of My hands is drowning in the sea, and you would recite a song?"

The Mishna Berurah then continues: "Since we do not recite [the full Hallel] on the seventh day, perforce on chol hamo'ed we also do not recite it so that it should not be better than the last day of yom tov."

Rabbi Johanan said in the Talmud: G-d does not rejoice at the downfall of the wicked. Similarly, one explanation given for why we spill a drop of wine from our cups as we recite the 10 plagues is "Israel's cup of joy can not be full if Israel's triumph involves suffering even to its enemies."

During the chol hamo'ed period there is a Torah reading each day. On the second day, we read, "If you come across your enemy's ox or donkey wandering astray, you must certainly return it to him. If you see the donkey of him who hates you lying under its burden you shall forbear passing him by, you must certainly help him release it." The Torah does not tell us we must come to the aid of our friend. It tells us in clear cut terms that we must come to the aid of our enemy, a person who hates us.

We are required to aid enemies in need. We are not required to love our enemies, but we are told that we have an obligation to show respect and to offer aid.

Torah goes even farther than that. "Our rabbis taught: It says, 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart.' Since an individual might think, 'I must not strike him or beat him or curse him [but I may hate him],' therefore it says in your heart."

It is clearly asking a lot to say that we must not hate our fellow Jew, that we must be prepared to help our enemy, but that is clearly the way of Torah. We may not always be capable of such an attitude, but we must always try to meet the demands of the Torah.

We see in the world today the failure to recognize our responsibility to respect other people. Throughout the world, we still see terrible cruelty and horror inflicted upon other people, simply because they are other. People had hoped that in the aftermath of World War II and the Holocaust the world would be a different kind of place. They were wrong. Senseless and vicious hatred is still with us, still claiming its victims. We are all G-d's children, but you would not know it by the hate and fear that exist because of differences between people.

There is an important message to learn from the fact that we do not say the complete Hallel on most of Passover. We are all, all of us, G-d's children. It is about time that we began to act as if we truly understand that.

Rabbi Martin Berman is the spiritual leader of Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Thornhill.

Toronto scores in Bible contest

MONTREAL — Montreal came first in one category, but Toronto won virtually all other prizes in the annual National Bible Contest, held this year in Montreal.

Bialik High School student Jill Cracower of Montreal took first place in the grades 9-13 category.

The other winners were Torontonians. Laura Erdman, a student at United Synagogue Day School, was first for grades 7-8, while Timothy Braude, who goes to Associated Hebrew Day School, won the grades 5-6 event.

Henry David, a student at Bet Sefer Solel, finished first in the supplementary school division.

Cracower and Erdman will compete at the International Bible Contest next year in Israel. Braude and David won $500 subsidies towards a future Israel trip.

The two-day contest, which alternates between Montreal and Toronto, brought over 170 students culled from 450 nationwide to Bialik High School.

Victoria, B.C., sent a record eight participants under coach Fred Nudel.

The finals took place at the Beth Zion Synagogue on the theme of Jewish leadership.

The format moved away this year from dry questions to video, music and dramatizations.

The contest aims to present Bible study "as an attractive, engaging and fun activity," organizers said, and to allow students from across Canada to meet.

The contest this year was coordinated and co-sponsored by the Jewish Education Council, the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Jewish National Fund of Canada and the Toronto Board of Jewish Education.

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Here is a list of prize winners:

Grades 9-13: second prize Natan Kapustin, Yeshivat Or Chaim, Toronto; third prize Abigail Brown, Ulpanat Orot, Toronto.

Grades 7-8: second prize Dalia Rotstein, independent student, Toronto; third prize Michael Goldberg, United Synagogue Day School, Toronto; honorable mention Shira Shiderman, Etz Chaim School, Toronto, and Carolyn Gehr, Herzliah High School, Montreal; kallat Yisrael Noa Englman, Eitz Chaim School, Toronto; hattan Yisrael Shilo Kramer, Vancouver Hebrew School.

Grades 5-6: second prize Alana Weisman, Eitz Chaim School, Toronto; third prize Batya Breslow, Eitz Chaim School, Toronto and Jonathan Mandelbaum, United Synagogue Day School, Toronto; kallat Yisrael Noa Shnevise, Eitz Chaim School, Toronto; hattan Yisrael Aviad Tapuchi, Eitz Chaim School, Toronto.

Supplementary Schools Division: second prize Noam Sturmwind, Congregation Emanuel, Victoria; third prize Alexander Orwin, Downtown Jewish Community School, Toronto; honorable mention Rachel Cohen, United Congregational School, Toronto and Shiri Trop, Congregation Beth Tikvah, Toronto.

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Jewish Life

Where is our home

By BARUCH DYM

He really believed this spot was the end of the world, and, should he go past the soldier with the gun, he would fall off the edge.

For him this displaced persons camp, circled by barbed wire, was the last place in the world. Where they would go from here he didn't know. Things were too confusing. Sure, his sister had told him the soldier standing guard was a good soldier, protecting them from the ever-pursuing Germans, but he kept away from him. He never smiled.

GUEST VOICES

Their arrival was already blurred in his mind. He remembered a long line of people walking on a moonless night, branches scratching his face, huge shadows running back and forth, telling them to keep quiet. Once he fell and strong hands picked him up and a rough voice told him to keep on, to act like a man. At dawn the shadows disappeared and the fugitives were across the border.

Food was scarce in the displaced persons camp, and he was always hungry. Now and then, his sister came clutching a package. On these occasions they chose an isolated place and sitting on the ground they ate everything they had. She never forgot to explain that it came from the family. Once she became angry with him when he asked, while wolfing down some chocolate, "We have a family?" She cried and shook him violently by the shoulders. "Of course we have a family, we have a father and mother and uncles and aunts and after the war, we'll go back to them."

He looked at her in surprise. She had never mentioned any of these things. That night he dreamt of a smiling woman handing out cake to children, but whenever his turn came up, she would disappear.

Well-dressed women visited the camp and looked over some of the children. Two of them approached the boy and started to question him. He was bewildered. Then his sister suddenly appeared and put her arm around him. Very earnestly she explained to the ladies that they had a family and couldn't go anywhere because as soon as the war ended they would rejoin their parents. The ladies didn't say a word; they just patted her on the head and left without looking back.

One day suddenly exploded in excitement. The adults were kissing each other with tears streaming down their faces. He became afraid they would have to move again. But his sister explained that people were crying from joy. The war had ended and everybody was going home. "Where is our home?" he asked. But she didn't get angry, she smiled and he noticed she too had tears in her eyes.

It was night when they left the camp for the train station. The train moved slowly as if weary from its journey or from the heavy load it carried. At a junction it stopped to enable workers on the tracks to move out of the way. Like lightning the word spread aboard the train that these workers were German prisoners of war. Thousands of eyes stared out as the train moved slowly past the working men. No one spoke.

As the train gathered speed, the head of a little girl leaned out of a window and a high-pitched voice cried angrily in the night "Sale Boche, Sale Boche (Dirty Germans)," and then the train was gone, leaving smoke and the echo of a child's voice.

Baruch Dym lives in Israel.

Skilled Kitchener craftsman creates two Torah arks

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Bob Lyman retired from the jewelry business in Kitchener, he refused to just sit around.

Instead, he honed his formidable cabinetmaking and decorating skills — wallpapering, building, painting, upholstering. He even built his own swimming pool.

Recently he branched out into building, of all things, portable Torah arks.

Linda Berman, a teacher at the Kitchener-Waterloo Hebrew School, knowing his skill as a craftsman, suggested he build an Aron Kodesh that she could use as a teaching tool in her senior kindergarten class.

Using the ark in the Beth Jacob Synagogue as a model, he built not one but two, one to hold a 7½-inch sefer Torah and a larger one for a 22- or 24-inch scroll.

The cabinets are made of ½-inch birch plywood, with pine decorations, all stained and varnished.

Inside, a blue velvet curtain, decorated with gold embroidery by Lyman's daughter, Sharon, slides on an ingenious arrangement made of a coat hanger covered with water piping.

"If they want to change the curtain, say for a white one around Rosh Hashanah, they just have to take out three screws in the back, change the curtain, and put everything back together," he said.

Bob Lyman with a portable Torah ark he built, for teaching or home use. [Alron photo]

Magen davids in a darker stain were cut out using the intricate movements of a very fine scroll saw, whose seven-inch blade, Lyman explained, is as thin as two threads.

For the lions above the doors, he found a pattern at a tombstone maker. "The lettering I did myself."

The 76-year-old was born in Regina, one of 16 children. After spending the war years in England, he came to Toronto, where he met his wife, Lillian, on a blind date.

"I proposed on the third date," he related with a twinkle. "We were married six months later. I can say we have been proudly married for 48 years."

The family moved to Kitchener in the early 1950s. Lyman, his wife, their four children and 12 grandchildren still live there.

Any more Aron Kodeshes in the future? Well, he says with a sidelong glance, it all depends on what comes up.

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Former JCC Valley branch now open for business

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Game on.

Although it doesn't officially open until April 23, the nets are up and the Valley Tennis and Swim Club is open for business.

Last year at this time, that was certainly not a foregone conclusion. Back then, the club was known as the Northeast Valley branch of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) and its future hinged on the financial health of that near-bankrupt institution.

Attendance at the Valley branch was down, as members bided their time, waiting to see whether the JCC could avoid bankruptcy. The JCC narrowly averted that fate when the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto agreed to bail it out.

Part of the bailout plan included a restructuring of the JCC which will see the Valley, Bathurst and Bloor Street branches each become independent non-profit corporations.

As part of the plan, the Valley Club will assume $1 million of the JCC's $10 million bank debt. Members are being asked to pay a $200 surcharge on top of their $545 adult tennis membership fee or $285 swim fee (down from $375) to help pay down the debt, said director Ted Thompson.

The Valley Club's interim management committee anticipates that membership could rebound to 900 in 1995 from a low of 750 in 1994. With those numbers, 75 per cent of the former branch's debt could be paid off in five years, said Allan Wexler, chair of the interim committee.

The new club is also considering other fundraising plans, such as casino nights, bingos and perhaps a dinner and dance, added Thompson.

Members haven't been reluctant to pay the surcharge, Thompson said. "The response has been very positive. Despite the levy, the members are happy we're open and in control of our own destiny."

Thompson said that while a full programming menu is still being developed, the summer tennis and swim programs are ready to go "full force."

Sixteen tennis courts will be open as well as the 25-yard swimming pool, a children's wading area and playground.

Programming highlights include:

- an under-14 tournament for boys and girls, to be held under the auspices of the Ontario Tennis Association the weekend of May 19.
- a "junior challenge" tennis program with free lessons, barbecues and games against other clubs.
- teen dances.
- a masters' tournament in July for players over 35.
- a family picnic day to be held in June.

The season kicks off with an open house on April 30 when the Valley Club will dress itself up and invite the community to see what's on offer for the summer, Thompson said.

Lung cancer cases on rise among women

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Lung cancer incidence and deaths in women "have gone through the roof," says the incoming president of the Canadian Cancer Society, Ontario division.

Oncologist Dr. Neil Iscoe says new cases of lung cancer among women are growing far more rapidly than in men because of the number of young girls taking up smoking.

"This is a totally preventable disease, but we haven't got the resources to fight the advertising campaigns of the tobacco companies," Iscoe told an audience at the Bernard Betel Centre April 4.

Statistics show that cancer deaths in general are flattening out, while deaths from bowel, bladder, cervical, Hodgkin's and testicular cancers are actually falling.

Iscoe, who works at the Toronto-Bayview Regional Cancer Centre at Sunnybrook Hospital, spoke about a number of cancers, including breast and prostate, the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men between 65 and 79.

He expressed reservations about the value of a blood test for breast cancer, but said yearly pap smears for women of all ages can help reduce cervical cancer deaths.

Iscoe could give no definite opinion on whether car pollution is an important cause of cancer, but said mammography radiation has not been shown to cause cancer.

Barb Labovitz of the Ontario Breast Screening Program said that if only 70 per cent of women went for a mammogram each year, the lives of 300 women would be saved.

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Pasternak to run in Wilson Heights

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Sam Pasternak

TORONTO — The provincial riding of Wilson Heights will be one to watch in the next election, as two veteran Jewish community figures will go head to head.

Earlier this month, Sam Pasternak, national commander of the 1,300-member Jewish War Veterans of Canada, won the Progressive Conservative nomination in the riding, defeating architect Barry Cline by a 3-1 margin.

That means Pasternak, 70, will face Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter in the election.

Kwinter, 64, has held the seat since 1985, when he defeated Tory David Rotenberg. He served in several cabinet positions under former Premier David Peterson.

Kwinter is a founding president of the Toronto Regional Council of B'nai Brith Canada.

In additional to being active in the Royal Canadian Legion, General Wingate branch, Pasternak served as Toronto Post Commander of the Jewish War Veterans for 12 years. He became national commander in 1993.

During World War II, he served with the Royal Canadian Air Force in the Northwest Staging Route, based in Watson Lake, Yukon.

Known for his tough stand on law and order, Pasternak is founder and chair of the Shomrim, whose volunteer members assist in security for visiting Israeli dignitaries and at other Jewish events.

In the mid-'60s, he helped set up the N-3 Fighters Against Racial Hatred, in response to the rising Canadian neo-Nazi movement at the time.

Two years ago, he was named honorary deputy police chief by then Metro Police Chief William McCormack.

Wilson Heights has the highest concentration of Jewish residents of any Ontario riding — nearly 50 per cent.

The New Democrats have yet to choose a candidate in the riding or set a date for a nomination meeting.

Windsor JCC to be renovated

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Windsor Jewish Community Centre (WJCC) is getting a facelift.

The renovation project begins in November, when workers will begin the modernization of the downtown landmark. The $2.2-million project calls for installing a new facade and modernization of the building's administrative offices.

A key element of the upgrade will be improvement of the centre's physical fitness facilities, with the addition of new aerobics equipment, such as stairmasters, treadmills, stationary bicycles and rowing machines, said WJCC executive director Allen Juris.

Juris said the WJCC was built in 1958 and the centre's physical fitness areas are "seriously antiquated."

While known primarily for its delivery of social and cultural services, the new WJCC will hopefully attract more members looking for a workout, Juris said.

Fundraisers have begun soliciting contributions towards the renovation, and the campaign was given a boost recently when JobsOntario awarded a grant of $676,000 towards the project. The WJCC has already received half the government money, with the remainder to be forwarded as the work progresses.

"We have a fair portion of the [remaining $1.6 million] already in pledges and cash," Juris said. "In fact, the majority of the money is already in. We are a very financially conservative institution. We're financially solvent."

The WJCC is located at 1641 Ouellette, in the heart of Windsor and serves a Jewish community of 1,800. It is only about a mile and a half from the city's business core.

The facility's strength is in providing youth, teen and family programming and "a total package of services," Juris said.

The WJCC is the site of an eight-week summer day camp (Camp Yomee) for 150 kids; it runs the Hebrew Collegiate Institute for about 30 teenagers; and it is the site of a seniors' apartment building that houses 80.

The WJCC offers programming to mark important events like Israel Independence Day, Chanukah, Lag b'Omer and Tu b'Shevat. It also plays a leading role in the integration of recent immigrants, having taken in about 60 families in the last five years, Juris said.

Every Jewish organization in Windsor, from Ort to Hadassah to B'nai Brith uses the centre for meetings.

The WJCC's building committee is chaired by Harriet Whiteman, immediate past president of the Windsor Jewish Federation. Gerald Freed and Alan Orman are campaign chairs.

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From coast to coast

Cognitive rehabilitation focus of Rotman conference

TORONTO — Nearly 400 researchers, physicians and therapists from Canada, the United States and England gathered recently for the fifth annual conference of the Rotman Research Institute of Baycrest Centre.

The two-day conference focused on Cognitive Rehabilitation: Advances in the rehabilitation of acute and age-related disorders.

Speakers reviewed current theories about how people recover from brain injury and cope with progressive illnesses such as Alzheimers and Parkinsons diseases, which attack the brain and often lead to serious deficits in memory, language and behavior.

"Each year billions of dollars are spent worldwide on cognitive rehabilitation, yet there is still no valid theory guiding this intensive endeavor," said Dr. Ian Robertson, of the Applied Psychology Unit of the Medical Research Council in Cambridge, Eng.

Recent research has shown that the brain retains its "plasticity" — the ability of brain cells to grow — until after age 85, according to Dr. Paul Coleman, a professor at the University of Rochester in New York.

Studies show that memory-impaired people who learn to use memory aids such as diaries, calendars, tape recorders and watch alarms are more likely to live independently than those who don't.

Device resembles a pager

Psychologist Barbara Wilson said such memory aids are becoming extremely sophisticated. Wilson, who is with the Medical Research Council in Cambridge, Eng., told the conference about a new device called NeuroPage.

The device, invented by the engineer father of a brain-injured son, resembles a pager. It is programmed to beep or vibrate regularly. Messages are then flashed on a small screen, reminding the person to take medicine, call home, or go to an appointment.

Dr. Ronald Stein, professor of psychology, Rutgers University, presented research, based on experiments with rats, suggesting that gender and hormones may play a role in recovery from traumatic brain injury.

"It's been noted that women with brain injury seem to do better than men, but we didn't know why," he said. "We wondered if female hormones might play a role."

He found that progesterone seems to reduce brain swelling or edema, which is common after injury and is thought to play a role in causing permanent brain damage.

The conference was preceded by a one-day workshop, organized by the Baycrest Psychology Department, on practical cognitive rehabilitation treatment techniques.

Caregivers must learn how to minimize what therapists call "excessive disabilities" — reversible deficits more disabling than primary disability. "These are often related to emotional difficulties and environmental factors," said Dr. Dmytro Rewilak, a Baycrest psychologist.

For example, if a cognitively impaired person asks repetitive questions, caregivers might interpret that this was being done to annoy them or attract attention when, in fact, the behavior is a direct result of memory loss.

"The person may simply not recall that he already asked the question," said Rewilak.

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Peace process permanent, Israeli ambassador states

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Israel will never go back to war, said Israeli Ambassador David Ben-Dov at a community meeting sponsored by the Victoria Combined Jewish Appeal.

"We will not break off the peace process," he said.

Ben-Dov is a veteran Israeli diplomat who joined the Foreign Ministry in 1956. He has served in the United States, Australia and has been a senior member of Israel's permanent mission to the United Nations.

Ben-Dov said there has been a remarkable, positive change of attitude by Arab countries towards Israel in the UN in the past five years. "We were isolated back in the late '80s. Now, it's a different picture." He attributed this to the 1991 Madrid peace conference.

Israel now has missions in such Arab states as Morocco, Tunisia and in several of the smaller Persian Gulf countries, he said, as well as potential trading partners in China and India.

The ambassador said great progress has been made in its relations with Jordan. Israel is providing water, which Jordan needs desperately, has hooked up the electrical grids of the two countries and is helping develop a desalinization program. So many Israeli tourists are expected in Jordan during Passover that Jordanian tourist officials are concerned whether they can handle all of them.

As for the Palestinians, Ben-Dov said, Israel has agreed they must control their own domestic affairs, but not as a state. If plans proceed as scheduled, the Palestinian-Israeli borders will be in place by 1999 and there is no chance the Palestinians can "swallow up" Israel. "It's out of the question," he said.

He predicted an autonomous Palestinian area will be federated with Jordan.

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From coast to coast

UCS strike angers parents

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Striking teachers at the three campuses of United Congregational Schools (UCS) could receive a counter-proposal this week, say officials involved in the three-week-old strike.

But the work stoppage has angered and frustrated parents of the 400 children enrolled in kindergarten through Grade 7, who say they have been left in the lurch.

The strike has shut down afternoon and Sunday morning classes at Beth David and Beth Emeth synagogues and at Westminster Public School in Thornhill.

Ten UCS teachers walked off the job suddenly on April 2 in a dispute that centres around severance packages, job security and sick leave credits.

The teachers have been without a contract for three years. Last February, they won a 4.5 per cent salary increase over three years, but now say they are willing to forego that in return for a deal on severance.

Efraim Bagola, president of the Federation of Teachers in Hebrew Schools, told *The CJN* that last June, six UCS teachers were laid off with no severance, and that in once case, a teacher was docked a day's pay for taking a sick day.

He said the UCS board has been "rigid" on the issues and has yet to come up with a counter-proposal to an offer from the teachers to spread out severance payments over two years instead of one.

Bagola estimates a severance package would cost between $45,000 and $50,000.

He said some UCS teachers work full time and do not view their jobs as income supplemenents.

"Every effort" has been made to accommodate the teachers, Jonathan Miller, co-chair of the UCS board, told *The CJN* last week.

Miller said "nothing is nonnegotiable based on principle, but it's simply a matter of funds."

He said the schools' sources of funding, outside of tuition, have been cut back and called it "a shame" that the Toronto Board of Jewish Education does not fund supplementary classes.

He said parents want a quick end to the strike because of uncertainty over graduation. Miller said a counter-proposal to the teachers' offers could come during chol hamo'ed.

Bagola said an April 9 meeting between the board and some parents left parents angry at the board. And he disputed the suddenness of the walkout, saying parents were warned in a letter last month of a potential strike.

But Barry Goldman, who has two children in the UCS system, said the strike has left many parents feeling that teachers acted "in a wholly unprofessional and inappropriate manner."

Goldman said teachers have lost the respect of both parents and students and that the strike has cast doubt on plans for next year.

Moroccan king to visit Canada

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Before the end of 1995, King Hassan II of Morocco will make an official visit to Canada and meet with the Moroccan Jewish communities in Quebec and Ontario.

He recently made this announcement to some 20 representatives of the Canadian Moroccan Jewish community, who met with him at the Hotel Plaza in New York, during his official visit to the United States.

The meeting was chaired by Joseph Benarroch, president of the Federation Sepharade du Canada (FSC). The Quebec delegation consisted of about 15 Sephardi community leaders, including Joseph Gabay, president of the Communaute Sepharade du Quebec (CSQ), while the Ontario delegation of seven was led by Simon Keslassy, president of the Moroccan Jewish community of Toronto.

King Hassan II said in his talk that he has not yet visited his Jewish countrymen living here, because, "I was sincerely hoping to visit you in Canada. But taking into account the fact that the country is on the verge of a political battle, and because our relations with the Canadian government are excellent, I preferred to put off the trip to avoid embarrassment. I did, however, inform the Canadian authorities that I would make the visit before the end of the year, God willing."

The king also told the CSQ leaders he will make a personal contribution to the building fund for the new wing of the Ecole Maimonide of Montreal, which will be named Pavillon Mohammed V.

In response to the wish expressed by the Sephardi community of Quebec to twin the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal with a Moroccan hospital, the king suggested that the partnership be established with a Moroccan children's hospital which specializes in the treatment of complex illnesses.

This article appeared in full in French, in the Montreal edition of* The CJN, *April 6. Translation by Carolan Halpern.

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From coast to coast

Holocaust survivors, Righteous Gentile honored

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The State of Israel last week used the third annual Ontario government reception in honor of Holocaust survivors to pay tribute to the most recent of the Righteous Among the Nations.

With Ontario Premier Bob Rae and Jewish community leaders present, Israeli consul general in Toronto, Dror Zeigerman, presented the Righteous designation to Margit Hedley of London, Ont. for helping save the lives of eight Jews during World War II.

As well, Ontario Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba presented 11 citations to Holocaust survivors in recognition of their contributions to the province.

And to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the war and the liberation of Europe's death camps, Rae proclaimed 1995 the Year of the Flame "to help ensure that we in Ontario do not forget the innocent men, women and children who lost their lives because they were Jewish."

Hedley, now 72, joined the world's 6,000 other Righteous Among the Nations for having sheltered eight Jews in her Budapest apartment during the Nazi occupation of Hungary.

The designation honors non-Jews who risked their lives to save Jews during the war. It is granted by Israel's Supreme Court after extensive research and witness statements from the rescued.

Hedley's first husband was a Hungarian army officer stationed in Poland during the war. He smuggled a Jewish couple, Alexander and Lucy Balicki, from the Polish town of Boryalo to Debrecen in Hungary.

The couple was taken by Hedley, then just 22, to a Budapest guest house in February 1944. The next month, the Nazis invaded Hungary and Hedley hid the Poles in her small flat.

Soon, she also hid the couples' other relatives, who made their way to Budapest. Despite the meagre war rations of the day, Hedley used her own money to buy food for the eight Poles.

Hedley told *The CJN* that the Polish Jews were so well hidden that even her mother, a frequent visitor to the apartment, did not know they were there.

The Poles remained hidden until January, 1945, when Budapest was liberated by Russian troops. The Balickis now live in Australia.

Asked why she risked her life to hide Jews under the noses of the Nazis and the pro-Nazi Hungarian gendarmes, Hedley shrugged. "If you can help, you do," she said, adding that in those tense 10 months, she slept with a revolver under her pillow.

Hedley was awarded a certificate and specially-struck medal. She was joined at the ceremony by her husband David and their children.

Ontario Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba (centre) is flanked by Holocaust survivors and citation recipients Anita Ekstein and Andre Stein. [Ron Csillag photo]

Zeigerman stressed that terrorist incidents, like the one on April 9 in which seven Israeli soldiers and two civilians were killed by a bomb in the Gaza Strip, "will not be allowed to continue."

Greetings were also brought by Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter and Tory MPP Charles Harnick, as well as from Joel Dimitry and Miriam Gelbloom, co-chairs of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, the event's co-sponsor.

In his remarks, Rae recalled his 1990 visit to the Lithuanian village of Zidikai, where his wife's mother and grandmother had been born.

After he returned, he received a package of photographs of every Jewish gravestone in the town's cemetery, an emotional Rae recalled.

Ziemba presented scrolls to Jack Kuper, a producer and writer; philanthropist Leslie Dan; author and professor Andre Stein; Holocaust educator Anita Ekstein; Rabbi Erwin Schild; Sigmund Reiser, an insurance executive; businesswoman Marsha Bielak; and Michael Rosenberg, a community volunteer.

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The writing has been on the wall for some time now, for all of those who do not wear blinkers.

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* peaceful co-existence never took place
* **confidence building** died a still-born death

The Oslo Peace Accords did not call for building **yet another Arab State**, but **merely** for **limited autonomy** for the Arabs, and Israel's **sovereignty** over the remaining land, including **international boundaries.**

Above all, there was to be peace, and peaceful co-existence.

In view of the above, as well as other historical facts and **international law**, it was **incongruous** to hear the Minister of Environment, **immediately following the terrorist atrocity**, call for the removal of Israelis from certain areas instead of offering additional protection.

In most other countries it **would be the terrorists who would be removed!**

Limited autonomy does not give the Arabs **the right to demand removal of Jewish residents from any areas** of their ancestral **home.**

Almost all **Arab countries** have **already been made Judenrein**. If Israelis have no rights to live in **Judea** and Samaria, **where will it end?!**

Recently there were some rumours that electrified fences will go up around Jewish "settlements" in Judea and Samaria when the **Israeli army will be redeployed!**

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From coast to coast

Jewish Journal hopes to make TV debut

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Italians have it; so do the Portuguese. The East Indians, the Chinese, even the newly arrived Russian community, without two kopeks to rub together, have one, too.

So why doesn't the long-established Jewish community have its own television show?

That's a question that's been nagging at Doris Epstein for more than 10 years. The airwaves are full of ethnic and religiously based programming, but the Jewish community is conspicuous by its absence, she contends.

A few months ago, the energetic freelance writer, producer and psychotherapist decided to take the bull by the horns and, along with her partner Tamara Ushakova, produced a pilot episode of a half-hour Jewish program.

The magazine-style show, titled *Jewish Journal*, features songstress Theresa Tova, a segment on Yiddish, a d'var Torah by Rabbi Mark Dratch, an interview with theatre impressario David Mirvish, a Hebrew lesson with Prof. Leo Davids and a pre-packaged segment from Israel called Jerusalem on-Line.

The pilot has impressed programmers at Vision TV, the cable network that airs programs reflecting Canada's faith communities. Vision, which reaches six million households nationwide, is ready to open up a regular weekly time-slot for a quality Jewish program such as the one proposed by Epstein, said Richard Landau, executive producer, Mosaic programs for Vision. "[A Jewish program] is a very high priority," he said.

Epstein says her goal is "to reflect the entire community from left to right, Orthodox and Reform. We want it to be inclusive of all strands of Judaism in Canada."

Such a program would help "unify us and hold us together

"The Jewish community should have its own voice," said Ushakova, a businesswoman who was born in Tbilisi, Georgia. "It's like the community doesn't exist on TV."

As popular culture becomes increasingly video-oriented and children read less than their parents, it's important for the Jewish community to employ "the most powerful medium ... There is no positive image of Jews and Israel on television," Ushakova believes.

Epstein suggests that a Jewish program will solidify Jewish identity and educate Jews and non-Jews about the community. "It fills any parameter you can think of to stop assimilation and heighten Jewish identity," she said.

Landau concurs. In addition to informing non-Jews about the Jewish people, such a program could serve to link Jews in isolated communities with those in larger centres, he said.

The community leaders with whom she has discussed the show support its concept, Epstein said.

Doris Epstein (right) and Tamara Ushakova.

So what's preventing the *Jewish Journal* from making its debut on the air?

"We have to raise the money for production," Epstein said.

"We need $100,000 for 13 shows," Ushakova specified.

The two have put together a four-person sales team hoping to sell advertising time on the show. They have also approached the Jewish community seeking help, but while they have received moral support, it hasn't been translated into dollars and cents.

Sheldon Maerov, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) for Canada, said Epstein is preparing a formal funding proposal that will be presented at the CJF meeting in June. "I'll make them aware that there is now a proposal and alert the federations and ask their direction on it," he said.

But in light of the Jewish communities' financial needs, "the prognosis for funding this year is poor," he added.

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From coast to coast

Dermatologist still a leader 50 years later

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Toronto dermatologist Dr. Ricky Kanee Schachter didn't listen when she was told over 50 years ago there was no place in medicine for a Jewish woman.

It's a good thing she didn't listen, because she spearheaded the 19,900-sq.ft. dermatology teaching centre at Women's College Hospital that opened in 1991, established the Psoriasis Education and Research Centre in 1976, a Canadian first, and was the first woman president of the Canadian Dermatology Association.

"There hasn't been another one since," Schachter notes wryly.

In February, Schachter received the Women's Dermatologic Society Rose Hirschler Award for her contributions to medicine and for enhancing the role of women in the field of dermatology.

While Schachter, who retired from the faculty at the University of Toronto Medical School but still keeps up a practice, acknowledges things are much better for women in medicine than they were in 1945, she says they still have to contend with "a glass ceiling, or floor or wall."

Individual women may strive and be successful in medicine, the 76-year-old says, "but this doesn't really open the door for other women, except as a role model. How many women are full professors or deans of medical schools?"

She credits much of her success to her family, her parents who supported her ("my mother felt women should have a skill, and should put back into society what society gave them") and especially her husband, biochemist Dr. Benjamin Schachter, who isolated the widely used hormone replacement drug Premarin.

Benjamin Schachter was not only a moral support; he looked after the home while she completed her training in dermatology in New York. Later, when he was offered a one-year position as professor of biochemistry at the University of Sakatchewan, she maintained "the stability on the home front."

Drs. Ricky Kanee and Benjamin Schachter in front of the portrait in the waiting room of the Ricky Kanee Schachter Dermatology Centre at Women's College Hospital.

The couple, who will have been married for 53 years in July, have two children, Daniel, a dermatologist in practice with his mother, and Bonnie, an occupational therapist at the Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre.

Schachter has seen many changes in dermatology, especially the introduction of antibiotics and steroids. Vitamin D derivatives and ultraviolet rays are now used in the treatment of psoriasis, and leg ulcers receive better treatment.

Schachter is especially proud of the Ricky Kanee Schachter Dermatology Centre at Women's College Hospital. The centre treats many AIDS patients for skin diseases like Kaposi's sarcoma.

A quick tour of the centre shows well-fitted examination, treatment and surgery rooms, cheerful waiting rooms, light airy colors and even domed ceilings.

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By Carolyn Blackman

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Monday, April 24

HAR ZION NURSERY SCHOOL
A fundraiser for the school, 7-10:30 p.m., 7360 Bayview Ave., features two on-the-spot makeovers and door prizes. Sale items include custom-made furniture, clothing, hair and skin care products, toys and more. Admission $10. For information call **Rickie Glickman**, 905-881-2252.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Dr. Paula Draper will speak on Roots of Testimony: Reflections on the Oral Document of the Holocaust, at the next meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. W.

ADATH SHOLOM SISTERHOOD
Terry Winston, Canadian Seaway branch, Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the guest speaker at the general meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Call 635-0131 for details.

Tuesday, April 25

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT
Toronto ORT and the McGill Club present **Anne Golden**, president, United Way of Greater Toronto, 7:30 p.m., McGill Club, 21 McGill St. Members $25, non-members $30. Reception follows speaker. For information and tickets call 787-0297.

LEUKEMIA RESEARCH FUND
General meeting, 7:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, features **Dr. Neil Berinstein**, who will speak on The Ten Most Common Questions Asked of Cancer Specialists. Public invited. Call 661-2873.

JEWISH FEMINISM
Temple Har Zion Sisterhood presents Jewish Feminism — Has it Gone too Far or Not Far Enough?, a dialogue between **Rabbi Michael Stroh, Temple Har Zion and Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, director, Kolel, Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, 7:45 p.m., at the Temple, 7360 Bayview Ave. Call 905-889-2252.

LEGACY OF YIDDISH THEATRE
Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood study luncheon features Yiddish singer **Faye Kellerstein** in a program entitled Musical Legacy of the Yiddish Theatre, 12:30 p.m., at the synagogue. Admission $8. Call **Ahuva**, 789-3213.

Wednesday, April 26

TRANSNISTRIA SURVIVORS
General meeting will be held at B'nai Torah Synagogue, 465 Patricia Ave., 7:30 p.m. $5 includes refreshments. RSVP **Bella**, 781-9909 or **Miriam**, 905-771-1351.

YOM HASHOAH V'HAGVURAH
Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and Adath Israel Congregation commemorate the 50th anniversary of liberation at a community event. Assembly at Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Earl Bales Park, 7 p.m.; march along Bathurst St. to synagogue 7:30 p.m.; Commemorative program at synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., 8 p.m. Keynote address by **Prof. Irwin Cotler**.

GOLDEN HORSESHOE PLAYERS
Lisa will be performed by the Golden Horseshoe Players, Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cr., 7:30 p.m. Suitable for children 9 and older. Adults $2, children free. For information call 226-0111.

LAUGHTER IS MEDICINE
Dr. Mel Borins, Jewish humorist, will be guest speaker at Beth Sholom's Adult Education Academy, 8 p.m., 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Call 783-6103. No charge.

OVERBROOK CULTURAL CLUB
Rick Kardonne will give an illustrated musical lecture on Avrom Goldfadden, father of Yiddish musical theatre, 2 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. (Bathurst & Sheppard). Refreshments follow. Members free, non-members $2. For further information call **Millie Herzog**, 905-882-5442.

AT BETH TZEDEC
Dr. Yaacov Glickman will speak on Anti-Semitism, Survivors, Children of Tomorrow; **Prof. David Newman** will speak on Water Resources; and **Maxine Blendis** will speak on Beauty in Despair. All lectures are at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. and begin 7:15 p.m. For information call 781-3511.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN
Jewish Family & Child Service presents an information session 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 4600 Bathurst St., 4th floor. Panel includes representatives from Parent Outreach Program, York Early Intervention Services, Centennial Infant and Child Centre, Zareinu Educational Centre. For registration and information call **Selma Elzas**, 638-7800.

FINANCE FOR THE FUTURE
Beth Tzedec Sisterhood and Men's Club presents the seminar, Preservation of Wealth Now, For Future Generations: Achieving Financial Independence for our Senior Parents, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Speakers include **Caryl Himelfarb** and **Theresa Bubis**, Ross Dickson Financial Services. No charge.

Thursday, April 27

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY
Pride of Israel Synagogue is hosting a Holocaust Memorial Day program, 7:30 p.m. Speakers include **Art Eggleton**, MP; **Haim Waxman**, vice-consul of Israel; six Holocaust survivors; **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich** and **Cantor Charles Weinberg**. For information call 226-0111. No charge.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE
Adath Sholom Synagogue invites the community to a Holocaust Remembrance and tribute, 7 p.m. at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. **Cantor Martin Rosenblum**, a Holocaust survivor, will speak on his Recent Return to the Past — Fifty Years after the Holocaust. Call 635-0131 for information.

YOM HASHOAH
Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association is holding its annual Yom Hashoah commemoration, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. Guest speaker is **Rabbi Avi Weiss** of AMCHA. For information call 782-2711.

REMEMBERING AND RESISTING
Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, 7:30 p.m., JCC, Bloor & Spadina. Wheelchair accessible, sign language interpretation and childcare provided. Call 925-9872 ext. 2119 for information.

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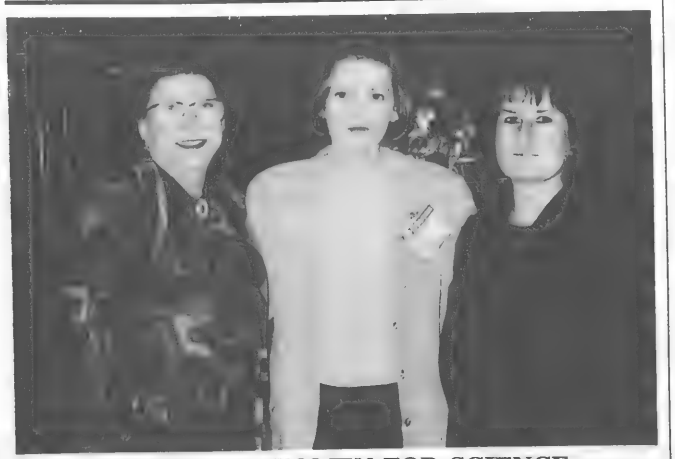

WEIZMANN WOMEN FOR SCIENCE

Prof. Hadassa Degani, Weizmann Institute of Science, spoke on Does a Better Understanding of the Mechanisms of Cancer Lead to More Effective Treatment? at a recent seminar hosted by Weizmann Women for Science. From left are Dorothy Buck; Prof. Degani; and Carol Gordon, co-chair, Weizmann Women for Science.

HAPPIEST DAY

Rhoda Singer is chair of the Jewish Russian Community Centre's supplement, which will appear in *The CJN*. The supplement is a fundraiser for the centre and pays tribute to the couples who will marry in the group wedding in June.

What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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7 p.m., 678 Sheppard Ave. W. $5 charge. For information and registration call 631-9395.

FILM AT HOLY BLOSSOM

AIDS Committee, Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. presents a free screening of the film *Deaf Heaven*, 7:30 p.m. Screening followed by a presentation by the director and writer **Steve Levitt**. For more information or RSVP call **Noreen** or **Deborah**. 789-3291.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

DAYTIME YIDDISH CLASSES

Beginners, intermediate and advanced Yiddish classes in Toronto and North York. For information **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

STAGECRAFT COMPANY

Holy Blossom Temple's Stagecraft Company's initial production, *God of Vengeance*, is on Saturday evening April 29. Tickets $8 in advance, $10 at the door. Call **Anne Lesarge**, 789-3291

YIDDISH COURSE

Committee for Yiddish is sponsoring a course in the fall on Yiddish language and teaching methodology for teachers and those interested in teaching Yiddish. Upon completion, students will be eligible to teach Yiddish within the scope of courses sponsored by the committee. For information call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883 ext. 155.

VOLUNTEER CENTRE

Metro Toronto Special Olympics seeks volunteers with organization/administration skills to fill such positions as treasurer, public relations, fundraiser, sports coordinator and secretary. Commitment is one evening meeting a month for a minimum of one year. Call 631-6117.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Parenting the Young Child begins April 27; Living with Teens begins April 26; Successful Step-Parenting begins May 8. For information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., is taking registration for summer courses for adults, teenagers and pre-teens in beginners, intermediate and advanced conversational Hebrew. Morning courses are Mondays May 29-August 28 and evening courses run Tuesdays May 30-August 29. Instructor for beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, founder in Toronto of the ulpan method of teaching Hebrew. Call 787-0197.

NISHMA CENTRE

Bnei Akiva Bayit and Nishma present Understanding the Halachic Process, with **Rabbi Benjamin Hecht**, every Shabbat beginning April 29, ½ hour before Mincha, at the Bayit, 296 Wilson Ave.

Nature of Halacha, an advanced class for women runs Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Nishma Centre, 358A Wilson Ave. For information on all classes call 630-0588.

TORONTO MANDOLIN ORCHESTRA

Club Masada Na'amat presents Toronto Mandolin Orchestra, Sunday April 30, 7:30 p.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Proceeds to Na'amat Canada Shelter/Counselling Centre in Tel Aviv. For tickets call **Lil Saiger**, 783-8386 or **Esther Schwartz**, 782-2176.

FAMILY TO FAMILY

The Community Integration Program seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union. This is an opportunity to develop a special friendship with a Jewish Russian family. Call 636-1880, ext. 261.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Synagogue Shabbat Study Luncheon, Saturday April 29, following services features **Prof. Stephen Berk**, who will speak on Resistance in Auschwitz. Reserve by April 26, 781-3511.

HEBREW & YIDDISH CLASSES

Classes for beginners and advanced Hebrew and Yiddish students held at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue begin April 24. Sponsored by synagogue and North York Board of Education. Cost $49, seniors $5. Call 636-3544.

ONE MARRIAGE — TWO RELIGIONS

A six-week series for engaged or recently married couples discusses the impact of interfaith backgrounds on relationships. Begins May 3. For information call **Pat Lieberman,** 638-7800, ext. 215.

for seniors

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On April 24 **Raphael Gibson** will lecture on Crime and Punishment in the Bible. Call 661-4689 for information.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W. Thornhill, Meeting Room 2 for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

Pine Villa Retirement Residence, 1035 Eglinton Ave. W. celebrates Jewish music with **Cantor Martin Steinhouse**, Wednesday, April 26, 2 p.m. Admission free. Early reservations required. Call 787-5626.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., has ordered a second bus for its June 13 Buffalo trip. Response to April 30 Washington trip has been excellent. Reservations being taken for Artpark and Stratford. For information on all programs and trips call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities, 645 Castlefield Ave., presents **Felicia Carmelly** who will speak on How People Cope with Adversity, Thursday, April 27, 2 p.m. Admission free but reservations requested. Call **Marlene White**, 785-1511.

Senior Adult Services Bathurst Jewish Centre co-sponsors the following courses with North York Board of Education: Ballroom, Mondays, 9:30-11 a.m.; Beginner Bridge, Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Intermediate Bridge, Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.; Needlecrafts, Tuesdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Line Dancing, Fridays, 1-3 p.m.; Beginner Tai Chi, Thursdays, 2-3:30 p.m.; Intermediate/advanced Tai Chi, Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m.; Yoga, Thursdays, 12-1:30 p.m. Classes begin mid-April. For information call **Yvonne**, 636-1880.

Senior Adult Services, BJC presents artist **Tutzi Seguin** and the video about her entitled *Time of Your Life*, Tuesday, April 25, 1 p.m. Call **Yvonne**, 636-1880.

Earl Bales Senior Club next Sunday dance with live band is April 30. Saturday dances continue weekly. Local day trips planned for April 27, May 9, June 13, June 29 and July 6. Seats still available for Catskills trip July 24-30. Tickets available for *Joseph, The Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*, Wednesday, August 2, 2 p.m., Okeefe Centre. Bus departs Earl Bales Community Centre 12:30 p.m. Members $55, non-members $58.

Baycrest Centre Wellness Education Group presents a session on Breast Health, Wednesday, April 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Admission $2 at the door. For seating purposes call 785-2500 ext. 2267.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sunday, April 23. Members $3.50, non-members $4.50.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents *Pills Unlimited*, a film about over-medication, Thursday, April 27, 1:30 p.m. Admission free.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.

Holocaust memorial will be held Thursday, April 27. Museum display 10 a.m., service 11 a.m.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents Building Safety into Retirement Income, Monday, April 24, 1 p.m. For information call **Bookie Kwart**.

Wednesday afternoon social April 26, 1:30 p.m. features April birthday celebrations with **Rick Levine**. Members $3, non-members $4.

FITNESS, FOOD & FASHION

Successful Women: Fitness, Food & Fashion, a premiere event of the Young Women's Group, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, takes place Wednesday, May 10, 7:45 p.m., Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Tickets $5. To R.S.V.P. or for information call 633-5100.

ALPHA OMEGA AUXILIARY

Everyone welcome to a High Tea and fashion show for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 7, 2-4 p.m., Lifestyle Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave, Admission $18. Proceeds to dental charities.

at the JCC/BJC

Bloor JCC offers Scout groups to boys and girls. Beavers, ages 5-7 meet at the JCC Mondays 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wolf Cubs, ages 8-10 meet 6:30-8 p.m. For information call **Robert Engel**, 490-6364 ext. 246 or **Florence Marantz** 924-6211.

Bloor JCC summer day camps include half-day summer fun, 3-5 years old; Camp Summer Fun, 4½-10 years old; Summer Fun Plus, 9-12 years old; 1 week gymnastics summer camp 8-10 and 10-14 years old. Call 924-6211 for brochure.

KIDDUSH CLUB

Residents of 4300 Bathurst St. enjoy the monthly kiddush luncheon sponsored by Forestdale Heights Lodge. From left are Avrum Kivenson, Reuven Novoprudsky, Joel Bokhaut, Ava Vitsas, Ben Bokhaut and Murray Bokhaut.

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Notice of
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Take notice that a meeting of *Members of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 1995 at the Inn on the Park Hotel, 1100 Eglinton Ave. E., Don Mills, Ont. M3C 1H8.
Patricia J. Alpert *(President)*
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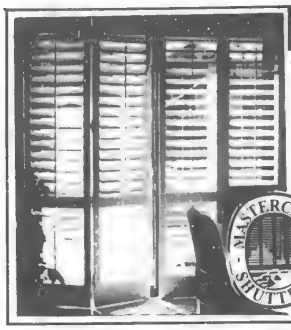

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Frid's elegant touch

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In what he considers a world of turmoil, sculptor Misha Frid creates his own world of sanity and grace.

Committed to portraying the beautiful and dispelling the pain, Frid focuses on love, elegance, pleasure — a healing release from today's tensions.

Visitors to his exhibition, Sculptor of Dreams, presented by the Sculptor's Society of Canada at its gallery in First Canadian Place until May 5, are enfolded by a scene of emerging spring.

Frid's Dream Series, Music Series, Internal Harmony, as well as individual pieces, are uplifting. His sculptures, banked with flowers in contrast with the surrounding urban towers, seem to breathe renewal.

Enduring bronze and shimmering crystal acrylic are his mediums.

The Music Series (bronze) explores the power of music as it affects the relationship between man and woman, linked through an instrument. There is a sense of harmony, as the lovers create and respond to music together, each dependent on the other to realize fulfilment. *The Magic Flute*, pictured here, suggests the plaintive notes of the instrument wafting on air as the entranced woman rests intimately against the man. He needs her response to confirm their mutual love.

Internal Harmony (bronze) interprets the sympathetic relationship between man, woman and nature. The characters reveal tenderness and strength as they pursue the cycle of life.

In *Nature*, man is symbolically portrayed as a tree. Woman lies in the grass at his roots, gently nurturing him.

In the allegorical Dream Series (bronze and stone) animals and birds interact with humans. The animals and birds, from powerful lion to stately swan, represent the different personalities of the man. The female figure is given human form.

Passion Reined displays a woman riding a fleet-footed horse. Is she controlling him, or is he carrying her away?

Frid's crystal acrylics glisten. In *Adam and Eve*, man and woman seal their earthly love with a kiss and rise entwined in a devotion without beginning or end. The cameo profiles at the base are surmounted by the floating figures, at once sensual and ethereal.

Swan Lake (crystal) captures the moment of transformation when the beautiful princess becomes a swan. Inspired by the genius of Tchaikovsky, this sculpture was designed as a tribute to the tradition of the great Russian ballet.

Caryatida is unique; it is actually a coffee table melding the esthetic and the functional. A supple figure, reminiscent of the classic caryatids that graced ancient temples, holds an oval of sheer glass like a diaphanous veil over the head.

Frid's most recent bronze, *The Dreamer*, is a small, exquisitely created young woman, head bent forward, knees drawn up, hair cascading. She is clearly at peace.

Frid has exhibited his sculpture across North America, Europe and the Orient.

He and his wife Galina recently returned from a trip to Israel and they are planning to introduce his work in Eilat and other Israeli cities.

Misha Frid's The Magic Flute.

Singles Events

Singles events is an advertising feature of *The Canadian Jewish News*. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates, or to place an ad, please call Sharon at 422-2528.

AMAZING! METRO TORONTO SINGLES presents a post-Passover party, **Sunday April 23,** at 8:00 p.m., at the **Berlin Night Club** (2335 Yonge St., 1/2 block north of Eglinton Avenue) Featuring retro night (dance music from the '70s) Featuring our high-energy Berlin go-go dancers. For more information, call 222-7111, cost $12

DANCE! PARTY! SCREAM! Explode into Spring, THURSDAY, MAY 4. The **3MACCABEES** present **SPRING FEVER** at **STUDIO 69.** 69 Bathurst Street at King. Groove to Classic 80's & Hot 90's Dance Hits. Tickets $8 in advance or at the door. For info call the **PARTY LINE, 631-3567.**

Evan - Zane Productions presents "Emotionally Expensive" featuring Charlie Kert and David Sniderman, **May 7, 1995, 8:00 p.m., The Devil's Martini,** 136 Simcoe Street, $7 at the door, drinks $2.50 until 9:30 p.m. Pool/Patio/big-screen TV. For more info call 416-488-3757

Floating Jewish Singles invites you to an **Oneg Shabbat, Friday, April 21, 1995, 8:00 p.m.** Sponsored by Kehillat Ahavat Hesed at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. (Allen Rd and Lawrence Ave.). Refreshments to follow. **(416) 223-0868.**

If singles parties at **Berlin, Montana** or any other "destination" aren't your idea of a "trip", how about **Thailand?** Jewish Geography Club (Age 28-39) invites you to see Thailant (July 95) on the road less travelled. For more info call Illana, 787-5828. Limited space, call now!

M.T.S. presents our eighth annual Cleveland House Resort Weekend, June 23-25. Last year we were sold out! Call 222-7111 for free brochure and information.

M.T.S. Presents recreational, co-ed summer softball for the summer season. Call (416) 222-7111.

Singles Dance. Friday, April 21, 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., **The Old Mill, 21 Old Mill Road,** Dance to Music from the 50's, 60's and 70's, $10. Single Professionals Network, **(416) 760-7169**

Toronto Haddasah Wizo's RE'ET Chapter presents the second annual Spring Fever party at Fluid Lounge, 217 Richmond Street West on Thursday, May 11, at 8 p.m., $10 in advance, $15 at the door. All proceeds to Youth Aliyah. **For more information, 630-8373.**

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Mimouna

Les origines de la fête de la Mimouna

In the following article, staff writer Elias Levy gives a brief history of the festival of Mimouna, speculating on the origin of the name of the holiday and explaining its religious and cultural significance.

ELIAS LEVY
Reporter du CJN

La septième nuit de *Pessah* (le huitième jour en Diaspora), la plupart des communautés juives clôturent la célébration de cette fête solennelle avec nostalgie. Ce n'est pas le cas des communautés sépharades originaires des contrées d'Afrique du Nord. En effet, ce soir-là, les Juifs maghrébins continuent à louer, dans la joie et l'allégresse, les riches vertus spirituelles de cette fête. Ils célèbrent la *Mimouna*. Une imposante fête qui se déroule dans une atmosphère de liesse et de camaraderie.

Que signifie *Mimouna*? Quelles sont les origines de cette fête traditionnelle vigoureusement ancrée dans les us et coutumes des communautés sépharades originaires des pays d'Afrique du Nord? Les mystères entourant les vagues origines de la *Mimouna* n'ont jamais été élucidés.

En effet, le terme *Mimouna* a donné lieu à diverses étymologies, la plupart fantaisistes, ayant été retenues le plus souvent pour servir d'assises au rôle idéologique que l'on veut faire jouer à cette fête.

Une première version soutient que la fête de la *Mimouna* commémore le décès du père du très célèbre Maïmonide -Moïse Ibn Maymun-. L'*Hiloula* -pèlerinage auprès de la sépulture d'un *Tsaddik* (très grand sage)- dédiée à la mémoire du père bien aimé de cette grande figure de proue du judaïsme sépharade aurait donné lieu à la célébration de la *Mimouna*.

Mais, comme l'explique l'un des meilleurs spécialistes de l'Histoire des Juifs du Maghreb, le professeur Haïm Zafrani, dans son remarquable ouvrage "Mille ans de vie juive au Maroc" (Editions Maisonneuve et Larose, 1983), la référence à Maïmonide est fantaisiste.

"Maïmonide, qui semble avoir séjourné au Maroc, après sa fuite de Cordoue, à l'époque des persécutions almohades (milieu du XIIe siècle), a laissé des traces profondes dans la mémoire des Juifs maghrébins. Cet épisode a donné naissance à de fabuleux récits et légendes colportés dans tout le monde juif", soutient cet éminent historien (pp. 242-247).

Mais, l'explication la plus plausible aux yeux des Sépharades a une connotation mystique. *Mimouna* ne serait que la déformation, avec l'accent arabe, du mot hébreu *Emouna* qui signifie "foi". D'éminents commentateurs du Talmud ont affirmé que si la Pâque commémore la délivrance historique du peuple juif du joug oppressant égyptien, elle célèbre aussi la "foi et la croyance" en la délivrance future, en la fin de l'exil et au retour messianique du peuple juif sur sa terre ancestrale.

Dans les récits bibliques consacrés à la sortie du peuple juif d'Egypte, on nous rappelle que: "C'est au mois de *Nissan* qu'Israël a été délivré de l'esclavage d'Egypte et c'est en *Nissan* qu'il sera de nouveau délivré". Ainsi, il est impératif que les Juifs ne perdent pas leur foi, leur *Emouna-Mimouna*. Ils doivent prouver à tout moment que celle-ci demeure vivace et intacte et que "même si le Messie tarde, nous l'attendrons toujours impatiemment".

L'aspect religieux de la *Mimouna* est omniprésent dans la liturgie spéciale qui est récitée au cours de la soirée qui clôture la fête de *Pessah*. Ainsi, des textes bibliques (Proverbes), *mishnaïques* (Traité des Pères), des poèmes didactiques anticipant sur le rituel de *Shabu'ot (azharot)* ont été incorprés dans la trame des prières rituelles psalmodiées ce soir-là.

Mais, au fil du temps, l'imaginaire social judéo-maghrébin et la dimension folklorique conférée à la *Mimouna* ont redonné un sens populaire au thème central de cette fête. *Mimouna* veut dire aussi en arabe "bonne fortune". La référence à la patronne de cette nuit "bénie" (*Mabruka*), elle-même surnommée *Lalla Mimuna* (Dame Fortune), est exprimée avec éloquence dans les voeux de *"Terb'hou Outsaad'ou!"* réussissez dans vos entreprises et réjouissez-vous) formulés au cours des nombreuses visites et tournées effectuées tout au long de cette soirée.

Le soir de la *Mimouna*, tous les coeurs et les portes sont ouverts. Nul besoin d'être invité. Votre carte d'invitation, c'est le salut traditionnel: *"Terb'hou Outsaad'ou!"* ...

Celebration of Mimouna a major Israeli event

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

Since the early '80s, the celebration of Mimouna in Israel has become a major national holiday.

Every year, hundreds of thousands of Israelis of all origins have participated in the festivities organized throughout the country to celebrate the end of Pesach.

In the brochure *Mimouna*, published by the Israeli movement Beyachad, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres describes this religious cultural event as "an offering from the North African community to Israeli society, an offering accepted joyously.

"Its rich folklore and its message of friendship, solidarity and love of neighbor have been adopted by all Israelis. The people of Israel together celebrate this magnificent festival which contributes to unity and rapprochement."

Traditional eastern dance presentations, concerts of Andalusian music, liturgical hymns and piyutim, parades, art exhibitions, picnics, religious events and pilgrimages to the holy burial sites of prominent Sephardi rabbis go on all through the day.

Beyachad, a cultural organization founded in the '70s by Jewish intellectuals from North Africa, actively campaigned for several years to have the government declare Mimouna a national holiday.

The primary objectives of Beyachad are to strengthen the unity of the Jewish people, spread the rich cultural heritage of North African Judaism and encourage all Jewish communities in Israel and the Diaspora to celebrate Mimouna.

Although this was traditionally a holiday for those from the Maghreb, Mimouna is now a cultural custom of other Sephardi communities in Israel from Iraq, Yemen, Turkey and Lebanon.

Of the large percentage of Israelis of Sephardi origin, those from Morocco in particular have retained their traditional music, folklore and rituals, in their celebration of Mimouna and Hilloula, the Lag b'Omer pilgrimage to the burial sites of those they venerate.

That is the memory recreated and contributed by the Jewish communities from North Africa. The celebration of Mimouna in Israel is proof of the vitality of their rich spiritual and cultural heritage.

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Mimouna

Morocco pilgrimage a return to roots

Miracles and observance, triumph and tragedy

By BRIGITTE DAYAN

As I entered the Moroccan cemetery, a phrase from the Rosh Hashanah davening popped into my head.

"Adam yesodo meafar vesofo leafer." A person's origin is from dust and his destiny is back to dust.

How true, I thought, as I walked into the cemetery that holds the last 500-plus years of my history.

I had come on a family pilgrimage of sorts to find my great-grandfather's grave, a notion not at all foreign to Sephardi Jewry, known for its veneration of holy people. It's a reverence expressed by visits, often en masse, to the graves of the holy ones of past generations.

In this case, I had travelled from my native Chicago to Marrakech, a city that has shaped my upbringing, my values and most certainly my passions, but to which I had never been.

I am the first generation in more than 500 years born outside Morocco. On both my mother's and my father's side, I can trace my ancestry back to 1492, when the Jews of Spain were forced to leave, many of them fleeing to nearby Morocco.

Brigitte Dayan at the grave of her great-grandfather.

I am also the first in my family to return to Morocco. I use the word "return" because, like the chozer b'teshuvah (the newly-religious one who returns to Judaism) I, too, was returning to my roots.

Throughout my life, my Jewish appetite has been fed stories of old, stories of my great-grandfathers and their lives.

I visited an elderly Jewish jeweller in the mellah, the old Jewish quarter of Marrakech. He told me his most vivid memory of my paternal great-grandfather is one of him in synagogue with the Zohar open on his lap.

It is said that when my paternal great-grandfather, Rabbi Shlomo Dayan, or Baba Shlomo, as the family affectionately refers to him, was on his deathbed, he held a lively discussion with Rav Shimon Yochai and Rav Meir Baal HaNes (a second century scholar and miracle worker), something he was wont to do. He asked them to plead with G-d on his behalf; he did not want to die yet. He was 66 and wanted to finish his 70 years, ostensibly like King David, the father of his biblical namesake.

Suddenly, as if a bat kol (heavenly voice) came from on high, he called my pregnant grandmother, his daughter-in-law, into the room and told her she would give birth to a son. She did, and he bears the name Shlomo.

But ultimately, he stopped fighting, for he knew he had to die. Marrakech was beset by a severe drought that year, and he had prayed to G-d for rain. The day the rain fell, allowing all living things to be sustained, my great-grandfather began his journey towards death. He died and was buried on erev Rosh Hashanah.

At an age when most little children were listening to nursery rhymes at bedtime, my sisters and I were listening to real stories of miracles and observance, triumph and tragedy.

As I grew older, I would press my relatives for information on all aspects of our family's history, gathering information and tape-recording some of the stories. But the historian in me would not be satisfied until she saw for herself the locale that spurred the stories, and in the process, became their custodian.

As I visited Marrakech, nothing stirred me more than the cemetery that housed my great-grandfather. Not the rundown and now decrepit mellah where he grew up; not the synagogues where he prayed on Shabbat and holidays; not even the kollel to which the city's sole remaining rabbi summoned me so that I could look in the community records at the ketubot and other legal documents my great-grandfather signed in the 1930s.

I entered the cemetery and immediately looked for the shomer, the faithful guard who knows the precise location of all graves. I asked him in French if he could guide me to my great-grandfather's grave. He waved his arms and began to speak in Arabic. Like most of the elderly Jews in Morocco, born before the country became a French protectorate in 1912, he spoke no French.

In my broken Arabic, I asked him: "Where is Rabbi Shlomo Dayan? I am his great-granddaughter."

He got up and immediately led me to the grave, at the extreme northeast corner of the cemetery.

I had asked a fellow American to videotape my visit with his camcorder. He began to film me, as I explained where the grave was, how to get there from the entrance of the cemetery, who Rabbi Shlomo was, when he lived, and why I was here.

In accordance with tradition, I then lit two candles given to me by my mother to show my presence at the grave.

I asked him to turn off the camera. I took out my book of Psalms, because tehillim are one of those great things to say when you don't know what else to say — or do.

And a stream of tears began to flow.

I closed my book of tehillim, put my head down on his grave and remembered my grandmother's advice prior to my departure:

"Brigitte, ma cherie," she had told me, "ask your mother to write you your personal prayer in Arabic, because Baba Shlomo, he didn't speak French."

We had all laughed affectionately at her simple ways. But standing there, hunched over my great-grandfather's grave, my grandmother's words didn't seem so simple.

I asked my great-grandfather to forgive me for addressing him in French, but I knew he would understand me nonetheless.

Having been appointed the emissary for every member of the family, I first voiced the prayers on their behalf.

And then, I broke out into my own, personal prayer, one whose content I had developed throughout my life, but whose words I composed on the spot.

I left the Jewish cemetery of Marrakech more alive than I entered it. I am certain my great-grandfather knew it. I sensed his proud smile as I stood over his grave and told him I was striving to follow his example, so that, G-d willing, one day, my great-grandchildren will be another link in the chain of Jewish transmission.

Brigitte Dayan lives in Chicago and is a frequent visitor to Montreal, where much of her family resides.

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Mimouna evenings a joyous memory

By RENEE LEVY
Special to The CJN

Did I really live the experience, or was it a distant dream?

Today those Mimouna evenings in Casablanca seem to be part of another lifetime, filled with symbolism.

As far back as I can remember, I can recall those magical evenings in the house where I grew up, flooded with light. All the lamps shone on a table set for the occasion with plates full of the most delicious cakes, enough for all tastes, because so many people came to visit us that night.

I can still smell the perfume of the mimosa, the bougainvillaea and the multitude of other flowers whose scent filled the house.

Renée Levy

Besides the sweets and the flowers, there was another important custom: a large fresh fish in a silver platter on a bed of flour at the centre of the table. The fish was said to represent prosperity, the flour purity. In the flour were fresh beans, as a symbol of hope.

In a crystal glass filled with oil, we used to put a small gold object, like a coin or a wedding ring.

There was also honey and lettuce leaves which the hostess offered her guests. She or one of the grandmothers dipped a lettuce leaf in the honey and put it into the mouth of the person she wanted to bless. The gesture was accompanied by these words, in French or Spanish: "May your life be sweet and may you live in joy to the age of 100."

We also prepared a sort of pancake, called moufleta, after the stars came out, since we could not eat any chametz until nightfall. We ate the moufleta with butter and honey.

In the old days when people could eat hardly any sweets for the week of Pesach, they especially enjoyed the moufleta with fresh mint tea.

Lots of friends and relatives came; we laughed, sang, talked long and loud, and we ate. There was a constant to-and-fro, a holiday atmosphere enjoyed by young and old.

One unusual aspect, however: the visitors were almost all men, sometimes accompanied by their children but rarely by their wives, who were at home to receive their own friends and relatives.

The visits were mostly quite brief, but friendly, and marked by affection and sincerity. It was a special evening when the children were allowed to stay up and the festivities lasted well into the night, since we had a large family and many friends.

Affection, sincerity

Everyone was received equally; people could come without being invited because "our friends' friends are our friends." That describes the evening exactly.

When the father came home from his rounds after all the excitement, the family wished each other good night, but not without the tradition of saying to one another in Judeo-Arabic, "May you win out." In other words, may you be prosperous this year and succeed in all you undertake.

Happy are those who, today, can still live those fantastic moments.

Renee Levy was born in Casablanca and now lives in France.

Mme Renée Lévy se remémore des Mimounas à Casablanca

RENEE LEVY
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Ai-je vraiment vécu ce que je vais vous raconter, ou est-ce un rêve lointain?

Ces soirées de *Mimouna* à Casablanca me paraissent aujourd'hui sorties de l'irréel. La soirée de *Mimouna* clôture la fête de *Pessah*.

Cette soirée pleine de significations paraît quelque peu mystérieuse et magique.

D'aussi loin que remontent mes souvenirs, je revis ce soir magique dans la maison de mon enfance inondée de lumière. Toutes les lampes jettent leurs feux sur une table dressée pour la circonstance où s'étalent une multitude de plateaux de gâteaux plus délicieux les uns que les autres. Il y en a pour tous les goûts car très nombreuses sont les personnes qui viennent nous rendre visite ce soir-là.

Je sens encore le parfum des mimosas, des bougainvilliers et de bien des autres fleurs qui embaumaient toute la maison.

Outre les friandises et les fleurs qui couvrent la table, il y a une coutume à laquelle on tient beaucoup. Un grand poisson très frais dans un plat en argent sur un lit de farine trône au milieu de la table. Selon certains, le poisson représente la prospérité et la farine la pureté. La farine est elle-même piquée ça et là de fèves fraîches, signe d'espérance.

Dans un verre en cristal plein d'huile, on a l'habitude de mettre un petit objet en or, une pièce de monnaie, une main ou même une alliance.

Il y a également du miel et plusieurs coeurs de salade que la maîtresse de maison offre à ses invités. C'est elle ou une aïeule qui trempe une feuille de salade dans le miel et la met dans la bouche de la personne qu'elle veut bénir. Ce geste est accompagné par ces mots, parfois en français parfois en espagnol: "Que ta vie soit douce et que tu vives la joie jusqu'à cent ans".

On prépare aussi une sorte de crêpe, la *moufleta*, après la sortie des étoiles, puisqu'on ne peut manger de *hametz* qu'à la nuit tombée. La *moufleta* est dégustée avec du beurre et du miel.

Dans le temps où *Pessah* était une semaine où l'on ne pouvait manger pratiquement aucune friandise, la *moufleta* était particulièrement appréciée accompagnée de thé à la menthe fraîche.

Les parents et les amis affluent; on rit, on chante, on parle beaucoup et fort, et on mange. C'est un va-et-vient incessant, une ambiance de fête qui fait la joie des petits et des grands.

Une particularité cependant, qu'on ne retrouve je crois que ce soir-là. Les visiteurs sont presque exclusivement des messieurs, accompagnés quelquefois de leurs enfants, mais très rarement de leurs épouses, celles-ci devant rester chez elles pour recevoir, à leur tour, parents et amis.

Ces visites sont la plupart du temps assez brèves mais amicales et certainement empreintes d'affection et de sincérité. C'est une soirée privilégiée où les enfants ont le droit de veiller et où les festivités durent jusqu'à une heure avancée de la nuit, la famille étant grande et les amis nombreux.

Les gens sont reçus avec la même gentillesse; les connaissances peuvent venir sans invitation car "les amis de nos amis sont nos amis". Cette formule caractérise tout-à-fait cette soirée.

Lorsque le père de famille rentre de sa tournée et après cette agitation nocturne, on se retrouve.

On se souhaite bonne nuit, sans oublier selon la tradition, de se dire, en judéo-arabe, "que tu gagnes". Autrement dit, que cette année te soit prospère et que tu réussisses dans tout ce que tu entreprends.

Heureux ceux qui, de nos jours, peuvent encore vivre ces instants fantastiques.

Mme Renée Levy est née à Casablanca. Elle habite maintenant Paris.

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Les Mimounas de Benhantoz le Tangérois

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Une brise légère soufflait sur la ville en cette soirée d'avril, les synagogues se vidaient et les fidèles d'un pas alerte s'empressaient de regagner leurs foyers.

Ce samedi soir, "noché de Alhad", comme on disait à Tanger et dans la zone nord, revêtait une importance particulière, c'était aussi la "Mimona", fête qui marquait la fin de *Pessah* et que tous célébraient avec faste. Les boulangeries restaient ouvertes en soirée pour que les Juifs puissent acheter le pain, toute une série d'autres vendeurs ambulants offraient des épis de blé ou des fruits qui serviraient à décorer les tables.

Rahamim Benhantoz, mendiant et en même temps personnage folklorique tout à fait Tangérois, s'empressa dès la fin de la *havdala* de quitter la *Esnoga de Souiri* (1) avec un grand bouquet de "arrahan" (2). Il se dirigea vers le Boulevard, nom qui désignait la ville européenne. Sur son chemin, il arrêta d'autres Juifs pour leur offrir une petite branche d'"arrahan" en leur disant: "Chavouah Tov, Moad Tov, Besiman Tov, Zakhor le Tov". Tous lui donnèrent quelques pièces, et Rahamim les bénit avec ferveur. Une fois qu'il finit d'écouler sa marchandise, il se dirigea vers un immeuble d'aspect cossu, il savait que quelques familles juives aisées y habitaient. Il monta au premier étage et remarqua une porte d'appartement qui était ouverte selon la coutume de "Mimona", il y franchit le seuil en criant "Ya Mimon, Ya Shalom, Ya Baba Tarbah!", ce qui revenait à dire: de l'argent, de la paix et que vous soyiez comblés de biens.

La maîtresse de maison le fit passer dans le salon où la table traditionnelle était dressée. Le lait, le miel, un plat de farine avec des fèves vertes, des épis de blé vert, une motte de beurre frais enveloppée dans des feuilles de figuier, un grand poisson cru trônant sur une assiette, une variété de gâteaux au miel, des tartes venant de la très renommée pâtisserie française "Porte" ainsi que d'autres gâteaux dans la pure tradition hispanique, meringues, "tocino del cielo" et "brazo de gitano" qui provenaient de la *Confiteria Espanola*.

Une délicieuse odeur de "terit" s'échappait de la cuisine où deux bonnes s'affairaient à la préparation de ces délicieuses crêpes ou *mofletas* qui étaient la "ada" (3) de la plupart des familles et que l'on s'apprêtait à déguster enduites de beurre et de miel.

"Sois le bienvenu Rahamim, je vais te préparer une assiette". La maîtresse de maison connaissait Rahamim depuis fort longtemps et surtout son appétit proverbial. En l'espace de quelques minutes, Rahamim goba une demi-douzaine de *mofletas* accompagnées de deux verres de thé à la menthe et de quelques gâteaux. "Un petit verre de "aguardiente" (4) ou "mahia" me ferait le plus grand bien pour m'aider à digérer", s'empressa-t-il de demander. Après l'avoir vidé d'un trait, il se leva et adressa ses bénédictions habituelles: "Que el Dio vos dé riqueza y ganancia en zéjut de esta noche de Eliaou Hanavi, amen, amen, amen!"

Après les remerciements de l'hôtesse et sur le pas de la porte, il sortit de sa poche un sac en plastic et le tendit à celle-ci: "No se olvidé del "awin" (5) para la mujer y los niños", autrement dit, n'oubliez pas de me donner quelques douceurs pour ma femme et mes enfants. Quand le sac fut plein il s'en alla de son pas leste vers des étages supérieurs. La soirée venait de commencer et elle s'annonçait prometteuse. "Ya Mimon, Ya Shalom, Ya Baba Tarbah!"

Mais où sont les "Mimonas" d'antan? se demanda Rahamim trente ans après et devenu richissime homme d'affaires grâce à la fabrication industrielle et à l'exportation de *mofletas* à l'échelle mondiale. Calé dans un fauteuil dans sa résidence d'hiver à Miami, il se languissait du bon vieux temps...

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(1)-*Esnoga de Souiri*: synagogue très ancienne de Tanger.
(2)-*Arrahan*:myrte.
(3)-*Ada*: tradition
(4)-*Aguardiente*: eau de vie.
(5)-*Awin*: "doggy bag".

Mets et coutumes de la Mimouna

The traditional foods are what many of us associate with a holiday. Staff writer Elias Levy here describes the foods served for Mimouna, outlining the significance of the mainly sweet dishes offered to guests.

ELIAS LEVY
Reporter du CJN

Les succulents mets orientaux servis le soir de la *Mimouna* se distinguent particulièrement par leurs goûts exquis, leur esthétique originale et leur symbolisme.

Les principaux plats ornant les magnifiques tables dressées ce soir-là sont:

1-Un grand poisson non cuit, déposé sur une assiette ovale ornée de feuilles de laitue. Depuis la plus haute antiquité, ce plat est le symbole juif par excellence de la fertilité. Des adages juifs racontent qu'une bonne et prospère année n'a un véritable sens que si elle est partagée avec ferveur avec de nombreux enfants.

2-Une assiette de farine décorée de sept gousses de fèves vertes. Le chiffre 7 est le symbole traditionnel de la fertilité chez les Berbères du Maroc.

3-Une autre assiette de farine, ornée de bijoux et de pièces d'argent. Un petit verre d'huile est aussi placé sur ce plat. Au Maroc, la couleur blanche symbolise la joie et l'allégresse. Quant aux bijoux et au verre d'huile, ils incarnent la richesse et l'abondance. Plusieurs communautés juives marocaines avaient même comme coutume d'ajouter du levain dans ce plat afin de marquer le passage de *Matsa* à *Hametz*.

4-Une jarre de lait caillé, *"raib"*, et une assiette de beurre qui était généralement offerte par les voisins musulmans. Ces derniers offraient du lait, du beurre, des fleurs, des épis... à leurs concitoyens Juifs

5-Un plateau rempli de fruits secs: amandes, dates, noix et fruits frais de saison pour que l'année qui vient soit douce.

Les mets traditionnels servis ce soir-là sont:

-*Zaban*, du nougat blanc truffé d'amandes.

Des plats succulents

-*Mrozia*, des raisins secs cuits dans de l'huile et du sucre, mélangés avec des amandes.

-*Maazoun*, confiture de pelures d'orange, coings, carottes, aubergines...

-*Tmr-Maamrim*, dattes fourrées de pâte d'amande colorée.

-Gâteaux divers conçus à base de noix de coco, cacahuètes, amandes. Des cigares enrobés de sucre...

-*Moufleta*, une sorte de crêpe trempée dans du miel, du beurre ou du sucre.

Certaines familles juives marocaines ont aussi comme *"ada"* (coutume) de se régaler avec un succulent *couscous* au lait, à la cannelle et au sucre.

En ce qui a trait aux boissons et liqueurs consommées ce soir-là, on évite exceptionnellement de boire du café, en raison de sa couleur noire qui ne porte pas bonheur. Par ailleurs, on ne consomme que des aliments sucrés, signe de bonne augure pour l'année qui commence. On ne mange pas non plus de pain, pour ne pas passer brusquement de *Matsa* au *Hametz*, ni de viande. Compagnon de tous les instants de détente et de joie, le thé à la menthe marocain est servi à profusion au cours de la soirée.

Traditionnellement, la maîtresse de maison accueillait ses hôtes assise sur un tapis, occupée à préparer des exquises crêpes *Moufleta* et à servir du thé à la menthe à ses convives.

Ce soir-là, les portes, les fenêtres, les miroirs, et la table sont décorés de fleurs annonçant le retour du printemps et d'épis de blé symbolisant le retour à la consommation du pain.

Fertilité, abondance, verdure, joie et bonne humeur, telles sont les principaux symboles de cette magnifique fête juive.

La plupart des informations relatives aux mets servis le soir de la Mimouna *consignées dans cet article proviennent d'une brochure informative qui a été publiée par le Mouvement israélien Beyahad.*

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From coast to coast

Israel Bonds to honor six Ottawa women

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Israel Bonds will honor six outstanding women for their remarkable volunteer commitment at an awards dinner.

"We wanted to celebrate the type of people who would never get a chance to be celebrated, people who have been working quietly in the community for many years," said Israel Bonds Women's Division chair Vera Klein.

The honorees have volunteer careers spanning 10 to 40 years.

Carol Kassie joined the board of Ottawa's Jewish Community Centre 14 years ago and is currently JCC president. She has chaired Arts Alive, Ottawa's annual Jewish literary festival, and was one of the founding members of the Ottawa cable television program *Shalom Ottawa*. She has been an active member of the National Council of Jewish Women, a board member of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa and an events chair of the United Jewish Appeal. She visits elderly residents at Hillel Lodge, Ottawa's Jewish home for the aged, every two weeks.

Vera Gara, a survivor who spent the last two years of World War II in Nazi concentration camps, has been a tireless supporter of Holocaust education. For many years, she chaired the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and organized Yom Hashoah ceremonies. She spearheaded the naming of Raoul Wallenberg Park and the installation of a commemorative statue in Nepean, a suburb of Ottawa, to honor the Swedish hero.

Gara also initiated several educational exhibits, including the Anne Frank exhibit which was visited by 24,000 people when it was on display at the National War Museum three years ago. For the past 20 years, she has been a volunteer at the Ottawa Civic Hospital.

Goldie Cantor has been an active member of some of Ottawa's key Jewish institutions. She has held various executive positions on the Machzikei Hadas and Beth Shalom congregations' sisterhoods. For many years, she chaired Golden Aged Luncheons for seniors and visited shut-ins as a Meals-on-Wheels volunteer. Cantor is the past president of the Hillel Academy PTA and a life member of Hadassah. A former board member of Hillel Lodge, she has also served as the membership chair of its women's auxiliary.

Celebrating people working quietly in the community

With three children between the ages of 3 and 10, Lori Loeb still manages to dedicate considerable volunteer time to the Jewish community and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario. She has chaired the hospital's annual Teddy Bear Picnic Celebrity Breakfast, famous for its onsite medical clinic for damaged teddies, and is an executive member of the Friends of Ronald MacDonald House. A graduate of the Young Women's Leadership Council which prepares women for leadership roles in the Jewish community, Loeb is now a board member of the Jewish Community Council and has chaired several UJA events.

Shelly Schachnow and her husband recently started visiting seniors' homes as members of the Adopt-a-Friend program. It's one commitment in a volunteer career that saw Schachnow serve as her synagogue's sisterhood president, president of the synagogue's charity bingo and volunteer cook and bingo organizer for the Golden Age Club. She also volunteers at citizenship court and types the newspaper for a rehabilitation centre.

Barbara Solomon-Brown, a social worker in geriatric services and mother of two young children aged 2 and 4, is an active member of the Young Israel Congregation future planning and shalom committees. She is a graduate of the Young Women's Leadership Council and a board member of Hillel Lodge.

The gala dinner in honor of these women will be held April 25 at Congregation Machzikei Hadas.

Hadassah conference to feature Uri Savir

MONTREAL — Hadassah International will celebrate its 10th year during its annual congress April 30 to May 6 in Montreal.

The organization, which facilitates medical and scientific cooperation between the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem and institutions around the world, has members in 31 countries.

Membership is open to Jews and non-Jews, men and women. In Canada, Hadassah International is represented by Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

The congress is called Reality and Vision and will feature keynote speaker Uri Savir, director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry, discussing Prospects for a New Middle East.

Public forums include a screening of the award-winning television documentary *Jihad in America*, with producer Stephen Emerson talking about the rise of Islam fundamentalism around the world; and a presentation by Malka Shelef, wife of Israel's ambassador to Canada, on the sight-restoring surgery performed by Hadassah Hospital opthalmologists on thousands of Kenyans.

For information about sessions open to the public, contact Canadian Hadassah-WIZO at 514-937-9431.

A meeting of the national executive of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO will be held in conjunction with the congress.

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From coast to coast

Desert research has wide-reaching implications

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It seems unlikely, but the Desert Sweet tomato, a pricey — and delectable — Israeli import, is grown in soil irrigated with heavily salted water. In fact, the five per cent saline content is almost 1½ times that of sea water.

The Desert Sweet tomato is but one of Dov Pasternak's agricultural research projects with implications for Middle East peace, world hunger and environmental issues.

The Brazilian-born director of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's Institute of Agriculture and Applied Biology — a tall, stocky man with a shock of gray hair — is working with researchers in China, Cameroon, Australia, India and Chile to boost crop production in arid lands.

The International Program for Arid Land Crops (IPALAC), of which Pasternak is scientific coordinator, was launched in 1993 under the auspices of UNESCO. It was based on the success of Pasternak and his colleagues in importing desert plants to Israel and, through selection and hybridization, transforming them into cultivated crops.

Pasternak fell in love with the desert while an Israeli high school student on a class trip to the Negev. He came to Israel at age nine, about a year after it became a state. He has lived there ever since, with the exception of a six-year stint working on his master's and PhD degrees in Australia, a country which is two-thirds desert, he pointed out during a recent interview in Toronto.

His Canadian itinerary also included visits with Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

An early project of Pasternak's in Israel involved the domestication of the Arizona jojoba plant, best known for its use in cosmetics. "We were able to increase the yield from 200 grams of fruit per plant to 3 kilograms, by selection and hybridization," he said.

The lengthy research eventually led to the creation of a company producing jojoba for commercial use.

Another research project resulted in the development of a cactus that blooms and produces fruit year-round instead of once annually.

Dov Pasternak

"One day we decided that whatever we're doing for Israel should be done for the arid lands of the world," Pasternak said.

Food shortages in developing countries with semi-arid land constitute "one of the biggest problems of the 20th century," said Pasternak. "They don't have the right kind of crops suitable for arid conditions."

Since 1982, Pasternak has been involved in three co-operative projects with Egypt — studying the use of saline water, increasing the productivity of small animals through non-synthetic methods, and improving greenhouse crop production.

Pasternak disagrees with "backroom economists and philosophers who are predicting doomsday for water in the Middle East."

Much can be done to optimize the use of available water, he believes. Possible solutions include using available saline water and cultivating plants which thrive on a minimum amount of water.

And, as if his agenda weren't full enough, Pasternak is hoping to begin work soon on a U.S. government-funded project with Hopi Indians in Arizona to encourage the younger generation to remain on the land

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Photography exhibit popular

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — A photo exhibit of Danish resistance during the Nazi regime is drawing large crowds of adults and schoolchildren to the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre.

The display, which opened March 26 with representatives from the Jewish, Danish and Swedish communities present, runs to May 8.

The Resistance and Rescue exhibit was put together by Thanks to Scandinavia Inc., an organization chaired by entertainer Victor Borge, a Danish Jew. It commemorates the 50th anniversary of the rescue of 7,200 Danish Jews by a flotilla of Sweden-bound boats put together by their countrymen in 1943.

The exhibit has toured around the world and across Canada. The Vancouver opening was hosted by Robert Krell of the Holocaust centre and Faye Khazan, president of the Jewish Festival of the Arts Society, which is co-sponsoring the show.

The photos, by Judy Ellis Glickman, include portraits, landscapes and historic sites. Glickman was recently admitted to the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain.

Visitors to the Vancouver show are taken on tours and meet with a survivor and/or rescuer.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer Fred M. Catzman has been researching their origins over the past few years. Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

TOON

Ralph Stein's forebears were surnamed Toon, whom I remember as neighbors.

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From coast to coast

Ezrath Nashim hospital celebrates 100th birthday

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Ezrath Nashim Herzog Memorial Hospital was founded in Jerusalem 100 years ago.

It opened two years before Theodor Herzl convened the first Zionist Congress in 1897. It is now the foremost geriatric and psychiatric hospital in the country.

To celebrate 100 years of service, the Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim recently presented a gala centennial celebration concert at the Inn on the Park featuring internationally acclaimed artists including cellist Ofra Harnoy, lyric tenor Mark DuBois, Beth Tzedec Synagogue Cantor Paul Kowarsky, classic jazz violinist Lenny Solomon and the Gryphon Trio.

Renee Rubinstein, the president of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of Ezrath Nashim announced that proceeds will support research in Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease.

Ezrath Nashim is affiliated with the Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School and has developed cooperative projects with Montreal's McGill University and Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital and Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Janice Segal, Toronto chapter coordinator told *The CJN* Ezrath Nashim will open a new Centre for Geriatric Ambulatory Services this summer, which will contain the Silver-Cooper Geriatric Rehabilitation Centre endowed by Canadians Lily and Nathan Silver and Florence and Sidney Cooper.

The hospital was founded in a two-room shelter in Jerusalem's Old City by a group of women who called themselves Women who Help. They had joined together at Chanukah to perform acts of charity and ultimately undertook the task of easing the conditions of mentally ill patients and providing them with proper food in addition to medical and nursing care.

Cellist Ofra Harnoy (centre) enjoys a moment with Toronto's Ezrath Nashim Hospital coordinator, Janice Segal (left) and Renee Rubinstein, Toronto president.

The following year, they rented a new building outside the walled city and established what was then known as the Hospital for the Mentally and Chronically Ill.

In 1898, with the support of Baroness Adelaide de Rothschild and others, land was purchased in the western part of the New City. In 1902, with a donation from Isaiah Aaron Neustadt of Moscow, the first building, a women's wing was constructed. A men's wing was built eight years later and throughout the century, buildings and gardens have been added.

In 1919, Sarah Herzog became president of the hospital, serving for a quarter of a century. Her son, former Israeli president Chaim Herzog, has been named international chair of the centennial year.

"What the original group of women started a century ago, and the efforts of an ever-growing group of devoted volunteers who followed, have resulted in what is today a hospital in the vanguard of geriatric and psychiatric care ... rooted in the best Jewish values," said Rubinstein.

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Sports

Israeli hockey team shows improvement

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A .500 record and a sixth place finish shouldn't get any team into the playoffs, but for Israel's national senior team, it marks a step forward for the organizationally challenged hockey squad.

Compiling a 3-3 record in its fourth International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) tournament, Israel "showed a lot of improvement," said defenceman Oded Orgil.

"We're one step ahead of the weaker teams and we're on a par or slightly better than the middle-range teams. We're half a step behind the better teams."

Orgil said the Israeli team was hampered by having to ice a small roster of only 16 skaters and three goalies. A major shakeup in the team's management just days before the tournament didn't help either.

The Canadian connection (from left) Miron Schacham, Oded Orgil and Mike Rubin, an oleh from Toronto, take a rest after a hard fought game in South Africa.

The bureuacratic boondoggle, which Orgil attributed to political infighting among the country's hockey czars, saw the resignation of Paul Shindman, the team's Toronto-born manager. It was Shindman who conceived and founded Israel's hockey program and gave it international exposure, but over the last few years his role was reduced to chief of the national team. Now even that is gone.

Prior to the tournament, the Israel hockey federation anounced that Gideon Lee, the team's Toronto-based coach, was being replaced. Shindman praised Lee, saying, "I can't think of a single person who has committed more time and effort to the team."

For the South Africa tournament, only four Canadian-based players made the trek to bolster the Israeli lineup. In addition to Orgil, junior-aged defenceman Ran Oz and forwards Evgeny Feldman and Miron Schacham made the trip.

Orgil said the team's newly installed coach, Simeon Yakubovitch, a former junior coach in the Soviet Union, is attempting to develop a style of hockey that blends characteristics of both Russian and Canadian hockey to create a unique Israeli style.

While employing the zigazagging style of Russian hockey, Yakubovitch continually urges the Israelis to take more shots and play a physical brand of hockey.

Placed in Group A of IIHF Pool C2 with Croatia, South Korea, South Africa and New Zealand, Israel opened against Croatia, the eventual tournament winner.

As is always the case, Israel started the tournament slowly and was down 2-0 after one period. The final was 7-2, a score that was indicative of the game, Orgil said.

In game 2, Israel faced off against New Zealand, a recent qualifier for IIHF competitions.

Israel recorded its first-ever shutout in international hockey, beating the kiwis 12-0. Yevgeni Gusin, who practised with teams in the East Coast and Colonial Hockey Leagues, and Boris Amromin shared the shutout. Oleg Agapov, a Russian-born player who plays professional bandy in Norway, had five goals, and his linemate Schacham registered six assists.

In game 3, Israel faced the South Koreans in what turned into a chippy contest. At one point, responding to the Koreans' unrelenting stickwork, 220-pound defenceman Ran Oz lost his cool and chased a Korean around the rink. Luckily for both, Oz didn't catch him and was spared ejection from the tournament.

The final was 7-1 for the bad guys.

South Africa was Israel's opponents in game 4 and the boys in blue and white handled them rather easily, winning 8-1.

With a 2-2 record, Israel was relegated to the consolation round. In game 5, they played Australia in a rink made foggy by high humidity. Unfortunately the Israelis played as if in a fog of their own making, losing 5-1. "We were just horrible," said Orgil.

Game 6 was against Belgium, a team that beat them 5-2 last year. "We were playing for pride," said Orgil. "We took it to them and played a strong, disciplined game."

Amromin was the star and Israel piled up the goals, winning 7-2.

Although they finished with the same 3-3 record as Australia, a one point goal differential gave the boys from the outback fifth place to Israel's sixth.

Sergei Gudzik, Feldman and Schacham were named Israel's MVPs.

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Rabin rejects any role for IDF in Gaza

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The Israel Defence Force (IDF) will not return to the Gaza Strip because Israel cannot find Islamic terrorists there and has no interest in returning to Palestinian trouble spots, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said in a Passover interview with *The Jerusalem Post*.

Rabin called on PLO leader Yasser Arafat not just to convict terrorists but to arrest all who assist or incite terror, even if they are Islamic religious leaders.

Rabin said he would accept a Palestinian state in Gaza if he thought that would stave off Palestinian demands in the rest of the territories.

"If it were possible, I don't see any problem in it," Rabin said. "I don't believe that any Palestinian will accept it ... They say to us: 'You signed the Oslo Declaration of Principles, so implement it.' "

Rabin suggested the terms he has set for Arafat on dealing with terror would help meet the July 1 deadline, when complete negotiations on the interim agreement are scheduled to conclude.

Asked to comment on Arafat's steps against Islamic militants following the April 9 Gaza suicide bombings, Rabin replied, "It is not enough he is doing it in the last week or the last few days, unless he does it with determination, strength, and as part of a continuous [effort].

"What we ask him is, one, to make sure that there is only one armed law enforcement body; two, ensure others will not carry arms, except with permission; three, search in an effective way for those who instigate organize, protect, or carry out the terror, and take them out of the area either by courts or administrative detention."

Since a suicide bus bombing in Tel Aviv last October, Israel has detained 2,700 Palestinians in the West Bank for interrogation or administrative detention.

Rabin said he hopes Arafat would take additional measures against militants, such as "prevent[ing] the appearances of arms at demonstrations" and that the Palestinian Police "be deployed along the fence of the Gaza Strip to prevent those who are trying to [threaten] our patrol near the fence. This is what he has to do."

Earlier last week, Rabin told the Labor Party caucus that the mixing of Palestinians and Israelis creates "a Garden of Eden for terrorists.

The theme of his 30-minute address was the difficulty of fighting suicide attacks.

He said terror existed before the Oslo agreement was signed. "Any attempt to link the suicide terror wave to Oslo is a lie."

He maintained that groups associated with Arafat stopped their terror attacks in the beginning of 1994, as Arafat had promised.

Rabin said the war on terror is made more difficult by terrorists' increasing level of sophistication, including high-quality forged Palestinian work permits.

Redeploying IDF troops in Gaza to crack down on Hamas and Islamic Jihad is complicated, a senior IDF officer said last Thursday.

"The army has contingency plans for such developments, but entering Gaza without adequate intelligence on the whereabouts of those we would be looking for, and obviously against the wishes of the Palestinian Authority, could place soldiers in an impossible situation. If you enter with a limited sized force, which is basically what we are talking about, soldiers would confront a house-to-house campaign. I doubt that would be effective," he said.

MKs favor IDF's return

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Six Labor members of the Knesset last week called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to order the army to return to Gaza and clamp down on Muslim extremists.

The MKs called on the Israel Defence Force (IDF) "to hit" Hamas and Islamic Jihad cells in Gaza.

In an Israel Radio interview last week, Labor MK Eli Dayan said the security situation in Gaza is "intolerable." He said although the Palestinian Authority appears to have made an effort to combat terror, it had not done enough.

"We can't just rely on the Palestinian Authority any more. In our opinion, Islamic Jihad and Hamas extremists must be made to realize that there is a possibility the IDF will reach them wherever they are, and that there is no asylum for terrorists," Dayan said.

He said expressions like "victims of peace" heard after every terror attack are "worthless," and Labor needs to take real action if it is to be re-elected.

He denied the six MKs are helping the opposition Likud by opposing Rabin's policy.

"When talking about these things, it's not a matter of this or that party. It is the responsibility of the government to ensure the security of anyone who travels on the roads in the autonomous areas and also of the settlers who live there.

"We will continue to demand that the Palestinian Authority take control of the area, and we will help it if necessary. The PA should risk even the threat of a civil war with its so-called brethren, who want to destroy the peace process and harm the constructive Palestinians," Dayan stated.

AMBUSH AFTERMATH

The shot-up car of three wanted Hamas militants, killed in an April 16 shootout with Israeli security forces, is checked for weapons. Hamas has vowed revenge for the ambush. [RNS Photo]

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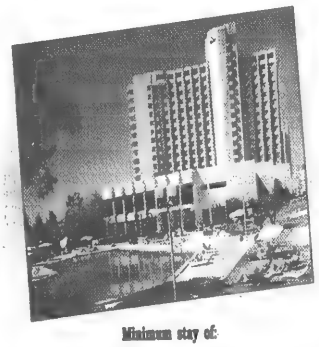

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Violent attacks against Jews rose in 1994

TEL AVIV — Violent attacks against Jews — those in which there was a clear intent to kill — rose last year to 72 worldwide, from 42 in 1993, according to a study released this month.

Incidents of anti-Semitism were up all over Europe, the United States, the former Soviet Union and the Middle East, said the *Survey and Analysis of Anti-Semitism Worldwide — 1994*, prepared by a project of Tel Aviv University.

The report found that Great Britain recorded, for the third consecutive year, the highest number of life-threatening incidents — 16 — followed by 15 in the United States and nine in France.

Rising neo-Nazism, nationalism and Muslim fundamentalism were cited as the main reasons for the increases.

Methods used included firearms, bombs, booby-trapped cars and assault weapons, the study said.

It found that violent attacks in Western Europe doubled last year from 15 to 31.

The report found that in Germany, the number of anti-Semitic incidents of all kinds increased by 100 per cent, and in the United States, there was a 10 per cent increase.

The recent B'nai Brith Canada annual audit found that anti-Semitic incidents in Canada last year rose by 12 per cent over the year before.

The survey was prepared in conjunction with the World Jewish Congress, the Anti-Defamation League and the Israeli government. It was presented recently to Prime Minister Yizhak Rabin.

The report was also tabled in the Knesset and presented to the U.S. Congress, the UN Human Rights Committee, the European Parliament and other major organizations.

Slain girl's organs donated by parents

CJN wire services and staff

JERUSALEM — The parents of Alisa Flatow, the 20-year-old American student killed in one of two April 9 bus bombings in the Gaza Strip, sought to give the gift of life last week while struggling with their grief.

Stephen and Rosalyn Flatow of West Orange, N.J., donated their daughter's organs after she died last Tuesday at Soroka Hospital in Beersheva.

Stephen Flatow said the donations would allow his daughter, a third-year student at Brandeis University, to make "a lasting contribution to the people of Israel."

Alisa's heart, liver, lungs, kidneys and pancreas were transplanted into six people in four hospitals around the country, and her corneas donated to an eye bank.

Two recipients have since died following the transplants — a 65-year-old lung recipient at Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer and a 42-year-old kidney and pancreas recipient at Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv — while the condition of the four other organ recipients was reported to be improving.

Stephen Flatow flew to his daughter's bedside after the April 9 suicide bombings which killed six Israeli soldiers and wounded dozens. He and his wife consulted with Rabbi Moshe Tendler, the world-renowned medical ethicist and biology professor at New York's Yeshiva University, before deciding to donate their daughter's organs.

Rabbi Tendler, an enthusiastic advocate of organ transplantation, encouraged them to go ahead.

Alisa's body was flown back for burial in New Jersey last Wednesday. More than 2,000 people attended the funeral.

Clinton expressed sympathies

U.S. President Bill Clinton last week expressed sympathies to the Flatow family, and several FBI agents were sent to Israel to help investigate the death. Since 1986 it has been a federal crime to kill an American abroad during terrorist attacks against a government or civilians.

White House spokesperson Mike McCurry said Clinton also stressed that "this death is a poignant reminder that the enemies of peace sometimes know no boundaries as they inflict their terrorist outrages on those who seek peace and seek to live in peace."

Meanwhile, 26 bombing victims were reported in stable condition in hospital.

The Week in Israel

April 10:

• Two suicide bombings near the communities of Kfar Darom and Netzarim in the Gaza took the lives of nine people and injured 54.

• The steering committee for the upcoming Middle East economic conference held its first meeting in Amman. The conference is a follow-up to the economic meeting last year in Casablanca. Israel was represented by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin. *Haaretz* reported that in addition to attending the steering committee meeting, Beilin met with senior Jordanian officials.

• Israel's ambassador to Jordan, Shimon Shamir, officially presented his credentials to Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan in Amman.

April 11:

• *Yediot Aharonot* reported that manufacturers were expected to ask for a devaluation of the shekel against the U.S. dollar to encourage more exports. The exchange rate has remained nearly unchanged over the past 17 months. Israel's trade deficit for the first three months of the year was $2.7 billion, an increase of 50 per cent over the same period last year.

April 12:

• The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Research reported today that Jerusalem was becoming more Haredi, poorer, and older. The annual report predicted that in the year 2010, the city's population will be 817,500 with 31 per cent not Jewish, and 26 per cent Haredi.

• Israeli media carried a report that Francois Mitterrand expressed the desire to live for a period of time in Israel after his term as president of France expires. He apparently wants to write and study in Israel.

April 13:

• Responding to the call of the group of six MKs urging him to reverse his policies in Gaza, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin stated that the IDF will not be redeployed there.

April 17:

• Israel filed an official complaint with Jordan concerning the infiltration on Friday of an armed Palestinian, who reached the Dead Sea Works plant in Sdom. At the plant, the man attacked a worker. But the infiltrator was then shot by plant security guards.

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Rebecca Prossin ז"ל

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Holiday spirit is evident everywhere

By CARL ALPERT

The Passover festival is the most widely observed of all holidays in Israel, with 97.8 per cent of local Jews reporting they attend a seder of one sort or another. Only 25 per cent strictly observe all the ritual requirements as laid down in the Haggadah; 53 per cent are not so fussy, but do follow a traditional format. The remainder maintain a secular attitude but recognize the week as a festival of freedom.

THE TEXTURE OF LIFE IN ISRAEL

Passover can create problems in some circles. Last year, Jerusalem's drinking water was called into question. The head of the haredi rabbinical court ruled that because the capital's water came from the Kinneret, it was not kosher for Passover since fishermen use bread as bait, and visitors threw empty beer bottles into the water.

However, former chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef decreed the quantity of bread was so small it did not matter — citing the rule that it is batel b'shishim (less than one 60th of the mass). For those whose conscience might bother them, he advised filtering the tap water.

The holiday spirit is evident everywhere. During hol hamoed, the intermediate days, the entire population seems to take to the road, especially religious folks who do not go sightseeing on Shabbat. Scores of cultural festivals are held throughout the country. Since Passover occurs at a time of full moon, some desert areas conduct moonlight tours.

Food is of course a major element of the holiday. Supermarkets and grocery stores banish all chometz from their shelves, or enclose the offending areas with large sheets of paper or plastic coverings. Bread is nowhere to be seen. In the days immediately preceding the holiday, non-observers flock to stock up on certain products. Others who prefer their bread fresh frequent Arab restaurants or bakeries. The latter do a flourishing business in Jaffa, Jerusalem and Haifa.

On the other hand, matzah is very popular among the Arabs. Many shopkeepers report that while Jews come to buy pita, the Arabs line up to get packages of the subsidized matzah, which they consider a delicacy with jam or margarine.

During the holiday all army installations are kosher, and soldiers in the service are not permitted to receive packages from the post office lest they introduce chometz into the camps.

There are commercial aspects of the holiday as well. Note has been made of shopping sprees for toys and gifts during the days preceding the seder — reward for the "thieves" who succeed in stealing the afikomen. The spirit of these days is referred to as afikomania.

So many families get together for the seder that large numbers of apartments are unoccupied during the evening hours, an enticement for would-be thieves. However, the cautious Israeli can purchase a seder cassette. A lurking thief will not only see lights, but listening through the keyhole will hear the company singing, accompanied by the clatter of dishes and of tableware, leading him to conclude the house is filled with people.

Another enterprising merchant is selling precise imitations of loaves of bread (made of plastic) which people can use to "surprise" their guests — or their host. For that matter, the stores will offer Passover rolls which look like the real thing, but are made with matzah meal and are kosher.

Most Russians have by now learned what a seder is, but the Ethiopians have to adapt to new ground rules. Back in Ethiopia the annual house-cleaning required the entire home had to be whitewashed afresh. All clay pots had to be broken or sold to non-Jews, and new utensils acquired. Diet was also much more limited than here.

Increasingly popular among American immigrants is the *American Heritage Haggadah* (published by Gefen) which interlaces the traditional text with references to stories of Jewish life in the United States from the earliest days. Among other things, they learn about the George Washington seder, the U.S. Congressional hearings on the mailing of matzot, and the Matza Pardon for a prisoner of a Georgia chain gang.

Surveys show that gefilte fish has been losing its popularity. In homes where the wife is 55 or older, it is on 80 per cent of the menus. Where the wife is under 34, it is on only 36 per cent of the menus.

All El Al flights will be strictly kosher, and even non-Jews travelling the line will have to forego fresh rolls in favor of matzah.

Humor is not lacking, and the story is told annually of the time Helen Keller came across a piece of matzah. Her fingers ran over the perforated lines again and again, and finally she exclaimed: "Who wrote all this nonsense?"

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT?

Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau explains the significance of the seder ritual to new Russian immigrant during a special pre-Passover explanatory gathering in Tel Aviv. [Israel photo]

Na'amat News

Israel Toughens Divorce Law

Under new Israeli law, husbands who deny their wives a Get (divorce) may soon find themselves without work, a driver's license, or bank account. Chequing accounts can be restricted and the husband can be jailed up to ten years.

Israel's largest women's organization, Na'amat applauded the law which it said could help as many as 10,000 Israeli women seeking divorce.

"We fought for this law for a long time and we hope it will be enforced and used" said Na'amat President, attorney Ofra Friedman.

Jewish law requires a husband's consent to end a marriage. The Jewish religious court has sole jurisdiction over marriage and divorce in Israel. This new legislation, passed by Israel's Knesset, grants rabbinical courts extended power to persuade husbands to free their wives.

U.N. World Conference on Women - Beijing, China September 14 - 15, 1995

In preparation for the 4th U.N. World Conference on Women to take place in Beijing, China, September 14 - 15, 1995, a conference of International Jewish Women leaders was held in Jerusalem recently. Twenty-six countries were represented by over 200 delegates. Ofra Friedman, President of Na'amat Israel, addressed the delegates and noted that Na'amat is a political movement dedicated to advancing the status of women by pressuring and lobbying the government for change.

Beijing Women Visit Israel

Preparing to host the U.N. Conference on Women, four members of the All China Women's Federation, an umbrella organization of China's trade union movement representing 500 million members were guests of Na'amat Israel recently. With great interest, they toured Na'amat's day care centres, community centres and clubs, vocational and agricultural high schools and adult education programs. At the end of their trip, the delegates invited Na'amat representatives to visit Beijing.

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Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Hamas vows revenge

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to attack Israelis.

In the car, soldiers found two Kalashnikov assault rifles, an Uzi submachine gun, grenades, ammunition, and Israeli Defence Force (IDF) uniforms. A suspected explosive device in the trunk was detonated.

The three dead were identified by the IDF as Jihad Golmi, 24, Tarik Natshe, and Adel Falah. Golmi, considered the leader of the group, escaped from prison 18 months ago.

But a man who lives next door to Golmi's family said Golmi's two older brothers insist the body was not their brother's.

"They have not collected the body and are not burying it. It is the fifth time they have been asked to identify his body after an incident," Ramzy said Sunday night. No one has claimed the body.

Falah was also on the IDF's wanted list. Natshe was not known before Sunday's shooting. Another wanted member of the cell, Hamad Yarmour, was not in the car.

The Hebron cell was responsible for killing at least six Israelis and wounding 12 during the past year, the IDF said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin called the operation a success.

Rabin said another wanted member of Hamas — Ayihya Ayyash, known as "The Engineer" — is in Gaza.

"According to the information we have, he is in Gaza. He will plan further attacks against Israeli targets, but his time will come, just as it will for every other terrorist," Rabin told reporters.

The ambush of the three cell members was a planned operation, a joint effort by the General Security Service, the IDF, and the Border Police, according to a senior IDF source.

Falah's father, Said Hassan, who was jailed for attacks on Israelis 20 years ago, as a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, praised his son.

Kids burned

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Three children, including two girls aged three and six, were burned in the face. All were treated at and released the same day from York Central Hospital. A visiting nurse is changing bandages daily, one parent said, adding it is too soon to know whether plastic surgery will be required.

York Region Police say they do not expect to lay charges. The Ontario Fire Marshall's Office is investigating.

"It was a freak accident," said one source, who blamed the flare-up on this year's strong wind. To prevent a recurrence, the source promised that "next year, there will be no fluid, and the children will be kept at least 3,000 feet away." —By Amy Sattin

MATZAH INSPECTION

A baker in Kvar Chabad inspects a piece of shmura matzah, which is baked exactly as the Children of Israel did while escaping Egypt. Thousands of the matzot were exported for Passover. [IPPA Photo]

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The application process is the same as for the other agencies listed below. Written and verbal information regarding this position will be provided at the introduction seminar to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on:

Wednesday, May 3, 1995, at 8:30 p.m.

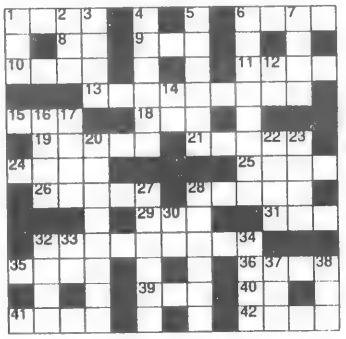
Introduction Seminar Schedule
The seminars will be taking place on Thursday April 27, 1995 and Wednesday, May 3, 1995 as noted.All meetings will be held in the Council Chamber at City Hall (100 Queen Street West).Please check the schedule below for the seminar that interests you.

AGENCY	TIME	NO. OF VACANCIES	TERM
Thursday, April 27, 1995			
Book Awards Selection Committee	6:30 p.m.	2	2-year
Toronto District Heating Corporation	7:30 p.m.	1	3-year
Toronto Electric Commissioners	8:30 p.m.	2	2-year
Wednesday, May 3, 1995			
Toronto Recycling Action Committee	6:30 p.m.	7	18-month
Housing Standards Appeal Committee (3 homeowner and 3 tenant members)	7:30 p.m.	6	3-year

CJN Crossword

ACROSS

1 Blood vessel carrying blood to the heart
6 Chewable and stimulating leaf
9 Who gives you a capon, give him the - and the wing
10 Nasty
11 Ventricle that is the body pump
13 Leader of the sixty families who founded Tel Aviv
15 Residue
18 Live - learn
19 Type of moth that Israel had in 1947
21 Beans and bread give you complete set of these acids
24 Operation - was Egypt's code for the October 1973 war
25 Mysterious
26 Not found in matzah
28 Basil used in such dishes
29 Kangaroo
31 A - fox
32 Jerusalem assumed nine parts of the ten of this allotted to the world
35 This Tribe performed priestly functions among the other Tribes
36 Born in 43 BC, this Roman poet wrote Ars Amatoria, Remedia Amoris, and Tristia.
39 Twosome
40 Type of current
41 Sinai pass
42 Yoga stand



DOWN

1 Served as vowel
2 Out of the north, all - comes forth
3 Lack of something required
4 Chief of Staff who recommended calling up reserves before Yom Kippur
5 Jews were offered a tract of land in this state
6 You find mealy bugs in these
7 Used on arm to measure blood pressure
16 Wait
17 Pelt
20 Found on walls at Masada
22 Catch animals in these
23 Jewish tradition has a rich - element
27 You can use an index to compare these over time
28 Pill used to avoid takeover
30 Alternative
32 A semifinal
33 Type of rays
34 Zeus was suckled by one on Mount Dicte, in Crete
37 Movie camera of the ordinary man
38 Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we -

Answers for April 13

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The simplicity of the concept is the key to the J.S.R.'s success. Members get to select for themselves who they would like to meet by reviewing very detailed and comprehensive biography profiles of each other. With a photograph attached to each file it virtually eliminates any guess work. The Jewish Singles Registry is now the largest Jewish dating service in Toronto. with more than 700 members.

Singles Registry and Jewish Dateline reach formal arrangement.

In view of the recent closing of Jewish Dateline just a few weeks ago, arrangements have been made between the latter organization and the J.S.R. Former members of Jewish Dateline have been offered a special registration rate into the J.S.R. A coupon was mailed out to Dateline members who need only to present it to the J.S.R. to obtain the discount. A deadline of April 30, 1995 has been set for this promotion.

The demise of Jewish Dateline brings mixed feelings for Singer. While the organization accepts the increased role it will now play in the Jewish community it's always sad to see an established business close its doors for good. "I have nothing but praise for Debbie Cowitz from Dateline" stated Singer "she worked very hard for her members and only wanted the best for them. Her dedication to Jewish continuity is second to none".

The Jewish Singles Registry is growing at an exciting rate. It's never been easier to meet someone special. For those who are not sure if a dating service is for them, the best advise is to give Rob a call. He's easy to talk to and his heartfelt belief that this service is one of the easiest, least threatening ways to meet people, shines through with every breath. The registry is open six days a week including evening hours for your convenience. The phone number is **416-398-7068.**

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Equally popular are disposable colored lenses from Wesley Jessen. "These disposable lenses are a great way to test all the colours" says Louise . Many of our patients wear clear disposable lenses most of the time and then switch over to colored lenses for special occasions.

The company has prided itself on quality products and personal attention. Staff have been carefully chosen at many locations to meet the needs of the community, often speaking a variety of languages. "Specialized training, and a dedicated committment to exceeding patient expectations is our main goal," comments Louise Talbot, owner. While the products must be the best, so must our service. "Our real assets are our people."

From May 1 until the end of June this year, Public Optical will be celebrating 50 years of service. This Grand Celebration will feature such attractions as back-to-1945 pricing on some items, like contact lens cleaner at 50 cents. Also, there will be $50 off any purchase of complete glasses and/or contact lenses, and free colored contact lenses.

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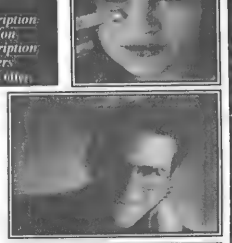

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Steeles Memorial Chapel 68 Years of Community Involvement

Steeles Memorial Chapel was founded in 1927 as a community organization, to provide the Jewish public with dignified funerals at a reasonable cost. The earliest locations were in the heart of the Jewish community at the time, first on Bathurst St., then nearby on College St. When the community moved north, so did College Memorial Chapel, changing its name to Steeles Memorial Chapel to mark the move.

During the almost seven decades since its founding, Steeles Memorial has broadened its mandate to include ongoing support of many charities and institutions. All members of the Board of Trustees are representatives of Jewish organizations.

Although it is financially self-supporting, Steeles Memorial Chapel does not keep one penny of its profits. Once staff, maintenance and operating expenses have been accounted for, every cent of every remaining dollar is donated to charity. Members of the Board of Trustees are all volunteers from community organizations.

Among the Jewish organizations to which Steeles donates money are ORT, the Reena Foundation, the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Syrian Jewry, the Jewish Russian Community Centre, the Jewish Public Library, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, and Chabad Lubavitch of Ontario. Schools, yeshivot, camps and synagogues are also among the beneficiaries.

Besides donating to organizations, Steeles Memorial offers help to needy families and individuals on an informal basis, with money for Shabbat meals, or meals for the Seder and other religious festivals. Steeles also buys phylacteries for indigent people, and supplies Meals on Wheels to the sick and aged.

For the benefit of Jewish hospital patients, Steeles has set in motion a plan to open chapels in hospitals. Currently they are building two, one at Sunnybrook and another at Branson. In time, they hope to provide every hospital in Toronto with a Jewish chapel.

At present, the Board of Trustees are also looking into the idea of a chapel at Toronto International Airport, so that observant Jews can daven Mincha and Maariv in the evening and Shacharit in the morning, or say Kaddish. In addition, such a chapel would make it easier for Jews from out of town to establish connections with the Toronto community.

Steeles Memorial also sees itself as part of the larger Canadian society. Donations are made to non-Jewish charities, such as the Salvation Army, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the AIDS Committee of Toronto, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Diabetes Society, and a number of other medical research foundations. Moreover, Steeles donates to Toronto General, Toronto Western, the Hospital for Sick Children and many other hospitals in the Toronto area.

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees that if a Jewish child under 18 dies, there is no cost for the funeral. At such a time, says Executive Director Ken Bowdenstein, grief and the disorientation that comes from loss are more than enough to deal with; the family does not need any other problems. No other Jewish funeral chapel in North America has this policy.

In sum, Steeles Memorial is involved in every aspect of Jewish life, and at the same time innovative in its approach to tzedakah. While resources are not bottomless, no worthy cause goes unconsidered; and new ideas in charitable work are constantly being looked at.

Steeles is sensitive to the needs of the living. Currently, for example, a bereavement committee is being planned, to counsel people through grief and mourning, so that they will find it easier to reclaim their lives.

To put it in plain words: every funeral which goes to Steeles Memorial is also helping a large number and variety of worthy causes. Not only is the deceased kept alive in name, so are many organizations which improve the quality of life for the poor, the sick, children and the aged.

Steeles Memorial believes it is essential to offer options and flexibility to the bereaved. Full service is available, in which Steeles will handle every detail that must be dealt with. Alternatively, they can offer more modest, more affordable arrangements. Every attention is paid to the wishes of the bereaved.

Whatever the choice, one thing isnot flexible: all funerals are in strict accord with halachic tradition.

The President of Steeles Memorial is Mike Rogow; the Executive Director is Ken Bowdenstein. Steeles Memorial Chapel is located at 350 Steeles Avenue West, in Thornhill. For information please call (905) 881-6003 or (416) 733-2000.

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"I take a little longer than some people," Mitch says, " because I'm careful." Even proponents of the cliche that "perfection is impossible" have to admit that Mitch gets close to it. In over two years in business, he has had only one minor complaint, which he fixed on the spot.

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Although he has a degree in psychology and philosophy, Mitch always knew he belonged in the business world. At the same time, he believes a balanced life is the key to happiness and success. He is an enthusiastic traveller and active sports participant, and has aspirations to make the Canadian Maccabi baseball team.

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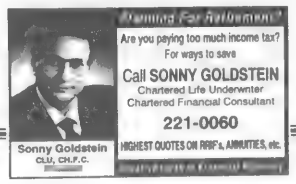

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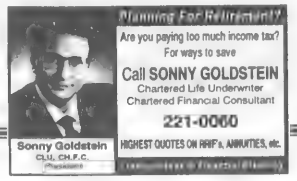

Firm pushes Mideast economic interdependence

By JOSEPH SERGE
CJN Business Editor

TORONTO — Peace in the Middle East can be maintained through economic cooperation between adversaries, Daniel Lubetzky believes.

To shape his theory into a practical plan, Lubetzky founded PeaceWorks Inc. The company, whose goal is to support peace in volatile regions, was incorporated a year ago.

"PeaceWorks supports cooperation between adversaries, by finding and supporting products [usually cosmetics, food or textiles] suitable to be produced by people from different backgrounds," Lubetzky said from his New York office.

"We look for a company that fits our criteria and see if there's any interest," Lubetzky said. "We get them to sign a letter agreeing to buy raw materials from each other."

He said he looks for companies that can hire laborers and managers equally from the two countries involved in the agreement. "Ideally the company will be owned by both Jews and Arabs," he said.

He believes that as neighbors become economically interdependent, the stakes become too great for them to break off the relationship.

The most important criterion he uses to determine whether a company is suitable for PeaceWorks support is mutual cooperation.

"Ideally we look for a symmetrical relationship on all levels [from ownership to materials]. You can make it worse if you promote a master/slave relationship. There has to be interdependence not dependence."

Improving racial tolerance

Lubetzky admits it is difficult to achieve perfection. Some companies are only interested in PeaceWorks to get their product exported.

"We stay away from them. It's a judgment call and we have to see how deeply committed [to his plan] they are," he said.

Through other companies, PeaceWorks provides financial support and marketing assistance to its ventures. "For instance, Israeli product packaging is not up to Western standards. We help design new packages and pay for the costs."

Most importantly, PeaceWorks imports the goods into the United States and helps penetrate the lucrative North American market.

PeaceWorks is trying to develop contacts in Canada, Lubetzky said.

Five per cent of PeaceWorks' profits is earmarked for the Peace Project, a tolerance-development educational program created by PeaceWorks.

With help from the Centre for Jewish and Arab Economic Development, the Peace Project is developing a series of excercises designed to improve racial tolerance between workers.

"We try to get the workers to realize we are all human beings and to promote understanding between both peoples," Lubetzky said.

At first this program will be limited to PeaceWorks ventures, but the plan is to eventually offer it to other interested companies.

PeaceWorks' first venture was Moshe Pupik and Ali Mishmunken's World Famous, a gourmet line of food sauces imported from the Middle East. The line of all natural, certified Kosher and additive-free gourmet food was launched last December.

The World Famous line which includes sun-dried tomato "spraté" (a mixture of sauce-spread-paste-paté), green olive "spraté," basil pesto, filled olives, olive seasoning (olives dried in the sun and ground into a spice) and extra virgin olive oil.

All items marketed under the World Famous label are produced in Israel through cooperative efforts between Jews and Arabs.

One of the latest projects being undertaken by PeaceWorks is Salam Sweets, a maker of halvah owned by a Jew and an Arab who became friends in Haifa.

Lubetzky is looking to other areas to implement his program, and is currently trying to promote his ideas in Mexico and South Africa.

"But my passion is the Middle East," he said. (He studied at the Begin-Sadat Centre for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University in Israel.) "Israel needs peace to survive economically."

Lubetzky is a director of the U.S. branch of Info-Prod/METIC, the Middle East Trade and Investment Centre, and has written several articles about Arab-Israeli cooperation and confidence building measures.

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Restrictions Lifted On Foreign Investment

JERUSALEM — Israeli firms are now allowed to invest abroad without restrictions, buy foreign stocks and hold bank deposits abroad, the Bank of Israel has announced.

The only restriction on financial holdings will be that they not exceed 10 per cent of their net worth or five per cent of their sales, whichever is greater. In addition to Israeli stocks traded abroad, the companies will be able to purchase foreign securities that are recognized by the Bank of Israel.

In addition, limits on local firms' capital investments will be eliminated. Until now, firms were only allowed to invest 40 per cent of their net worth abroad.

Israel-China Reach Investment Agreement

JERUSALEM — Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Chinese Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Minister Wu Yi signed an investment protection treaty and an agreement to extend a $150-million (US) line of credit to Israeli companies investing in China, the Treasury reported last week.

Treasury officials have emphasized the importance of the treaty following the difficulties foreign investors have had with Chinese authorities.

The treaty protects investors from both countries against discrimination and acts that will decrease the value of their investments.

Advertiser's Corner

Advertiser's Corner highlights the news, views and backgrounds of companies whose advertisements appear regularly in The CJN.
This week the spotlight's on:

David Eichorn

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special To The CJN

Real estate broker **David Eichorn** was recently called to sell an estate home which had been for sale privately for some time.

When Eichorn asked the family who had given them his name, they told him nobody had.

"They were impressed with the fact that I was the only real estate agent [in their area] who didn't call them to list the house," he said. "They said, 'You must be busy selling.' "

You won't find Eichorn or his wife and associate Esther knocking on anyone's door trying to solicit business. "We don't have to knock on doors. We have a loyal following," Eichorn said. "People know us and trust us, and refer us to family and friends."

He said they don't have time to solicit listings because they spend their time finding buyers for the homes they list. Because they sell most of their own listings, the Eichorns said they can be more flexible with the commissions. "We'll never lose a deal because of commission."

Eichorn said he is willing to share his expertise with clients and advise them on whether it is better to renovate a house or put it on the market. "On occasion we tell clients that it makes more economic sense to upgrade their home than to move."

When clients list their homes, they expect good service, and allocating money for advertising to give the home good exposure is part of that service, Eichorn explained, saying he spends heavily on advertising and skimps on fancy offices.

The Eichorns work out of a simple storefront office at Bathrust and Glencairn where clients often drop in for cookies and to schmooze.

All the listings — the homes are on a computerized multiple listing service — are written on white marker boards in the office.

"You come in. You see it all. It's all [the listings] up there on the wall," Eichorn said.

He went into real estate in 1987 — at the height of the boom — and was busy from the moment he got his licence. "I couldn't handle it myself," he said, so he asked Esther to help out.

Eichorn, a licensed broker, worked for other real estate brokers before setting up his own company in 1994.

He said the secret to his success is good service and hard work. "We have no gimmicks. We just give plain down to earth good old fashioned service." The Eichorns also said they thank G-d for their success.

A natural kibitzer, Eichorn said he and Esther didn't have to attend motivation classes to develop a strong work ethic; they had no choice. "We have a large family and a stack of bills to go with it."

Eichorn said it's a good time to buy houses. "There's a nice selection of houses in all price ranges."

But he can't make any predictions about the future of real estate prices. "Those who say, don't know and those who know, don't say," he quipped.

Bank Hapoalim To Issue AmEx

A new Shekel-denominated American Express Card is to be launched in Israel by Bank Hapoalim later this year, under the terms of an independent operator agreement announced recently by American Express and Bank Hapoalim. Cardmembers will be able to use the card at establishments in Israel and worldwide. Under the agreement, Bank Hapoalim will operate the American Express Card business in Israel and will issue a range of cards including the Gold Cards for consumers. Pictured are (from left) James Li, president of the International Business Development Group, American Express and Bank Hapoalim chairman of the board of management Amiram Sivan.

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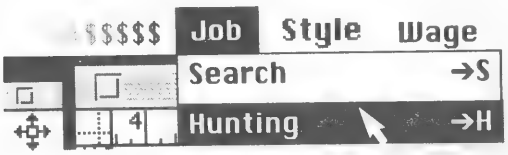

By LISA GALET
Special to The CJN

Job Search is a monthly column dedicated to job searching techniques by employment counsellor Lisa Galet. Readers are invited to forward any questions on this topic to Job Search c/o The CJN.

Everyone knows someone who is graduating from university or high school this spring, many of whom are eager to join the ranks of the employed. The competition for jobs is fierce so a strong resume is an important part of securing a job.

In the last article we began a look at resumes. The resume is an introduction to a potential employer. In a resume you list the companies you have worked for, how long you were there, and what your title was. You should note what city your employer was in, and if that company is unknown in the local marketplace, you may want to include a line about what the company does.

A brief description of the major five or six tasks you did in that job lets a prospective employer know you did tasks that may fall under another title in another company.

Descriptions should be in point form. If you have supervised workers, were they laborers, secretaries, engineers? If you have managed accounts receivable-payable, what was the size of the files? About how much money were you responsible for? Did you do your calculations manually or on computer? If you used a computer to assist you with your work, what programs do you know? If you have worked with money, how much? Answering these questions gives the resume substance.

Most employers only want to look at your recent work experience. Any work done over 15 years ago need not be on your resume. Work experience before the advent of computers is not really relevant to most work opportunities today. You should only put an item from then on your resume if you have just left that job.

If most of your education was over 20 years ago, you do not need to put that on your resume either, unless you are a professional with a designation requiring professional education. That must be on the resume as well as any continuing education courses.

For those new graduates with very little work experience, put your educational experience before your work experience. List the title of the degree, where it is from and when you graduated. Listing your high school is fine but you do not need to list your elementary school. If you plan to return to school in the fall, you can indicate that you are still enroled in the program.

On your resume remember to write down volunteer as well as paid positions. This is particularly important for those people who have not worked while raising children or for students who have little work experience. Time spent organizing parents' association events or fundraising for the hospital is excellent experience to put on your resume.

If you are a recent graduate or if you know one, sit down with these instructions and review your resume. If you still are not confident about your resume or the type of job you should be looking for, go see an employment counsellor. Help can be found in the form of resume writing and learning more about work options.

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Israel programming on offer

By ADI WAKSMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Curious individuals of all ages and backgrounds gathered last week at the Leah Posluns Theatre to learn about Israel travel in an event billed as "a shuk (market) full of Israel programs under one roof."

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Israel Experience committee, the Israel Sunday event featured 15 exhibitors ranging from summer tours to job opportunities, volunteer opportunities, university, religious studies and others.

Chetz Vakeshet, open to 14-18 year olds, is a 5½-week program designed to give students a taste of army life. "It's not the typical tourist thing," said Chetz Vakeshet alumni Yoni Rachamim. Participants learn combat tactics and how to handle firearms. The programs cost $4,380.

For those wanting a taste of kibbutz life, The Kibbutz Aliya desk offered summer and year-long programs for 18- to 30-year-olds starting at $2,605. "It's extremely inexpensive" insisted shaliach Barry Praag.

Those looking for a scholarly experience could choose from B'nei Akiva's Mach Hach Ba'aretz summer tour or the Midrash U'maaseh yeshivah program. Both emphasize Jewish studies but combine classes with touring and other activities.

There were volunteer work programs through Volunteers for Israel, Project Oztma and Livnot U'Lehibanot. The programs, ranging from three weeks to a year, involve participants in a number of "nation-building" projects and are open to a wide range of ages.

Representatives from Bar-Ilan University, Hebrew University and Tel-Aviv University were present in full force to recruit second- and third-year university students. "We have the largest overseas program," said Michael Litvack, from Canadian Friends of Hebrew University. "We're also the only school to offer volunteer programs and special internships that can be carried out at the Knesset, Ministry of Justice and the Bank of Israel."

Even those searching for a more permanent experience had the chance to drop by the Israel Aliyah Centre booth and talk to Udi Savion about job opportunities and training programs provided to olim.

Although organizer Mark Rubenstein said Israel Sunday was a success, "next year we'll hold the event much earlier. I saw more people walk through than I expected and that's a sign there is a need for such programs. Next year we'll make the event bigger and better."

Books to guide itinerant travellers

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

If you're planning a trip in Canada or abroad, the following guidebooks may be of interest:

Birnbaum's Canada (HarperCollins, $25) is a sound primer on a great tourist destination, with information on places, hotels, restaurants and festivals.

Birnbaum's Montreal & Quebec City (HarperCollins, $16.75) delves into cities which offer travellers a taste of Western Europe.

The Canadian Traveller's Diary (Raincoast Books, $9.95) is an ideal travelling companion, containing space for itineraries, jottings and addresses. In addition, the phone numbers of Canadian embassies are listed in alphabetical order.

Birnbaum's New York (HarperCollins, $16.75) delivers the goods, giving a reader a tantalizing overview of the Big Apple.

Fortification and the Synagogue (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, no Canadian price listed) is a beautiful coffee-table volume about one of the most fascinating tourist sites in Cairo — the Ben-Ezra synagogue. Edited by Phyllis Lambert, this lavishly-illustrated book is a cogent account of the synagogue's history and recent renovation.

Mediterranean Europe (Raincoast Books, $29.95) offers insights into 17 countries, some which are not even on the European continent (Morocco, Tunisia and Cyprus).

Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Anti-Semitism Explored in Vienna: An exhibition organized by the Jewish Museum of the City of Vienna, and due to open soon in a section of Vienna City Hall, focuses on the enduring problem of anti-Semitism in Europe.

The exhibit presents a variety of recurrent anti-Semitic images in paintings, objects and documents that reflect the prejudice of the wider population rather than any accurate reality of the Jewish people. The main objective is to represent the "power of the image" in the centuries-old phenomenon of Jew-hatred in Europe. On display from April 27 through July 23. Telephone: 43-1-535-04-31.

Vienna City Hall

Freedom Bells Ring in Norway: Church bells throughout Norway are set to chime on May 8 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Norway from the five-year Nazi occupation that ended only with Germany's capitulation in 1945. A planned exhibit at the century-old Norwegian Folk Museum in Oslo will focus on life during the occupation. Items on display include personal memorabilia of Norwegians who lived through that dark time. On May 3, King Harald and Queen Sonja are scheduled to visit Hammerfest in northern Norway, where the Nazi troops set fire to all the buildings in their retreat. As well, Norwegians plan to unveil a 59-foot national monument in tribute to the Allies in Narvik on May 7.

Norwegians led a notable campaign of resistance against the Nazis. In December 1942, U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt thundered: "If there is anyone who still wonders why this war is being fought, let him look to Norway. If there is anyone who doubts the democratic will to win, again I say, let him look to Norway."

Travellers on Norwegian trains can purchase a variety of money-saving rail passes including the Norway Rail Pass, Scan Rail passes and Eurail passes. Many travellers prefer to experience the dramatic scenery of Western Norway on bicycle; if you are one, contact Gerhard's Bicycle Odysseys, 503-223-2402. For information on Norwegian cruises, contact EuroCruises at 800-688-3876.

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Film and Music in Switzerland: Planning a Swiss vacation? Keep in mind that the Tibor Varga classical music festival gets underway in Sion on July 7 and runs to Sept. 13. Cinema lovers, take note that the Locarno International Film Festival runs August 3 to 13; this year's fest is devoted to celebrating film's first century, and features many retrospectives. A festival of films portraying the Swiss Alpine region runs in Les Diablerets, Sept. 25 to Oct. 1.

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Tangled Fish Nets and Red Tape: Since the beginning of the month, Canadians intending to visit Spain have required visas, a bureaucratic formality imposed by Spain as punishment for Canada's endeavoring to protect the fish stocks in the high seas off Newfoundland. Reports are rife of travellers rushing out to get passport-type photos at the last minute, even of cancelling trips. Canadians may be inconvenienced through such red-tape requirements, but Spain's Iberian Airlines and tourist industry are suffering even more.

Earlier this month, the Spanish Embassy in Ottawa and Iberian Airlines did everything they could to help a group of 360 people from IGA Canada attain visas in only 48 hours. "They assisted us in getting the visas," reports corporate travel planner Kim Simpson. "They knew that otherwise they would have had 360 people not going anywhere."

The ongoing "turbot war" between Canada and Spain is the most recent example of the necessity for travellers to keep informed of political developments that could impinge on their travel plans.

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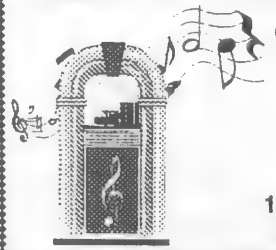

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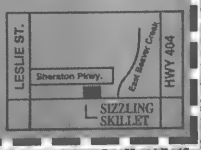

Jewish Film Festival previews

A scene from Like A Bride.

The third annual Toronto Jewish Film Festival gets under way May 4 at the Bloor Cinema. Staff writer Sheldon Kirshner previews three films. Further reviews will appear in the forthcoming editions.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Guita Schyfter's *Like A Bride* is a rarity in Mexican cinema — a film with a distinct Jewish voice.

Scheduled to be screened on May 7 at 5:30 p.m., *Like A Bride* turns on the coming of age of two strong-headed Jewish women — Oshinica (Oshi), a Sephardi, and Rifke, an Ashkenzi.

The two-hour movie covers all the bases: Jewish tradition, ethnicity, acculturation, Zionism, the Holocaust and anti-Semitism. It is a fine film, powered by a plausible script and deft acting.

Though largely set in the 1950s and 1960s, it begins as Oshi's Turkish grandparents arrive in Mexico in 1927.

The scene shifts to a crowded neighborhood in Mexico City, where Oshi grows up under the protective influence of her conservative, middle-class parents. Unbeknown to them, Oshi, an impressionable young thing, is taken to mass by the family maid, with all its attendant consquences.

Meanwhile, Rifke (Maya Mishalska), the daughter of Holocaust survivors, feels the weight of her Jewish identity and the pull of Mexican culture.

Schyfter develops these and other themes quite skillfully. And her portrait of Jewish life in Mexico, especially Sephardi, seems authentic.

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Mina Tannenbaum, due to be screened on May 4 at 7:30 p.m., is a French film directed by Martine Dugowson. It is the story of an enduring relationship between two friends.

They are Mina (Romane Bohringer) and Ethel Benegui (Elsa Zylberstein), both of whom struggle to assert themselves in the face of an inferiority complex about their looks.

Eventually, they blossom into attractive, accomplished women. Mina becomes a painter; Ethel, a journalist. But as they develop into intelligent, independent human beings, they find the pursuit of love and success daunting.

As well, Mina and Ethel discover that jealousy can intrude into even the most balanced friendship.

By turns poignant, humorous and downright tragic, *Mina Tannenbaum* unfolds through flashbacks, evoking the Paris of the 1970s onward. Bohringer and Zylberstein acquit themselves with elan.

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Kurt Weill (1900-1950), the brilliant German-Jewish composer, is the subject of Larry Weinstein's hard-edged documentary, *September Songs: The Music of Kurt Weill*, to be shown on May 7 at 8:20 p.m.

Jointly produced by German television, the CBC and Telefilm Canada, this is a stylish tribute to Weill's life and music.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

The "Forgotten" Jews of Yesha: What's life really like in Judea, Samaria and Gaza? What does it feel like to be boycotted by every major Jewish charity, as Jews in these territories have been recently? A new video produced by the Yesha Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza sets out to answer these questions. *The Forgotten Jews of Yesha* offers a glimpse into the world of an 11-year-old girl named Shira who lives in the town of Ofra, one of the more than 140,000 Jews of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. As Shira remarks, "I think Americans get the wrong ideas about us." For a copy of this documentary, call 212-276-1748 or write to the One Israel Fund, 17 East 45th St., New York N.Y. 10017.

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Books and Bagels: A quartet of Jewish women writers — Ann Dector, Libby Scheier, Rhea Tregebov and Helen Weinzweig — are scheduled to read from their works in the Wallin Lounge of the Bloor JCC, Sunday April 30 at 11.30 a.m. That was Tregebov on CBC Radio's *Metro Morning* last week. She discussed her formative years in Winnipeg and read one of her poems.

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Stage Centre Productions: This theatre group presents *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, which combines the hilarious incongruities of Latin comedy with the madcap nonsense of Vaudeville. "Brings back belly laughs!" said *Time* magazine of the original show, whose music and lyrics were written by Stephen Sondheim, and book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart, with apologies to Plautus. April 27 to May 13 at Fairview Library Theatre, 416-299- 5557.

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Yiddishkeit on St. Clair Avenue: The Mezzetta Cafe Restaurant (681 St. Clair Ave. W. at Christie) presents a virtual "festival of Jewish artists" on five evenings next month. Ahuva, a native Israeli singer with a dynamic style, is slated for May 3, and Judith Cohen, with Rob Simms and Tamar, performs authentic Sephardi songs from the Moroccan and Ottoman repertoires on May 10. The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Trio — David Buchbinder on trumpet, Sasha Luminsky on accordion, Paul Pacanowski on clarinet — appears May 17. The following week, on May 24, Allan Merovitz (vocals) and Brian Katz (piano and guitar) perform hartzedike lider (heartsongs), a homecoming performance for the duo after their first European tour. On May 31, singer Gloria Valentine explores the rich heritage of Yiddish story and song. Sets are at 9:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Cover charge $6. 416-658-5687.

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In Brief: The Forest Hill Art Club presents an exhibition of paintings and drawings on May 5 from 7 to 9 p.m., May 6 from 2 to 5 p.m., and May 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. 666 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto.

The Holy Blossom Temple Singers are set to perform alongside various church choirs in The Sacred Bridge, An Interfaith Choral Concert, at the Ford Centre of the Performing Arts, Recital Hall, 5040 Yonge St., North York, on Sunday May 28 at 8 p.m. Guest star is Dan Tullis Jr., who sings "Joe" in *Show Boat*.

Arts

Books

By Bernard Baskin

D. H. Lawrence: The Story of a Marriage by Brenda Maddox, Simon & Schuster $36.00

In 1912, Frieda von Richthofen (Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the star of the German air war in World War I, dubbed the "Red Baron," was her cousin) left her husband and three children to elope with David Herbert Lawrence aged 26, the outspoken, fledgling British writer.

This match couldn't have been made in heaven. Frieda was six years his senior, of German aristocratic stock, sexually free and adventurous and physically robust. Lawrence, on the other hand, was sickly, the son of a humble Midlands miner, ambivalent and uncertain about his sexuality and consumed with a passion for writing.

They were constantly on the move — Europe, America, Australia, Mexico — almost always short of money and their childless, turbulent marriage was never less than passionate and stormy. Periods of tranquil domesticity alternated with astonishing bouts of mutual, verbal and physical abuse. In fits of rage, Lawrence would beat his wife who often responded in kind. Their friends were appalled at the intensity of their antagonism but astonished at how quickly the volatile couple was reconciled. Obviously, they needed each other and over the 18 years of their marriage — until Lawrence died in 1930 at the age of 45 — their love-hate relationship was both enervating and replenishing.

The author of this lengthy and engrossing biography of Lawrence, with special emphasis on the role of Frieda on his life and work follows them on their travels across four continents and dissects their tangled relationship with friends from literary and intellectual circles.

Given his unsettled life, poor health and troubling penury, Lawrence's literary output was prodigious. He never stopped working and novels, short stories, essays, books on travel poured forth unceasingly from his pen.

There is no denying his impressive literary achievement, but his concept of the supreme importance of the individual and sex as a creative affirmation of life were mingled with unstable and quirky notions about blood consciousness and the "dark," mysterious, instinctive, sensual knowledge of life. It is no wonder that Bertrand Russell, once a good friend, maintained that some of his ideas "led straight to Auschwitz."

In many ways he was a disagreeable person and has been accused, with some justification, of misogyny, racism, ingratitude and callousness. He rejected democracy as well as the political equality of the sexes.

Maddox indicates that Lawrence "spoke with the casual anti-Semitism common to his day. There is no disguising that he saw Jews as very alien — but, ugly as some of his remarks appear to later generations, his was in no sense a blind bigotry, as some of his enduring friendships prove. "His collected letters show feelings of both closeness as well as animosity to Jews and Judaism. His brother-in-law Edgar Jaffe (a German professor of Economics), married to Frieda's older sister Elsa was disliked by the anti-Semitic Richthofens who, nevertheless, showed no reluctance about benefiting from his money after his death.

It is difficult in our era of sexual permissiveness to understand the outrage occasioned by some of his books. His frankness about sex and use of four-letter words kept him in constant trouble with the law. His last novel, *Lady Chatterly's Lover* (1928), caused a furore and was not published in unexpurgated form in the United States and England until 30 years later.

Lawrence's life has been examined many times, but Maddox explores the man and his work from the perspective of the 1990s and adds a new dimension to our understanding and appreciation. At the end, however, he remains an enigmatic personality — a many-sided figure of paradox and contraction — but undoubtedly one of the major literary influences of our age.

Play's reading evokes emotional response

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At a recently staged Winnipeg reading of a play based on the best-seller *None is Too Many*, an elderly woman in the audience was moved to shout "you bastard" at a heartless Canadian immigration official portrayed on stage.

The response did not surprise Kayla Gordon, artistic director of the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre (WJT), which needs a co-producer for a Toronto run.

"There was intense interest in *None is Too Many*," Gordon said. "We expected 100 people at the reading in Rosh Pina Synagogue but 350 showed up and we had to transfer it to a larger space."

Toronto playwright Jason Sherman is working on the final script and WJT is planning to give it a full production at the 300-seat Warehouse Threatre in the fall of 1996.

Funded through a Canada Council grant, the WJT first invited Toronto theatre director and performer Joel Greenberg to write the script. Sherman took over when Greenberg withdrew for personal reasons.

Gordon said Irving Abella and Harold Troper, the authors of the book, have seen the unfinished versions of the script.

"We would be thrilled to bring it to Toronto," she said. "The subject is particularly timely now."

Those in the Winnipeg production directed by Kim McCaw were Terri Cherniak, Richard Hurst, Arne McPherson, Rick Chafe and Kayla Gordon.

Canadian cruelty dramatized

The characters include Frederick Charles Blair, the deputy minister of immigration who denied Jewish refugees entry to Canada; Prime Minister Mackenzie King; U.S. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; three Jewish MPs; an average Joe Canadian; a Viennese refugee who must convert to Christianity to be allowed into Canada; and the late Saul Hayes of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Sherman has combined the real world of Ottawa politics with fictional elements to dramatize the inhumanity and cruelness of the Canadian government towards Jewish refugees.

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Salsberg, Michael on March 28, 1995
Sirota, Lillian on March 30, 1995, late of 3650 Bathurst St.
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Silbert, May Judith on March 31, 1995
Lofchick, Abraham on March 31, 1995
Samuel, Piroska on April 1, 1995, late of 55 Ameer Ave. #816
Hardy, George on April 2, 1995, late of 8171 Bathurst St. #812
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Jessie Redmond on March 17, 1995, late of 429 Walmer Rd.
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Sylvia Kellerman on March 22, 1995, late of 29 Sagebrush Lane
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Her first book, *Lovers: A Midrash*, was rejected by 17 Canadian publishers houses before it was finally accepted by Nuage Editions.

"I didn't feel personally rejected. But I did feel discouraged about ever getting it published," Ravel told *The CJN* recently while in Toronto promoting *Lovers*, which was released in November.

Ravel, 39, a lecturer in Midrash, Hebrew and Yiddish literature at McGill University, took a break from teaching to join a week-long promotion for seven Montreal anglophone writers organized by two Montreal-based publishers.

The writers gave 10 readings in six days at universities and pubs in Ottawa, Kingston, Peterborough and Toronto. One of the Toronto readings was taped by CBC radio for *The Arts Tonight*, while in Ottawa, the group met with MP Sheila Finestone, secretary of state for culture.

"Promoting the book has been hectic, but it's part of the process. You have to do it," Ravel said. "[The tour has] given me a lot of incentive to continue with my current novel and short stories."

She said her readings have been so well-received by audiences that she sold all the books she brought with her for the tour."I had no idea how [the book] would go over. I didn't expect such enthusiasm."

The unusual style of *Lovers* — a combination of prose and poetry — was influenced by Midrash, Ravel said.

"I was enthralled by the form of Midrash which was so different from anything I'd seen written ... The sages created text that the reader has to solve like a puzzle ... There are clues, but the reader creates the solution."

The stories in *Lovers* are set in both contemporary and biblical times. Ravel said she applied Midrashic style to the modern situations and inserted modern themes to interpret the lives of the sages, the writers of the Midrash.

She said she became fascinated with Midrash when she was a graduate student in the Department of Jewish Studies at McGill University, and she ended up doing her doctorate on it.

Lovers, which won the Nora Epstein award in 1991, a University of Toronto prize for the best unpublished student manuscript in drama or poetry, was published in Hebrew two years ago.

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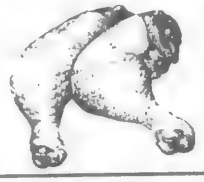

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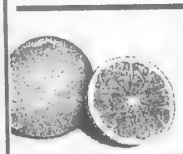

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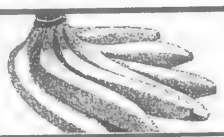

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WORLD MAYORS MEET

More than 40 mayors from around the world, including Vancouver, were in Israel recently for the 15th Jerusalem Conference of Mayors. The theme of this year's conference was the planning of economic development while preserving the environment and heritage. The meeting was hosted by Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert. ***Please see story on page 5.*** ***[ISRANET photo]***

War crimes case adjourned

BY PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There has been yet another delay in the effort to bring alleged Nazi war criminals to justice.

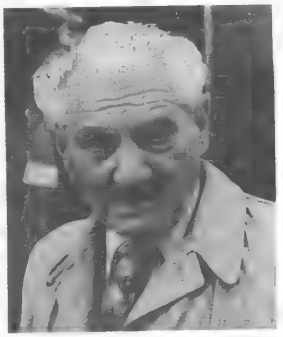
On Monday, Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) adjudicator Ed McNamara postponed the case involving suspected Nazi war criminal Joseph Nemsila to May 31 after Nemsila appeared at a deportation hearing without a lawyer.

"I have no money. I am a very poor man," Nemsila said in halting English. "I had a Slovak lawyer [in other proceedings] but he is running away from me. He is afraid."

McNamara met with Nemsila after the hearing to give him a list of Legal Aid lawyers.

A further delay may result when the hearing reconvenes. Justice Department lawyer Christopher Amerasinghe, who led the prosecution against Imre Finta, said it would take until the end of June to obtain a certified translation of legal documents into the Slovak language.

Monday's proceedings were slowed when Nemsila had difficulty understanding McNamara, even with the help of a Slovak interpreter. Later Nemsila appeared bewildered by the television lights and a torrent of questions from reporters as he left the downtown immigration offices.



Joseph Nemsila

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship alleges Nemsila entered Canada by fraudulent means or by misrepresenting his wartime activities. Nemsila, who lives in Oshawa, is a permanent resident of Canada and a citizen of the former Czechoslovakia.

Although the department declined to give further details, Nemsila confirmed to *CTV News* that he was a member of the Hlinka Guard, the Slovak equivalent of the German SS.

Nemsila told *CTV* he didn't hide his membership in the pro-Nazi organization and that he planned to fight the deportation. "My order was to go against the uprisers and put the uprisers down," he said. "I am not guilty. I am not involved personally in anything."

Sol Littman, Canadian head of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said beginning in 1958 Czechoslovakia twice requested Nemsila's deportation for war crimes. "Canada made no response to that whatsoever." Littman said he provided evidence about Nemsila's wartime activites to Canadian authorities in 1982 but again nothing resulted.

In an interview with reporters several days before Monday's hearing, Nemsila said the Jews were behind efforts to see him deported. "The Jews, the Jews, they will never change...If it will not stop at me it will go farther, they will go after the other people," he said.

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Militias' racism tracked

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The anti-government state militias and paramilitary groups linked to the Oklahoma City bombing have a long and frightening history of anti-Semitism, say American Jewish organizations.

Researchers who have tracked the U.S. extremists say hatred of Jews and dark conspiracies by Zionists form the philosophical underpinnings of their movement. Well-armed U.S. militias claim "that Jews and 'international bankers' are behind a repressive 'New World Order.' The idea of ordinary people being victimized by secret government conspiracies reflects the tenor, if not the content, of the [forged anti-Semitic tract] *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*," according to *Militias: A Growing Danger*, a report by the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

Canadian violence feared

Two paramilitary groups in Michigan and Arizona have become the focus of the April 19 bombing, which left scores dead and many more trapped in the federal building's ruins.

"Nonetheless," the AJC report continues, "the targets of the more extreme militia groups are not exclusively or even primarily Jews or other minorities. Environmentalists are also vilified. But most despised are government officials."

Jews are seen by many of the extremists as an evil force behind government, the report notes.

The militias, often made up of white supremacists and assorted racists, represent "a new manifestation of violent hate-group activity that

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NEXT WEEK

World War II came to an end on May 7, 1945. *The CJN* looks back on VE-Day, as well as Yom Ha'atzmaut in a special tribute.

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Mayor's Proclamation

TORONTO — Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall last week proclaimed April 27 — Yom Hashoah — as Holocaust Remembrance Day.

"The horrors of the Holocaust must never be forgotten. All members of our society must acknowledge and remember the loved ones and communities which perished; the difficulties Holocaust survivors had in rebuilding their broken lives; and many brave and dedicated people who fought valiantly for the defeat of Nazism and victory in Europe." Hall said in a statement.

Gazette Notes Omission

MONTREAL — The *Gazette* has admitted it failed to note the anti-Semitic nature of a photograph it published April 13.

The wire-service photo showed a group of protesting workers in Moscow holding a placard that showed drawings of Russian President Boris Yeltsin and U.S. President Bill Clinton wearing kippot, with a Star of David between them. Neither the caption nor the accompanying story made any mention of anti-Semitism.

Two days later, *Gazette* ombudsman Robert Walker wrote that the paper regretted the omission and that the photo should never have been published.

Historical Society Meets

MONTREAL — The Canadian Jewish Historical Society will hold its annual conference in Montreal May 28 and 29

The meeting will take place at the Université du Québec à Montréal, in conjunction with the annual Conference of Canadian Learned Societies.

Sessions will examine anti-Semitism in Canada, recent books in Canadian Jewish studies, the campaign for Syria Jewry and the future of Jews in Quebec.

A highlight, says society president Prof. Ira Robinson, will be a tribute to former Canadian Jewish Congress archivist David Rome.

For details, call Robinson at 514-848-2066.

ISRAEL

Protest Rally

JERUSALEM — More than 7,000 demonstrators participated last Monday in a march against government policy.

The march across the narrowest part of the country was meant to illustrate Israel's vulnerability if the government cedes control of the territories.

The 16-km march was organized by the Likud, National Religious Party, Tsomet and Moledet.

Labor Threatens MKs

JERUSALEM — The Labor Party last week threatened to take action against four of its MKs if they help the opposition Likud pass legislation to prevent ceding the Golan Heights to Syria.

The legislation was tabled last Monday as a private member's bill by Likud MK Uzi Landau. The four Labor MKs had originally proposed the same bill but the party forbade them from submitting it.

The party warned that if the MKs support the bill, it will be "safe to assume" they would not be allowed to stand in the next primaries as Knesset candidates.

Jews Pray at Caves

JERUSALEM — Under heavy police guard, hundreds of Jews prayed last Monday at the Machpela Cave in Hebron.

It was the first time Jews were exclusively allowed at the site for the day since the new security procedures were drafted, following the commission of inquiry into the Hebron massacre of February 1994.

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron praised the decision to open the entire site to Jews during Passover.

Interfaith Seder

JERUSALEM — Jews joined Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and Christians last week for a seder at Beit Shmuel, the cultural and educational centre of Israel's Reform movement.

A representative of each faith was asked to give a special prayer in the spirit of Passover. In keeping with environmental awareness, the meal was entirely vegetarian.

Motorcycle Unit Launched

JERUSALEM — This city's new police anti-terrorism motorcycle unit officially went into action last week amid questions about its potential effectiveness.

Police brass hope putting officers armed with M-16s on high-powered motorcycles will permit quick response to terrorism attacks.

But police brass concede the unit has its problems, including the difficulty of firing a weapon from a motorcycle and the fact that motorcyclists would also be an easy target for rock-throwers.

That's a Phone Bill!

JERUSALEM — Israel has threatened to cut telephone service to the Gaza Strip if the Palestinian Authority (PA) does not settle its debt to the phone company

The state-owned Bezek company says the PA owes 14 million shekels (about $5 million).

WORLD

China-Iran Deal?

UNITED NATIONS — China ignored U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's entreaties and insisted last week it would proceed with a nuclear deal with Iran.

The U.S.-China disagreement surfaced at the opening of the United Nations conference on the future of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

China's potential deal with Iran is over two 300-megawatt water reactors and transfer of technology.

"No nation ought to go forward with nuclear cooperation with Iran," Christopher stated. He called Iran the most ardent opponent of peace in the Middle East.

Homosexual Jews Protest

NEW YORK — A group of gay and lesbian Jews has begun a campaign to protest what they believe is discriminatory treatment by the organizers of New York's Salute to Israel Parade.

Members of JAGL: Jewish Activist Gays and Lesbians have gathered 300 signatures on petitions to the American Zionist Youth Foundation, which organizes the largest annual parade in the country honoring the founding of Israel.

Last week, the group inquired about marching in the May 21 event, but was told it was too late to apply. Event organizers say the application deadline was Feb. 1.

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Accusations fly at HLI conference

Anti-Semitic charges denied by group's leader

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Far from being apologetic over accusations that his anti-abortion organization, Human Life International (HLI), is anti-Semitic, its president, Father Matthew Habiger, challenged Jews to live up to the values of their religion and join his campaign against "the culture of death."

At a recent press conference here during the Maryland-based HLI 14th World Conference on Live, Life and the Family, Father Habiger said it is a "terrible mistake for anyone to call us anti-Semitic or racist ... We are culture-indifferent and culture blind. We enlist all those who appreciate the value of life."

He singled out B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) national vice-president Stephen Scheinberg, who had compared HLI's charge that Jews are disproportionately represented among abortionists and in the pro-choice leadership to the "blood libel" of the Middle Ages.

"Mr. Scheinberg and BB champion human rights. HLI protects unborn Jewish babies. I ask, when will you begin to do so also?" Father Habiger challenged.

He pointed to the support HLI has received, in particular, from Orthodox Jews, some of whom he claims share HLI's fundamentalist Roman Catholic views on this matter.

Among the participants in the conference were Rabbi Yehuda Levin, a radio talk show host in New York; and Dr. Bernard Nathanson, also of New York, a physician who used to perform abortions but now opposes them.

HLI came prepared to handle its critics charges of anti-Semitism. A "position paper" given to the media blames BBC and the "liberal Canadian media" for spreading that accusation.

BBC's main evidence of anti-Semitism is a 1987 article by HLI founder Father Paul Marx, entitled *Pro-Abortion Jews and the New Holocaust*, in which he writes: "The same segment of the Jewish community that accuses the Pope of insensitivity to the Jewish Holocaust not only condones, but has more or less led the greatest Holocaust of all time, the war on unborn babies."

The position paper counters: "HLI's detractors conveniently leave out the part where Father Marx writes that Jewish supporters of abortion 'are disloyal to the teachings of Judaism.' [Father Marx] criticizes pro-abortion Catholics much more often and in the same spirit, because these individuals are betraying the moral tenets of their respective faiths."

The paper quotes Father Marx as urging Jews to form specifically Jewish pro-life organizations "to take back the leadership of the Jewish community from the pro-abortionists. By doing so, you will not only help save millions of non-Jewish babies, you may well help save the Jewish nation from the truly 'final solution' of abortion."

At the press conference, Scheinberg demanded that HLI drop all references to the religion, ethnicity or race of "those you brand as murderers."

Holding up a piece of matzah Scheinberg said, "Once again — during Passover — the hideous accusation of ritual murder, that Jews are responsible for the killing of Christian babies, has new life in the trinity of evil of Jewish doctors, Jewish feminists and Jews in the media, according to HLI."

Joining Scheinberg and BBC regional League for Human Rights chair Allan Adel, were Father Joseph Sullivan of St. Richard's (Catholic) Church in Cote St. Luc, Concordia University Protestant chaplain Rev. Matti Terho, and Brad Vanderbilt, representing the Unitarian Church.

Father Sullivan emphasized that he appeared as a parish priest, and not on behalf of the Archdiocese, and would not comment on what his superiors should do.

While denouncing HLI's leaders for "intolerant" ideas capable of "inciting hatred" against Jews, gays and Muslims, the BBC officials were careful to state that they do not doubt that most HLI members "act in good faith and are devoted to their cause."

BBC did not take part in the demonstration outside Notre Dame Basilica, where HLI held its opening mass. (The closing mass was conducted by Pearce Lacey, auxiliary bishop emeritus of Toronto.)

BBC had originally asked the Catholic Archdiocese not to allow HLI to use the basilica, but Scheinberg said that, following a meeting with Vicar-General Neil Willard, it accepted the Church's position that it could not deny any group of Catholics the right to worship.

"He assured us that the Church's connection with HLI ended when they left the basilica door," Scheinberg said.

Scheinberg accused those Jews who support HLI of being "very conservative or right-wing Americans" who are "covering up for their political allies," or else, "very gullible." In February, HLI published a half-page ad in Montreal newspapers signed by 44 Jews saying BB's charge of anti-Semitism is "too preposterous to be given any credibility."

BBC has no position on abortion, Scheinberg stressed, but he ventured to say that "the overwhelming number of Jews in the United States and Canada accept it, perhaps reluctantly."

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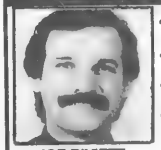
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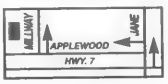

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Abella winds down term as president of Congress

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With his Canadian Jewish Congress presidency over in May, Irving Abella says goodbye to one of his two full-time jobs — the other being a professor of Canadian history at York University.

"I've enjoyed the job more than I should have," he said. "The Jewish community in Canada is a complex and fascinating one, even more complex than I suspected."

A keen student of Canadian affairs, Abella loved that part of his job that took him into every major Jewish community from the Atlantic to the Pacific. "Every region thinks that they are the most important and of course they're right," he remarked.

In Kelowna, B.C., in the Okanagan Valley, one Friday night, the first appearance of a CJC president there, 200 people greeted him, some from Salmon Arm, Revelstoke, Vernon and Whitehorse. He is unequivocal in his support of a policy to enable small Jewish communities to survive.

"It used to be that there was always a Jew at every stop the train made on the way from Halifax across Canada," he said.

Congress has emerged as a major player in debates on social policy in Canada as a result of the effort it made on behalf of the Yes vote in the Constitution debate. "We lost that vote but we gained credibility as the leading spokesperson for the ethnic communities, the non-governmental organizations and human rights groups."

Abella is proud of Congress' role in getting the International Red Cross to consider giving official status to Magen David Adom in Israel, a conflict of 30 years standing.

Irving Abella

Congress took action for the first time in having a student as one of its 20 officers and as a member of every one of its committees. "We've been neglectful of youth," Abella said. "The universities are the great wasteland. This is where we lose our kids. We are concentrating more of our energies on the universities and this is a fundamental change."

The Canadian Jewish community is the fastest growing in the Diaspora, he points out. "We're the fourth largest. We've passed Britain and we're catching up to Russia. What would make me happy is if we could be as secure and inspiring in the 21st century in Canada as we are in leaving the 20th."

Abella was heavily involved in the tour that took 20 Canadian university presidents to Israel, where they met their counterparts and inaugurated some joint research projects, also becoming involved in Jewish Studies programs in their own universities.

"Intolerance is the world's biggest growth industry and the insensitivity and intolerance to immigrants in this country has surprised me and it shouldn't have, considering the research I have done on immigration as a historian," Abella said.

While hoping it's part of a cycle, Abella notes that anti-immigrant feeling is worldwide, caused by economic difficulties and unemployment, with every country feeling under attack by a surge of potential immigrants. Congress is busy on a day-to-day level with other ethnic groups in countering this anti-immigrant wave, he noted.

A tour of Israel by university presidents had never been undertaken by any other country, he said, and he is gratified that his own status in academe helped to recruit the Canadians who participated. "When they got back to Canada, the presidents spoke out publicly on behalf of Israel's cause," he said.

One highlight of his CJC years was the meeting of the executive of the CJC in Israel when Congress officers met with ambassadors of Egypt and Jordan.

On the community relations front, he is most proud of Congress' coalition with the Sikh community in opposition to the Canadian Legion policy in banning turbans.

The Congress delegation was the largest at the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, outnumbering even that of Israel, and included survivors with their children and grandchildren.

"This was the most inspiring moment of my presidency," he said. "It was an important message we gave to the world: The attempt to wipe out the Jews had failed."

For the first time, Congress arranged for the Jewish War Veterans to hold a ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa commemorating D-Day.

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From coast to coast

Vancouver's mayor joins conference in Jerusalem

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The greater autonomy given to Israel's mayors and municipal councils made a deep impression on Vancouver Mayor Philip Owen, who attended a recent conference of mayors in Jereusalem.

Mayors are held in high esteem in Israel, Owen said in a phone interview with *The CJN*, and have control over civic financing and taxation for education, housing, social services and other local needs.

"They're treated almost like royalty," he said, in comparison to Canadian mayors.

Owen was the only Canadian invited to this year's annual conference and just the second Canadian mayor to attend. Israel invites about 40 mayors from all over the world to discuss planning, economic development and the environment.

Owen said 39 mayors were present this year, including 10 from the United States and others from Uganda, Sweden, Britain, Germany and South America. The event is hosted by the Israel government.

"We talked from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.," Owen said. "And after-dinner discussions went on until far into the night. It was very exciting."

Owen said there are similarities between his and Israel's cities. "They're developing residential districts right in the heart of the business area," he said, "the same as we're now doing in Vancouver."

Owen was impressed with the urban landscaping and praised the landscaped barricades on Tel Aviv's major streets, which prevent motorists from making unauthorized left turns and discourage jaywalking.

Owen met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, and had dinner with former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek. Kollek will be in Vancouver May 28 for a Yom Yerushalayim celebration being arranged by Canadian Friends of Hebrew University. Owen plans to invite Kollek to a civic event when he is here.

Owen and his wife stayed on in Israel for a few days after the week-long conference ended. They went north to the Galilee region, where Jewish National Fund officials took them to the B.C. Forest, to which many Vancouverites have contributed.

But it was the special treatment he received at Ben-Gurion Airport on his way home that convinced Owen being a mayor in Israel is special. When an airport official learned he was a mayor, Owen and his wife were taken out of a long lineup "and [we were] whisked through security and customs."

Prime Minister Rabin greeting Mayor Owen.

Yom Hazikaron ceremony planned

TORONTO — The Jewish community is invited to attend the annual Yom Hazikaron assembly sponsored by the Israeli Consulate, in honor of Israel's fallen soldiers.

It will be held at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., on May 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Among the speakers will be the congregation's Rabbi Philip Scheim and Israel Consul General Dror Zeigerman.

Memorial candles will be lit and Kaddish recited by relatives of the soldiers. An Order of the Day from Israeli Chief of Staff Gen. Amnon Shahak is to be read and K'El Maleh Rachamin will be chanted by Cantor Yehuda Rotner.

There will be English readings for those in the audience who do not understand Hebrew. The program also includes members of the Israeli youth movement Tsabar and the Ne'Imot choir. The lowering of the Israeli flag will be part of the assembly.

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Media advertising advocated to help women acquire gets

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Exposing the names of men who refuse to give their estranged wives a get (a Jewish divorce) through media advertising is one of the tactics the newly restructured Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get is considering when all else fails in particularly stubborn cases.

The coalition, active for several years in Montreal, is now a fully national organization, bringing together nine major Jewish women's groups.

Some 50 representatives of these groups from across Canada met for a recent three-day retreat at Camp B'nai Brith in the Laurentians where they hammered out a common plan of action.

President Evelyn Brook of Montreal said the coalition's main goal is to raise awareness in the Jewish community of the get issue, provide support to agunot and, when necessary, use a little muscle on recalcitrant husbands.

The coalition believes that communal disapprobation and ostracism is the strongest remedy available at this point, given the unlikelihood of any change in Jewish law, Brook said.

"Those who refuse to give a get are abusing Jewish law and in so doing are abusing their wives. The community should let these men know that such behavior is unacceptable," she said.

The coalition will be asking Jewish federations, synagogues and other institutions to deny honors to recalcitrant husbands.

In extreme cases, she said the coalition may publish these men's names either in the Jewish media or circulating them through the synagogues. Through its contact with the International Coalition for Agunah Rights (ICAR), the Canadian network will try to keep tabs on men who have come here from other countries where they abandoned their wives.

Establishing an information telephone line and/or a mailing address in every Jewish community in Canada is a high priority as well. Trained volunteers will provide information and advice to agunot or others with divorce problems. It is also hoped this will enable the coalition to gain a more precise idea of how many agunot (women who cannot remarry within traditional Judaism because of the lack of a get) there are in this country.

Prevention, of course, is better than a cure. The coalition will conduct a letter-writing campaign requesting that all rabbis require engaged couples to draw up a prenuptial agreement on the get before they officiate at their wedding — already standard practice in Montreal.

The coalition also hopes that an annual vigil in solidarity with agunot will be held in every Jewish community on the eve of the Feast of Esther, just before Purim.

Each local chapter of the coalition will be drawing up a list of lawyers considered sympathetic to the issue and knowlegeable about the federal Divorce Act provision that, if invoked, can hold up a civil divorce decree until the get process has been completed.

The members of the coalition are: B'nai Brith Women of Canada, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, Emunah Women of Canada, Na'amat Canada, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, the status of women committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Toronto Jewish Women's Federation, Women's Canadian ORT and Women's FEDERATION CJA (Montreal). In addition, representatives of the Saskatchewan and Atlantic Jewish Councils attended the retreat.

The retreat received funding from the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Montreal and a private foundation.

CJC campaign goes into full gear

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJC Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) presidential campaign has started, with candidates Goldie Hershon and Thomas Hecht each receiving the support of prominent community members.

Hershon, a past CJC Quebec regional chair, was first out of the blocks, with the announcement that past president Milton Harris of Toronto and national unity chair Max Bernard of Montreal are co-chairing her campaign.

Hershon is also benefiting from the experience of her husband Sheldon, who was a key organizer for MNA Lawrence Bergman.

In a prepared statement, Harris and Bernard said Hershon can "uphold the traditions" of CJC and has the "sensitivity" needed during "this crucial period" in the history of Canadian Jewry and Canada as a whole.

Hecht, who declared his candidacy in February, unveiled a campaign committee that includes past CJC president Irwin Cotler; retired executive vice-president Alan Rose; Sen. Leo Kolber; Federation CJA president Lester Lazarus; Joe Benarroch, president of the Canadian Sephardic Federation; and former Hadassah-WIZO president Naomi Frankenburg of Vancouver.

There will be a "meet the candidates" session on the first day of the May 14-15 Plenary Assembly where delegates will vote.

Hershon thinks she would make the better president because she has devoted 16 years to CJC working through the ranks from volunteer to national vice-president. She has resigned her position as chair of the Plenary Assembly.

Hecht, currently chair of the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec region, feels being a relative newcomer to CJC should not be a factor in his suitability.

The Czech-born Hecht proposes to create a "Jewish rainbow coalition" where Jews of "all shades" can feel involved. His campaign theme is Accommodation Instead of Confrontation in Jewish Communal Life.

This is the first race for the CJC presidency in nine years, when Dorothy Reitman won over David Satok.

Three other officer positions are being contested. Montrealers Frank Schlesinger, a lawyer and CJC veteran, and economist Sam Totah, who has been a member of the Communauté Sépharade du Québec, are vying for the secretary's post.

Running for treasurer are chartered accountants Harold Brief of Toronto, current Ontario region treasurer, and Zave Climan, treasurer of Montreal's Congregation Shaar Hashomayim.

Raphael "Robbie" Diamond, a University of Toronto student, and Sheva Medjuck, a sociology professor at Halifax's Mount Saint Vincent University, are the candidates for associate chair of the national executive.

Acclaimed were Renee Switzer Bellas of Vancouver as chair of the national executive and Keith Landy of Toronto as honorary counsel.

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Blacks to be honored

TORONTO — International media baron Conrad Black and his wife, Barbara Amiel Black, will be honored by the Jerusalem Foundation at a tribute dinner here May 25.

Black, the owner of the *Jerusalem Post*, was chosen for the honor because "he is almost a citizen now of Jerusalem," said former Jerusalem mayor and foundation chair Teddy Kollek from his Jerusalem office.

Amiel Black, a columnist for the *Toronto Sun* and for her husband's London, England *Daily Telegraph*, "has been closely connected with Jerusalem affairs for many years as a journalist," Kollek said.

The Jerusalem Foundation, founded in 1966 by Kollek just after he won the first of six mayoral terms, funds arts and cultural programs for all the city's residents.

The money raised by the Black tribute dinner, to be held in the 1,000-seat Metro Convention Centre, will go towards one of five projects: the Jerusalem Film Centre; the film wing of a high school for performing arts; the Tower of David Museum; the city's libraries; or a sports centre for the handicapped.

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מיר פייערן 50 יאָר נאָך אונדזער באַפרייאונג אָן טומל, אָן טענץ און אָן מוזיק. מיר האָבן באַצאָלט אַ צו טייערן פּרייז, מיר זאָלן קענען היינט יובלען. פּסיכיאַטאָרן און פּסיכאָלאָגן האָבן במשך פון די 50 יאָר געפאָרשט אונדז און אונדזערע קינדער און באַהאָנגען אונדז, אונדזערע קינדער און אפילו אונדזערע איניקלעך מיט פאַרשיידענע נעמען פון עמאָציאָנעלע קראַנקייטן. זיכער האָבן אַזעלכע איבערלעבונגען במשך פון זעקס יאָר געמוזט לאָזן עמאָציאָנעלע שפּורן. דאָך זיינען מיר עקשנותדיק ווייטער געגאַנגען. אויפגעבויט היימען, דערצויגן קינדער און ביינעטראָגן צו דער יידישער און אַלגעמיינער געזעלשאַפט מיט וואָס מיר האָבן געקענט. היינט צו די 50 יאָר נאָך דער באַפרייאונג ווילט זיך מיר הייבן דעם כּוס און באַגריסן אַלע מיינע מיטבאַפרייטע. מיר האָבן ניט פאַרשעמט אונדזערע קדושים. זיי לעבן אין אונדז. מיר דערמאָנען זיי מיט ליבשאַפט און יראת-הכּבוד, און דערפאַר זיינען זיי ניט געשטאָרבן. מיר האָבן אין אונדזערע קינדער איינגעפלאַנצט די פאַרשטענדעניש פאַר ליבע, פריינדשאַפט און שלום, ווי עס האָבן עס אין אונדז איינגעפלאַנצט אונדזערע מאַמעס צווישן די חורבות, ביים פייער פון די קרעמאַטאָריעס.

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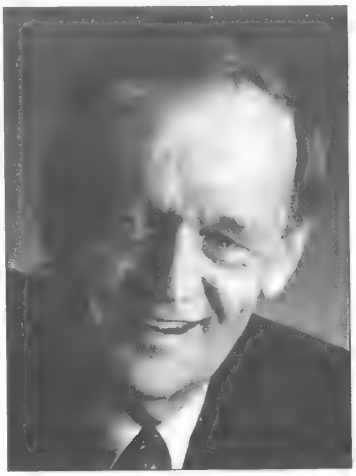

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...first, to survive as Jews, lest the Jewish people perish; second, to remember in our very guts and bones the martyrs of the Holocaust, lest their memory perish; third, we are forbidden to deny or despair of God, however much we may have to contend with Him or with belief in Him, lest Judaism perish; and fourth, we are forbidden to despair of the world, lest we help make it a meaningless place in which everything is permitted."

In a deeply moving and even courageous Perspectives essay Rabbi Mark Dratch also reflects upon the question of Jewish response. He concludes that a "fitting response is a classically Jewish one, that is, to use suffering as a springboard to improve and ennoble our relationship with God and with Israel, with our Jewishness and our humanity."

Like Fackenheim, Rabbi Dratch reminds us, indeed urges us, that the only response to darkness is light; the only response to hatred is decency; the only response to the denial of Jewish life is its renewal, strengthened, enriched and eternal.

In America's Heartland

As of this writing, 78 bodies have been counted and identified; many more lie in body bags, crushed and not identified; but hundreds have not yet been found. Such was the human toll of the Oklahoma City bombing last week.

True to President Bill Clinton's promise to the American people immediately after the carnage, law enforcement agencies have acted quickly and with some success. They have apprehended a key suspect; other possible suspects are in custody. And if reports in the American media are accurate, the agencies appear to be casting a wider net of responsibility for the Oklahoma deaths among a dangerous web of paramilitary groups, which includes racists, supremacists, anti-Semites and skinheads.

These reports, though harrowing, come as no surprise. Experts have long warned that this tangle of twisted extremists is very dangerous. A double knot ties them together: hatred and violence. Indeed it is the same knot which binds all militant extremists who disdain the lives of others whether they are Oklahoma murderers, right-wing Japanese terrorists or members of Islamic Jihad. Their immediate targets are defenceless individuals. And as Oklahoma City proved yet again, even infants are "legitimate" quarry.

Their ultimate targets, however, are the democratic institutions of the societies which they scorn. They cede authority to no one but themselves, to their megalomania and to their weapons. Surely therefore, the time has come for the democracies of the world to join in common cause to untangle this twisted, distorted skein.

At the memorial service held last Sunday, Clinton stated that there was a "...duty to purge ourselves of these dark forces." We commend his sense of duty. And we commend Prime Minister Jean Chretien for echoing the president's sentiments. But they must be taken to the next level, namely, a collaborative plan of action to oppose, isolate, and uproot terrorism in all its forms.

Hate and terror have plunged their deadly dagger into the heartland of America. The American public feels understandably, alarmed, fearful, angry and vulnerable. The editorial in the *Baltimore Sun* last Thursday captured the mood very succinctly: "If Oklahoma City, then anywhere."

This is the very point which the Jewish people has emphasized for decades.

Dry Bones

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Likes new secular Haggadah

Regarding the April 6 article "Secular Association Updates Haggadah."

I commend the Secular Jewish Association for updating this year's Haggadah. While it reflects on the biblical story of Exodus from Egypt, it also incorporates other themes of liberation from Jewish history. Included is the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the birth of the State of Israel, and the oppression of Soviet Jewry.

While as an Orthodox Jew I follow the traditional Haggadah on the seder nights, I also incorporate the remembrance of past Jewish liberations. I applaud the Secular Jewish Association for the effort of giving secular Jews something they can relate to in Jewish history and to be proud of.

Melissa Melnick
Toronto

Why do terrorists ignore Arafat?

Following the last double terrorist attack in Israel, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin appeared at long last to question PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's sincerity. It proved to be a fleeting spell of rationality, as shortly afterwards, he, in chorus with his chosen partner, Arafat, repeated the stale, deceiving refrain that terrorists are the enemies of peace.

Just to refresh our memories, the enemies of peace in Lebanon assassinated Bashir Gemael after he signed the peace agreement with Israel, putting an end to it.

Wouldn't it be rational to assume if those "enemies of peace" were bent on breaking the peace process, they would have turned against Arafat at least once?

The reality, however, is that they are in cahoots with Arafat — in spite of their internecine squabbles — and share the same plan, that of the annihilation of Israel. Until now, their tactic has been quite effective and they undoubtedly expect it to be more successful in the future.

Isaac Josy
Toronto

The Scheininger nomination

Your article regarding the Liberal nomination of Les Scheininger in the provincial riding of Willowdale (*CJN* April 6) implied that I withdrew from the campaign as a result of either: (a) the scare tactics used against me during the early part of the nomination; or (b) Scheininger's entrance into the race. Each of those suggestions could not be further from the truth.

I have never believed in succumbing to intimidation, especially in the political process. I was proud to be running as a Jewish candidate and felt disgusted that hate became a tool or strategy in trying to remove me from the nomination race.

My decision to withdraw from the Willowdale nomination was due to personal and business concerns and made quite independent of Scheininger's entrance into the campaign. To be sure, once I made my intentions known, I was asked by senior members of the Liberal Party to endorse Scheininger and support his candidacy.

Howard I. Shore
Toronto

50 years after the liberation

Democratic people the world over are now commemorating the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps.

When the Red Army liberated the camps of Eastern Europe, they found sick and emaciated victims who in most cases were near death. As the liberators pried open the gates of the barracks, some of the victims thought they were SS storm troopers coming to kill off the survivors. Some collapsed from fear until they learned the truth.

The Nazi rulers of the camps, fearing the arrival of the Allied liberators, decided to abandon the camps and run towards the West. But in their final acts of desperation, they gathered the surviving victims and marched them over the frozen terrain, for hundreds of miles, towards the still-occupied territories. This was the beginning of the horrible death marches, during which hundreds perished, and many more were shot by the Nazis.

The Allied armies, under General Eisenhower, liberated the camps in the territories located farther west, such as Dachau, Buchenwald, Mathausen, Bergen-Belsen and others. When Eisenhower visited one of the camps and saw the kilometre-long ditches, filled with broken skeletons of murdered men, women and children, he exclaimed in horror: "Could this have happened in the heart of civilized Europe?"

There is no doubt the Jewish people were the main victims of the mad theory of racist superiority, losing six million men and women, including 1.5 million children. This horrible crime, with no equal in the entire history of mankind, was exposed in its full ugliness at the trials in Nurenberg. It led to the liquidation of one-third of an entire nation.

The Nazi hierarchy was united around the decision, taken at the Wansee Conference on Jan. 20, 1942, to liquidate the Jewish people of Europe.

Humanity will stand ashamed for generations that it could produce such wild animals as the Nazi hangmen. Christian civilization and European society will bear the shame for the fact that in the heart of Europe was born and grew such a gruesome and murderous regime.

It took a river of our people's blood for Pope John XXIII to create a new prayer, the one beginning "God, forgive us for the lies, hatred and curses that we directed against the Jewish people."

Israel Kopyto
Toronto

CORRECTION

Sarah Ostrzega Greening was in five concentration camps. An editing error in her April 20 article on this page left the impression that she was in 10.

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Perspectives

YOM HASHOAH

Remembrance of things past

By RABBI MARK DRATCH

I begin with a confession: I am a fourth generation American. I have no close relatives who were killed during the Shoah. I have no childhood friends who are children of survivors. In the shul where I was raised, there were only a few survivors, to whom it was difficult to relate. I perceived them as somehow distant, strange and exotic.

The exception was Mr. Klein, the old shammas, whom I would visit on Shabbat afternoons to study a bit of Talmud. From him I heard stories of his experiences with the Nazis and in the camps. And so I was aware of the Shoah, I attended memorial gatherings and marches, I read books and saw films; but I was an outsider to the pain, the anguish and the suffering. The experiences belonged to others.

Over the years, through personal and intellectual experiences, through a matured relationship with the Jewish community, and, most important, through personal friendships and associations with many survivors and their families, the Shoah has become mine as well.

As more years go by, however, fewer and fewer people will be able to have these personal encounters and more and more people will be distanced by time and geography from the ovens of Auschwitz. The heat of the scorching flames of the crematoria will be cooled and the chill of the biting winters in concentration camps will be tempered. The oceans of tears will dry and the echoes of cries will fade. More and more people will know fewer and fewer survivors. As the Shoah becomes less an immediate, personal experience and more a distant, historical account, how will we ensure the survival of its memory?

Many of us look to the survivors for direction. We think that, somehow, their suffering endowed them with unique insight and profound understanding. Yet, many survivors cannot come to terms with their own ordeals and many still hesitate to talk about their experiences. Even 50 years after liberation their wounds are raw and their nightmares terrifying. Although physically liberated, many remain emotionally, psychologically and spiritually imprisoned.

Survivors seek closure for themselves and their loved ones. They trek through life carrying their dead in their arms looking for a way and a place to give them rest. The backs of their gravestones in our cemeteries bear the names of parents, spouses and children who do not have Jewish matzeivot (tombstones). Monuments are erected in cemeteries and in public places. Kaddish is said. K'El Maleh Rachamims are chanted. And yet those who survived and those whom they survived have no rest. The survivors cannot forget and they cannot allow others to forget. Their memories and their stories dare not be buried, they must remain forever alive.

And the survivors' responses are not monolithic. Some lost God in the trains to Auschwitz, others walked with Him as they entered the crematoria. Some abandoned their faith, others left great legacies of spiritual heroism as they observed Passover and Yom Kippur and other rituals in the ghettos and the camps, often at great peril to their lives. Some abandoned their Jewishness after the war, others intensified it. To whom do we turn for "the" answer?

Because I feel that I am an outsider, I hesitate. I confess that I am uncomfortable speaking about the Shoah from the pulpit.

Shortly after liberation, pondering the future. [Gerhard Schoenberner, *The Yellow Star*]

I feel inadequate to preach to survivors. What can I, a young man who grew up in the freedom and security of late 20th century North America, add to their understanding? How can I help others understand or even relate to this event? Yet, as a rabbi and as a Jew I must respond. I do so with humility.

Peoples' theological responses to the Shoah are diverse. Some, feeling forsaken by God, abandon Him; others seek to justify Him. Although I believe in a good and just God and in the ultimate sense of the universe, I refuse to suggest a theodicy. I consider many of the attempts to explain the Holocaust to be feeble or platitudinous and think that the assorted stabs at pointing the finger of blame and specifying sins which others (and not their accusers) have committed to be callous and, at times, scandalous.

Although I am a person of faith, because I make no claim of definitive understanding of my God, I share the anxiety of those who live in a world where, as British poet Matthea Arnold described in *Dover Beach*, the "sea of faith" is no longer full. For many of us there is "Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain; / And we are here as on a darkling plain / Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight. / Where ignorant armies clash by night."

Yet my uncertainty does not paralyze me. My own feelings echo the position of my teacher, Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, of blessed memory, who asserted that it is response, and not explanation, that is the most essential.

Not all responses are appropriate. For too many people, the Shoah has become a secular religion and a stronger bond to their Judaism than Sinai. For too many, the shadows of Auschwitz are stronger than the light of Jerusalem, and death and destruction more powerful than a living, dynamic Judaism. For too many, suffering is hallowed and emphasis is placed on the victimization, persecution, and annihilation of the Jews.

This is unjust, unwise and, ultimately, destructive. The six million were not only victims, they were Jews and human beings, men and women with names, members of families and successes and failures, loves and hates, pasts and aborted futures. We too often strip the six million of their history and humanity, and treat them as anonymous victims whose only value is in how they suffered and how they died.

Consider the March of the Living, a two-week tour of Poland and Israel for adolescents and young adults. Although it is a worthwhile educational program which I had the privilege of chaperoning a year ago, it is flawed. Too many of the participants spend too much of the time "luxuriating" in death. It is easy to understand why. The rows of barbed wire and miles of train tracks and piles of shoes and mounds of hair and heaps of ashes are enough to haunt anyone for more than a lifetime.

But the program does not do enough to help these young adults appreciate the richness of Jewish life prior to the onset of the war and the magnitude of the Israeli and Jewish experiences after the war.

But Judaism is more than persecution and suffering. Jews have value for how they lived, not just how they died. Pragmatically, young Jews are not inspired by suffering. They do not long for anti-Semitism and have no masochistic urge to be part of a people who are predestined only for persecution. They will remain identified with our culture, faithful to our people and committed to our faith only if they find purpose and value in their Jewishness. Young people will not remember the six million if they do not identify with something beyond their victimization and if they do not understand why it is essential to perpetuate their memories in the first place.

Perhaps Hans Meyerhoff, in his *Time in Literature*, best summarized our challenge: "Thus a situation has developed which is quite paradoxical in human terms: The barriers of the past have been pushed back as never before; our knowledge of the history of man and the universe has been enlarged on a scale and to a degree not dreamed of by previous generations. At the same time, the sense of identity and continuity with the past, whether our own or history's, has gradually and steadily declined. Previous generations knew much less about the past than we do, but perhaps felt a much greater sense of identity and continuity with it ..."

While any response seems petty and inconsequential in the shadow of the numbing magnitude and intensity of the anguish of the Shoah, inaction and impotence would be blasphemous. It seems to me that a fitting response is a classically Jewish one, that is, to use suffering as a springboard to improve and ennoble our relationship with God and with Israel, with our Jewishness and our humanity. We have the personal and spiritual resources if only we would tap into them. This is not an insensitive suggestion.

Our capacity to remember the lives of the dead depends on how we choose to live our lives; the endurance of the physical and spiritual strengths of the survivors depends on how we develop our own strengths; and the resurrection of the six million souls from the fires of the crematoria depends on the types of passions we spark in our souls and in the hearts and minds of new generations of Jews. These responses will give meaning to the deaths — and, most importantly, the lives — of the six million. These responses will give purpose to the lives of their decendants and will give those who never knew anyone who personally survived, or even never knew anyone who ever knew anyone who knew someone who survived, reasons to remember.

Our responses to the Shoah may be varied, but to meet the goals of the perpetuation of the Jewish people and the continuation of memory, they must inspire us to reaffirm our Judaism, to cultivate our relationship with God, to invigorate our observance of mitzvot, to intensify our study of Torah and tradition, and to strengthen our bond to the community of humanity, the Jewish people and the State of Israel. Only then will there be a Jewish people that can remember. Only then will there be a Jewish people that wants to remember.

A classically Jewish response.

Opinions

Fifteen minutes to eight

The Rabbi Gamliel Plaut

During the recent months I have written several columns about materials which I have found while preparing for our move to a new location. In retrospect, nothing received as much comment from my readers than the Rules of Life laid down by my late mother and my late mother-in-law. Wherever I have met people, they tell me how much the thoughts of these two women meant to them. Many had cut out the articles, and several asked me for replacement copies. By a strange coincidence these two women — who would be very much surprised that even after they passed on, they continue to make an impression upon the world — were born on April 1 and April 2, respectively, albeit in different years.

I have also shared with you a number of envelopes that were insufficiently addressed but reached me nonetheless because somebody in the post office really cared. Lest I give you the impression that this kind of thing could happen only in days long gone, take a look at an envelope which was dated 1963. Mailed from Wingham, Ont., it was addressed as follows:

The Rabbi X, 15 minutes to 8 a.m., Station CBL, Toronto.

The post office took pains in calling radio station CBL and inquired whether a rabbi had appeared in one of its morning programs. In consequence, the office addressed the letter to me, for whom it was meant.

I don't remember whether I responded to the post office at the time, but even now, after more than 30 years, I bow in respect to its persistence and true work ethic.

More Rules for Life

I was sent the following, which apparently is in the public domain and which I am glad to share with you:

If I Had My Life To Live Over

I'd dare to make more mistakes next time. I'd relax, I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip. I would take fewer things seriously. I would take more chances. I would climb more mountains and swim more rivers. I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but I'd have fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I'm one of those people who lives sensibly and sanely hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had my moments, and if I had it to do over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else. Just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day. I've been one of those persons who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute. If I had to do it again, I would travel lighter.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way into the fall. I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies.

Nadine Stair, 85

I don't know whether the writer ever read the biblical book of Koheleth (Ecclesiates). She might be pleased to find this verse (9:10): "Whatever it is be your power to do, do it with all your might."

The honor of legions

Jean M. Gerber

In December 1964, three years before the Six Day War, I stood on top of the Damascus gate while my guide tried to explain the art of warfare that had fashioned the present ramparts, built by the Turks in the 16th century. I looked out through slits meant for archers to rain arrows down on invading forces below.

But battles over Jerusalem took other routes. The beautiful but menacing Damascus gate was never used. Today's Old City east of the Damascus gate is built in the area through which the Crusaders broke in 1099 to slaughter Jews, Muslims and Christians (the European knights could not tell the difference, so they killed them all). Israel's army also entered from the eastern Lion's Gate.

As I stood looking across the road to the East Jerusalem bus station and west to Israeli Jerusalem, it was hard to keep from betraying the distress I felt at the divided city. On cue a detachment of the Jordanian Legion marched past, spiffy in their uniforms. The last in many armies to march around the walls of the city, I thought.

Jerusalem was at the end of the road as far as Jordan was concerned; few tourists roamed its streets, even fewer walked the streets of Bethlehem on Christmas Eve when I arrived at the Church of the Nativity. I believed then that the legion had won. But I was wrong.

When I next visited Jerusalem it was 1971. The buildings in the Jewish quarter that in 1964 had housed squatter families and were crowned with television antennas were being rebuilt. Jews and Arabs mingled in the streets of the old and new city. Hope was in the air that coexistence could be achieved.

Nature of Jewish survival

By Arnold Ages

The same week that I read George Jonas' thought-provoking article about the nature of Jewish survival in *Saturday Night* magazine, I saw a unique brand of Jewish survival in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Williamsburg.

Reading Jonas' article after experiencing the time warp of visiting the chassidic Jewish enclave there (think of Roman Visnniac's photographs of pious Polish Jews circa 1938) caused mild culture shock to one's religious gyroscope.

Jonas is one of Canada's most gifted journalists. His book *Vengeance*, the tale of Israel's pursuit of the 1972 Munich Olympic terrorists, and his regular columns in the *Toronto Sun* show him to be a skillful wordsmith, a serious thinker and an astute social critic. Anything that Jonas writes commands attention.

In his essay he deals with the dilemma faced by people like him, an ethnic Jew who identifies in a tenuous way with his people as a result of an accident of birth. Jonas' parents converted to Christianity in Hungary before World War II but the Jewish quotient in his being stems from his Holocaust experience.

In his musings over his past, Jonas mentions a beloved grandfather whose Jewishness expressed itself in a kind of idolization of 17th-century Dutch philosopher Baruch Spinoza. In this age, however, Jonas finds it impossible to relate to the kind of esoteric Jewish secularism which Spinoza's writings promoted.

As for Orthodoxy, well, unsurprisingly, Jonas cannot identify with this expression of Judaism and I suspect his feelings would be more or less the same towards any of the other interpretations of Judaism which one encounters in today's world.

The Chassidim of Williamsburg have fashioned a fortress of Jewish faith in their enclave, which runs off Lee Avenue just over the Williamsburg Bridge in Brooklyn.

That faith is an uncompromising Orthodoxy which accepts no concession to modernity in theology, language or garb. Virtually every man I saw on Lee Avenue during my visit wore the traditional black hat, long black coat and lengthy payes. Men and women spoke a rich Yiddish only occasionally betrayed by an Americanism. There were children everywhere, all bright-eyed, boisterous and fluent in Yiddish.

While the Chassidim in general repudiate modernity, some among them do not hesitate to use rather trendy techniques to get a message across.

A case in point. The Satmar Chassidim, the most strident of the anti-Israel factions in the area, are well represented in Williamsburg. Members of this group had plastered every available wall space, road surface and storefront with grafitti and posters denouncing the Israel Archaeological Authority and its head, Amir Drori, for permitting digs on the site of the burial grounds of famous rabbinic figures. The protesters called upon all Jews to join them in a public demonstration in front of the Israeli consulate in Manhattan.

The Williamsburg phenomena shows it is possible to secure a form of Jewish survival by surrounding Jews with a hermetically sealed cultural dome in which almost all needs — religious, gastronomic, ritual, educational and social — are tended to within the community structure. The chassidic self-containment principle which discourages contact with the world outside of Williamsburg is successful in giving its constituents the strongest bonding element known in the human collective, a sense of belonging.

However, between the sincere and honest alienation of Jonas and the equally honest sequestered commitment to tradition of the chassidic Jews of Williamsburg, there is a middle path on which Jews may travel. One can admire the integrity of Jonas and the vital religiosity of the Williamsburg Chassidim without sharing their respective views of the world. Most Jews see no conflict in affirming simultaneously their link with the Jewish heritage and with modernity in its most positive expressions.

Arnold Ages, a professor of French at the University of Waterloo, specializes in modern intellectual history.

City of peace

In 1974 when I lived again in the city of peace, whole families rose at Yom Kippur to recite kaddish for their fallen sons, husbands, fathers. It was a sombre year marked by terror.

But 1981 was not much better: shellings, bombs, a feeling that war was inevitable. In 1991 our daughter sat in her kibbutz's sealed room wearing a gas mask. Our spirits spiraled downward — was there to be no end?

There may be.

Thirty years ago there were barricades and bullets. Twenty years ago there were widows and ophans saying kaddish. Ten years ago there were detachments of soldiers returning from Lebanon.

In 1995 we cannot say we are marching towards total peace. Yet Jerusalem bustles with armies of tourists, while Jordan's prince visits Israel's capital to talk business. For all its imperfections and the heart-wrenching terrorist attacks which seek to destroy it, peace seems possible.

Peace will be less disciplined than the legions; it is blood stained by the death of its victims. But the legions of those who see it coming are more honorable than the armies that seek to destroy it.

Think about this on Yom Hazikaron and Yom Ha'atzmaut. Chag Somayach.

World War II

Soldiers coming by the troops,
In their tanks and in their boots.

They go marching through the town,
While people are looking with a frown.

They shoot people without a care,
And others do not think it's fair.

People are lying on the ground,
Dead and silent, without a sound.

Nazis shot the Jews they saw,
While people looked at them in awe.

People hid Jews in their closet rooms,
Along with all the dust and brooms.

When Nazis came into a house,
The Jews were quiet, like a mouse.

If they were found they were shot to death,
And taken away, so nothing was left.

As Hitler's army was killing Jews,
He burned them, to leave no clues.

He sent Jews to concentration camps,
And at night he left them, with no lamps.

After six years of losing faith,
Armies came and opened the gate.

Hitler took his life away,
That was the price he had to pay.

— JASON WAYNE, age 10

Features

A generic portrait of survivors

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Fifty years after the end of World War II, the Holocaust still weighs heavily on survivors.

To them, the war was not merely a series of battles, some more decisive than others, but the apotheosis of centuries of anti-Semitism.

In the terrible whirlwind sowed by the Nazis and their all too willing collaborators, they plumbed the deepest depths of human hatred, contempt and depravity.

Much has been written about the Holocaust — memoirs, historic narratives and novels. But far less has been produced about its psychological impact on the survivors.

In this field, two works stand out. The first is William Niederland's *Psychiatric Disorders Among Persecution Victims: A Contribution to the Understanding of the Concentration Camp Pathology and Its Aftereffects*, published in 1964. The second is Leo Eitinger's *Concentration Camp Survivors in Norway and Israel*, released in the same year.

Niederland and Eitinger listed the symptoms usually associated with survivors — chronic anxiety, fear of renewed persecution, depression, recurring nightmares, psychosomatic disorders, anhedonia (an inability to experience pleasure), social withdrawal, fatigue, hypochondria, difficulty in concentrating, irritability, a hostile and mistrustful attitude toward the world and hallucinations.

Their landmark books are generally regarded today as the point of departure for most psychiatric pronouncements about survivors. Building on their research, Aaron Haas — a child of survivors — has written an absorbing book which reinforces our understanding of what Niederland called "survivor syndrome." It is entitled *The Aftermath: Living with the Holocaust* (Cambridge University Press, $22.95 US).

Written in layman's language and thus widely accessible, *The Aftermath* is based on extensive reading and, more importantly, interviews with 58 survivors from 11 countries now residing in the United States.

The topics Haas addresses range far and wide, from the survivors' sense of personal vulnerability to their overdependence on offspring. But when all is said and done, one theme crops up again and again — "the elasticity of the limits of endurance, and the human need and capacity to reassert a vigorous life," as Haas puts it.

Haas reminds us that survivors cannot be categorized as a "unitary phenomenon," since their experiences varied. Some lived in ghettos and death camps, others eluded their tormentors by hiding or fighting as partisans, and still others posed as Christians. Not surprisingly, the circumstances of their survival shaped their outlook after the war.

Haas, correctly, observes that their post-Holocaust traumas were caused not only by the deaths they witnessed, but by the conditions which demonized and consigned them to second-class citizenship.

In drawing a generic portrait of survivors, the author concludes that the "most discomfited" are those whose children were murdered or died of disease while in their care. They are tormented by their failure to prevent their child's untimely death and by their inconsolable loss.

And yet there are survivors who are unable to mourn until they reach old age. Invariably, these kind of survivors lost a multitude of immediate family members and relatives. Haas elaborates: "When we lose a loved one, we lose a part of ourselves. When so much of the self is removed at once, a disorientation ensues, an emotional paralysis follows."

For some survivors, the "emotional numbing" they forced upon themselves as a survival tactic lingers on, further impeding their ability to grieve, writes Haas.

A striking characteristic of survivors is their abiding feeling of vulnerability and their expectation of future danger. For most survivors, human beings are inherently selfish and murderously aggressive. Believing that Jews are under constant siege, many survivors have no contacts with non-Jews and restrict their focus to the Jewish world.

Yet survivors who owe their survival to gentiles are less bitter, pessimistic and condemning, we're told.

The greatest proportion of survivors were beset by nightmares most frequently immediately after their liberation. As they rebuilt their shattered lives, accepting new responsibilities and pressures, sleep-induced memories of the past tended to recede into the background, he notes.

Interestingly enough, many survivors shun books and movies about that era. So it's not surprising that the majority know little about the Third Reich or its anti-Jewish program, and that some survivors are only acquainted with the persecution of Jews in their own country.

According to his data, 80 per cent of survivors chose a fellow survivor as a wife or husband. Often, relationships developed between survivors from the same city or area. In such unions, pre-war social class barriers evaporated and religious-secular distinctions disappeared. Only a few intermarried.

Approximately 11 per cent of survivors are divorced, compared to 18 per cent of American-born Jews. Citing the findings of sociologist William Helmreich, Haas attributes the low divorce rate to the survivors' values and fears. Marriage is not dependent on romance, and is considered a partnership for life. Then there are survivors who are too frightened, or weakened, to begin anew.

But statistics can be misleading. Since many of these post-war marriages were entered into on the basis of circumstance and convenience, marital discord inevitably set in.

Realizing early on that they had not selected a mate out of passion or love, many survivors, particularly females, looked to their children for emotional gratification.

And because survivors were traumatized by the sudden loss of loved ones, they are unusually anxious about their children's welfare, and overly dependent on them. As a corollary, their offspring tend to feel guilt or ambivalence in cases of youthful rebellion and separation.

It comes as no surprise that survivors are exceedingly sensitive about intermarriage. In their eyes, it represents "the purposeful eradication of the Jewish people." But what about instances where one of the spouses converts to Judaism? Haas doesn't bother to examine this question.

Neither is it surprising that survivors feel a special kinship with Israel, as surveys confirm. Although they constitute less than two percent of the Jewish population in the United States, they have bought 10 percent of Israel Bonds in the U.S. And they visit Israel much more often than native-born Jews, and are angered by Jews who criticize Israel publicly.

Finding a meaningful purpose in life has alleviated the post-war guilt of survivors. "For many, replenishing their family and the Jewish people served as justification for having beaten the odds," Haas says.

Despite their broken hearts, survivors believe they lead normal lives. And because they prefer to look forward rather than backward, few have sought out psychiatric assistance.

Haas contends that survivors have displayed remarkable "adaptive capacities." After immigrating to the United States, they attained middle-class status rather quickly.

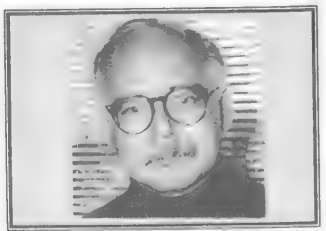
Having overcome incredible adversity and deprivation, survivors are imbued with a confidence in their ability to surmount any and all challenges.

After liberation, about 25 per cent of Jewish survivors resettled in the United States, the locus of *The Aftermath*. The remainder went to Israel (55 per cent), Europe (roughly 10 per cent) and Canada, Australia, South Africa and Argentina (10 per cent).

Israel, Haas states, gave survivors an opportunity to develop a positive self-image as pioneers building a homeland and a refuge for Jews.

However, survivors faced problems in Israel. The constant tension generated by Israel's military conflict with its Arab neighbors underlined the precariousness of Jewish existence. And Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion's flippant description of them as "demoralizing material" doubtless disheartened survivors. One wonders how he could have been so insensitive.

Holocaust survivors in New York City attend a ceremony marking the arrival of the first survivors in the United States soon after World War II.



Jewish World

By Sheldon Kirshner

The infamy of the camps

During my travels abroad, I have visited several of the major German concentration camps in Poland, Germany and Austria. I have seen the silent barracks, the barbed wire fences, the ruins of crematoria.

And I have spoken with my parents, who lost their youth and their innocence in camps like Auschwitz and Gross Rosen.

But for all the knowledge I possess about this ugly and still unbelievable chapter in the affairs of mankind, I was not really prepared for *Memory of the Camps*, a gut-wrenching documentary recently broadcast on the CBC TV network.

I am not an emotional person, but the graphic pictures which flickered across the screen shook me. The sight of those sullied, broken, naked corpses, piled like cordwood in a succession of camps, had its effect.

I have seen numerous documentaries about Nazi atrocities. But none seemed as starkly powerful or as gripping as this one.

Memory of the Camps was made in 1945 by camera crews attached to Allied armies which liberated these unspeakable places. The film, which was never completed, was supposed to have been given wide circulation. But British and American censors blocked its release, fearing it was too strong for public tastes. For 40 years, it gathered dust, finally being broadcast on PBS in 1985, a screening I missed.

The film opens with views of the bucolic countryside around Bergen Belsen, then swoops down for an unhurried look at the camp. It is a deliberate conceit, designed to juxtapose the pastoral beauty of the land with the sickening desolation of the camp.

The camera is unflinching. Survivors move on rickety, skeletal legs. Rotting corpses are unceremoniously dumped into pits by former SS guards, the spectacle watched by local German officials invited to witness what crimes their leaders perpetrated. Lice-infested inmates are washed, scrubbed and deloused. Children, the few who survived this madness, are fed and clothed.

The narrator, actor Trevor Howard, describes the proceedings in a low, deeply-ironic voice. The tone is in keeping with the mood of suppressed anger and outrage.

The film moves on to Dachau, where vacant-eyed prisoners huddle under blankets; to Buchenwald, where shrunken heads and lamp shades fashioned out of human skin are exhibited for the edification of shocked British politicians; and then on to Ebensee, Mauthausen, Ludwigslust, Ohrdruf, Gardelegen and Auschwitz, where more horrifying scenes are played out like a diabolical dance of death.

It is a crying shame that *Memory of the Camps*, the oldest film about the Holocaust, was buried ignominiously for four decades. The world needed to be reminded of the depths to which humans can descend.

Yet the film is not without flaws. It underplays the Jewish tragedy and it relegates Auschwitz to a footnote. Nevertheless, it remains an extraordinary cinematic document.

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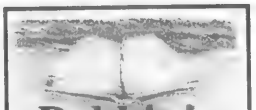

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI HILLEL D. GOLD

The 27th of Nissan. Yom Hashoah v'hagvurah, designed by the Israeli Knesset as the day in which we are to recall the horrors of this century and the brutality which our family, friends, and coreligionists faced at the hands of the Nazis during the Holocaust.

It has now been 50 years since the end of World War II. Two generations have passed since then, yet we must continue to remember the tragedy. In this 50th anniversary year, much is being made of the events leading up to the war's conclusion.

As we commemorate Yom Hashoah this year, we should, and must, utilize the opportunity of its observance to keep alive the memory of the kedoshim who perished and gave their lives al kiddush hashem (in sanctification of God's name); perishing simply because they were Jewish.

In Judaism, we often focus on the concept of the life cycle, and the idea that life is continuous, seemingly without end or beginning. This affords us the opportunity to keep our emotions "in check," allowing us occasions to celebrate and also opportunities to mourn and remember, while always keeping in mind that something else is never too far away.

Certainly at this time of the year, we ride an emotional roller coaster, moving from great joy to deep sadness and back again to great joy. The Passover seder reflected this reality, as we prayed for the opportunity to go m'yagon l'simchah, may-ay-vel l'yom tov (from sadness to happiness, from mourning to joy).

We celebrated our freedom last week during Passover, and will celebrate the crowning jewel of 20th century (and beyond) Jewish life, the anniversary of the State of Israel next week. Sandwiched in between is Yom Hashoah. Perhaps its placement is not accidental. Amidst the joy associated with this time of year, we must step back and remember that for too many, there was no joy.

We are morally challenged to be mazkir, to remember those who perished, and equally as important, those who suffered and survived. Through the many observances that will be held in our community in commemoration of Yom Hashoah, our participation is our tangible way of showing the survivors, and the entire world, that we will never forget this period in our lives.

Yes, we look forward, we eagerly anticipate the joyful celebrations which our calendar brings us. But we also have the duty and responsibility to remember and recall. This should be the underlying message for the placement of Yom Hashoah in such close proximity to Pesah and Yom Ha'atzmaut.

For the sake of the six million kedoshim, the martyrs who perished in Europe, and for the sake of those who lived through that period, may we each take time out on the 27th of Nisan to recall the tragedy of the Holocaust, and vow that we will do what ever it takes, both on a personal and a communal level to insure that no such tragedy ever again strikes the Jewish community.

Within many of our congregations of the Conservative Movement, this pledge is being carried out in a tangible way through the Yellow Candle Project. On Yom Hashoah a "yahrzeit-type" yellow candle is placed in the window to publicly recall the day and ensure it never happens again. The project is to be commended, and should be implemented in as wide a fashion as possible.

May the world know that we will always recall on this day what took place 50 years ago, and may our actions of today cause the memory of the righteous who perished then to live on in our hearts and minds.

Rabbi Hillel Gold is the spiritual leader of Shaare Zion Congregation in Montreal.

50 Years Ago

By MICHAEL ROSEN
Special to The CJN

I am dying.

I lie here on a bunk at Dachau Concentration Camp. This, after suffering through Birkenau and Mathausen death camps.

Liberation is so close.

Oh, God Almighty. Help me. I don't want to die. Spare me so that I may be able to tell the horrors of this hell in Nazi Germany.

I am shivering. I fear I have gone blind. It's so dark. Where am I? My mind scrambles to remember something. I see a huge pit filled with people. My loving parents, my beautiful sister Golda, holding her beloved daughter Ruthie. I wanted to reach them ... to touch them ... keep them close to me forever — but sadly, they fade away.

I hear crying and moaning. These noises rise to screams. It is the Russian prisoner who lies in the bunk above me. He spends his days and nights screaming and talking to himself.

My head is so hot. My mouth dry. This is typhus. We were isolated from the other inmates. I don't remember how long I have been lying here. I gesture with my hand for a drink from those passing by, but no one pays attention. I am invisible. I try desperately to pick myself up. It is impossible. I fall back. I am so weak. The German medical staff had already run away knowing that at any time the American army would come.

Liberation is so close.

I feel better today. No more sweating. I was able to keep my eyes open. The man who gave me a pill was a medical doctor from France. An inmate like me. In accented German, he asked if I felt better. I shook my head in response.

Three days later, the infamous Dachau Concentration Camp was liberated by American soldiers. Thirty-thousand prisoners had their freedom.

It was April 29, 1945.

Tens of thousands of others did not live to see the day.

The American troops wept and vomited as they moved through the naked corpses in shock. Corpses. Corpses piled 10 feet high. The stench of burning bodies. The ravaged faces of the skeletal survivors tormented by hunger and disease.

The survivors were apathetic in the hours after liberation. We were free from the sadistic oppression of Nazi Germany, but where would we go? Who was left? Who were we?

It took months until the American Red Cross was able to nurture my then 80-pound body back to physical health.

Survivor Michael Rosen lives in Toronto.

WISDOM OF THE AGES

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry.

SHMOOZIN

"She's a very observant member of the temple -- right now she's observing Mrs. Klein's new hair color."

Jewish Life

A welcome sight

By ROBERT ENGEL

April 12, 1945
Camp Westerbork, Netherlands:

The SS left two days ago and gave us over to a German army parachute unit fighting as infantry in the area. This morning when we came to the gate of the camp, the paratroopers were gone.

GUEST VOICES

Some of us climbed a watchtower and I saw them hopping through the field.

We were ordered by our workboss to empty the camp of the ammunition left behind. As we unloaded one carriage outside the camp, we saw the whole camp, 861 people, storm out.

"They are coming, they are coming" they shouted and pointed.

Franz and I jumped in the carriage and the driver raced towards them. I saw the tanks standing next to a farmhouse. The carriage was too slow for me and I jumped out of the carriage and ran. Franz was next to me, he ran to the first and I to the second tank. (We found out later that these were not tanks but armored cars, "Scoutcars".)

A soldier looked out over the top and I grabbed his hand and all I could say was "Thank you. Thank you." He grinned and said, "It's OK, it's OK."

He looked through his binoculars at the crowd storming towards us. "What's that?," he asked. I didn't know the English word for concentration camp. "It's a Jewish camp," I said. He understood and mumbled something.

After a few minutes he said to his crew, "OK, let's go." The tank started rolling and we drove slowly towards the camp, passing the crowd — screaming, waving, crying and laughing at the same time, a sight I will never forget.

We stopped in front of the dreaded SS camp headquarters. There we hoisted a huge Dutch flag and one made out of the yellow star material. We sang the Dutch national anthem, *Her Wilhelmus*, and every country's song we knew: *God Save the King, Marseillaise, Internationale*, Belgium's *Brabants Zon, Hatikvah* for all the Jews.

All of a sudden these soldiers, our liberators, started singing. We didn't know the song, had never heard it, but we knew instinctively that it was an important song. They sang it with such pride, their dirty faces beaming. That song, *O Canada*, became for me the most beautiful song in the world. We were free.

To all veterans of World War II, thank you! Thanks to you I can write this.

Robert Engel was incarcerated for 2½ years in Westerbork, the largest concentration/transit camp in the Netherlands, through which 105,000 Jews passed. Westerbork was liberated on April 12, 1945 at 3:30 p.m. by units of the 2nd Canadian Division and the 5th Armored Divison.

Counting the omer

By RACHEL TURKIENICZ

This month we are plunged from celebrating Passover into the period of counting the omer.

Our community is forbidden to celebrate in a public fashion during this time: the laws of omer are reminiscent of mourning observed on the national level.

The second day of Passover begins the count. We have not yet completed celebrating our liberation when we begin the days of sadness that the counting implies.

The omer commemorates a national sadness. The Talmud speak of this period as one of tremendous disaster. Rabbi Akivah was said to have lost thousands of students to a "plague" at that time. The Jerusalem Talmud describes this "plague," which might have been a Roman massacre aimed at eradicating Rabbi Akivah and his followers.

This time stands as a yearly reminder that just as national redemption is part of our history, national disaster is part of our reality. Nothing makes this point more clearly than including the Holocaust Memorial Day in this same time period.

Our sages teach that we model our future redemption on our past redemption. The details of Pesach serve as the precedent upon which we pray for future, and ultimately final, redemption.

Let us consider one of these details. The number four repeats throughout the seder. There are four questions and four cups of wine. One of the many reasons given is to underline the four matriarchs: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, and through them all women.

The rabbis state it was the "merit of the women" that brought liberation. The Bible tells the reader that the midwives refused to murder the infant boys, and Moses' mother and sister succeed in saving him from Pharaoh's decree. It is believed the women kept the teachings and identities of the Hebrew vibrant even in the depths of slavery. These examples, among others, led to our redemption from Egypt. Yet, the targets of Pharaoh's decree were male.

In the talmudic era, the Roman empire attempted to eradicate Judaism. The Jewish leaders targeted were the men. Their students were men, the rebellions were led and fought by men. The women suffered because they were part of the whole. The Holocaust Memorial Day falls into this same time period, but it does not follow the parallel.

The Holocaust was a modern Egypt, a modern Rome, taken to diabolical extremes. It was not men who were targeted, but every Jew. The culture attacked included male teachers of Jewish law, and female teachers of the Jewish home. Every camp housed men and women, boys and girls. Every rebellion included male and female leaders. We all stood together to equally perish and equally survive.

If the women were the redeeming force in Egypt, we were all redeeming forces in the Holocaust. We count the omer together, we remember the Holocaust together, and we await our final redemption together, men and women alike.

HUNGER

"Mommy, mommy please give me a little piece of bread.
I am hungry, very hungry! Just this little mommy!"
My two-year-old son put his two tiny fingers together
Showing just how little he wanted.
"Tomorrow, my son, tomorrow maybe the war will be over
And you will have all the bread you want.
Hush, hush little one, go to sleep, don't cry
Mommy will hold you my darling and sing you a lullaby."
The next day comes and goes, but no food, only hopes.
Hopes that tomorrow we could be free.
The following morning indeed, we hear some noises, different voices.
We all rush to the courtyard and there he is —
A Russian soldier who just liberated us!
I beg him with sign language with tears running on my cheeks,
Please give me some bread, my baby is starving to death.
The soldier reaches into his pocket and puts a roll in my hand.
As I give it to my child he looks at it with wide unbelieving eyes.
Then crying and laughing and jumping with joy
He bites into the soft, beautiful white roll. —

— IBOLYA GROSSMAN

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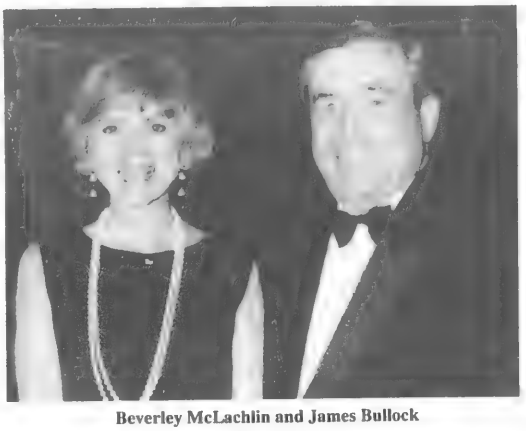
Judge says Canada, Israel can learn from each other

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter



Beverley McLachlin and James Bullock

TORONTO — Canada and Israel share a common challenge: to find a way for people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs to live together, according to a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada.

Justice Beverley McLachlin was keynote speaker at the recent Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University tribute dinner honoring Toronto businessman James Bullock, president and CEO of Laidlaw Inc.

Six hundred people gathered at the Inn on the Park Hotel to fete Bullock and mark the establishment of the university's James R. Bullock Chair in Canadian Studies.

McLachlin, who participated in the first Canadian-Israeli conference on human rights hosted by the Canada-Israel Legal Cooperation Program at the university in 1992, said the two countries can learn much from each other. She noted that Israeli and Canadian judges read and quote from each other's legal judgments.

Israel, like Canada, is a democracy and a multicultural, multi-ethnic society, McLachlin said. Both countries recognize the dignity of each individual through human rights law, she emphasized.

To illustrate the commitment of Israeli lawyers to human rights law, McLachlin noted that at 5 a.m. on the day of her arrival in Israel, Israeli lawyers were fighting in court against the deportation of 415 Palestinians.

"Notwithstanding the constant danger and insecurity ... notwithstanding ancient enmities, these lawyers were fighting to uphold the civil liberties and freedoms of those whom many in their society, including the government, saw as threats to those very freedoms."

The law is important in maintaining peace in Israel, McLachlin noted.

She praised the Israeli high court for its handling of judicial issues in the territories. Although the area is under military rule, and Israeli law per se does not apply there, inhabitants can take their grievances to Israel's high court, she said.

"Recognizing claims from the occupied territories as justiciable was neither necessary nor obvious. In fact, I was told there was no precedent ... but over the years [the court] found a way ... While the court cannot review political or military policy, it can review the manner in which it is exercised," she said.

The Israeli high court's handling of a recent case involving benefits for the same-sex partner of an El Al employee was also a reflection of "the vigilance of the high court in Israel in the protection of human rights," McLachlin said.

She praised the establishment of the new chair in Canadian Studies as an opportunity to "learn through sustained academic endeavor."

In his address, Bullock also referred to the importance of education. "With the international nature of our world today, the pursuit of vitality and fostering of health in our universities and institutions of higher learning has never been more necessary."

Since the Centre for Canadian Studies was established in 1992, it has become "one of the first academic centres in the world on research and education on Canada," said Ralph Halbert, chair of the university's international board of governors. There has been a program in Canadian Studies since 1977.

Other speakers included Arie Shachar, director of the Centre for Canadian Studies; Bob Rae, premier of Ontario; Henry Jackman, lieutenant-governor of Ontario; and Jack Frieberg, president of the Toronto chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Synagogue gave the invocation and said Hamotzi, and Hugh Segal, former adviser to then prime minister Brian Mulroney, was emcee for the evening.

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From coast to coast

TV shapes values towards intermarried: rabbi

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rabbi Azriel Fellner's fascination with movies dates back to his childhood, when he had a temper tantrum at the end of the first movie he ever saw, because he didn't want it to end.

The spiritual leader of Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston, N.J., who himself produces films, now uses film and television clips as teaching tools for Jewish audiences.

His unique take on Intermarriage and the Media provoked animated discussion among a mixed audience at Adath Israel Congregation recently. The presentation was sponsored by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, Ontario region.

Over the past 10 years, television — not the movies — has been dealing with Jewish acculturation in a forthright, confrontational and provocative way, said the rabbi. "We have to understand that what appears on the screen shapes the values of what we believe is true," he emphasized.

Although the clips he used were not the most current (*Thirtysomething*, *Chicken Soup* and *Brooklyn Bridge* are no longer being produced), their ramifications are still evident in today's shows, he said.

Rabbi Azriel Fellner

"Most people who fall in love do not really talk about the fundamental issues that either unite or divide them," said Rabbi Fellner.

Discussion trivialized issues

After playing a scene from *Thirtysomething*, in which intermarried parents Hope and Michael discuss how to celebrate Christmas and Chanukah, the rabbi asked, "Was it terrible? No. These two people love each other. They have a good relationship."

However, their discussion is on a "trivialized level," he noted. Trivializing the issues is the only way to make them unthreatening, he explained.

To the producers' credit, said Rabbi Fellner, the discussion was not the end of the issue.

"I didn't think I did [believe in G-d], but I think I do," Michael tells his cousin later in the episode after Hope survives a serious car accident and they learn that she's pregnant. "But which G-d? Who G-d? Where G-d?" he asks.

Issues which may not matter now do matter eventually, the rabbi pointed out. "You just don't know it matters until the first child is born or until the first holiday comes. Kids, you have to ask what matters to [you], and what will matter in 10 or 20 years," he advised.

For Monica Ponziano, 26, the *Thirtysomething* episode hit a personal chord. "I'll be facing those issues," said the intermarried Jewish woman, who is expecting her first child this summer.

"Maybe we had blinders on," she said of the decision she and her husband made to deal with intermarriage issues as they arise. "We're compromising."

In response to another audience member, who felt there have to be answers to intermarriage, Rabbi Fellner said, "Even with the most Orthodox Jewish community who have done everything you might consider right, still they have intermarriage.

"This," he said, pointing to the screen, is part of the problem."

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From coast to coast

Substance abuse among women blamed on men

TORONTO — A prominent Jewish community therapist says women are often introduced to substance abuse by men.

According to Rochelle Thompson, who works with Jewish Family & Child Service, women whose male partners are abusing drugs or alcohol are more likely to abuse substances themselves.

Men, she said, are not as easily influenced by women, yet they still seek acceptance. "When people use chemicals, they want others to come along ... to validate what they're doing."

Thompson, one of three guest experts at an upcoming forum sponsored by Jewish Women's Federation, said women abuse drugs and alcohol for different reasons than men. "Women are more vulnerable to being over-prescribed by doctors," she said, and are more likely to "numb out" emotional pain through drinking or drug use.

However, unlike men, Thompson said women are generally not pushed into substance abuse through peer pressure from their own sex. "Getting socialized into substance abuse, is a male issue," she said.

There are no reliable statistics on the number of Toronto Jews abusing drugs or alcohol. According to some American estimates, women comprise 30 per cent of those in treatment for substance dependency.

Thompson will be joined at the May 10 forum by Freda Muscovitch and Bonnie Madonik of The Donwood Institute.

For information call 635-2883 ext. 135.

BBW OF TORONTO INSTALLATION

B'nai Brith Women of Toronto recently celebrated its 43rd installation of officers at the Primrose Club. The new officers for 1995-96 are seen. From left: Fern Sussman, vice-president; Barbara Swimmer, president-elect; Linda Mendelsohn, president; Ethy Lebow, immediate past president; and Donna Weinrauch, vice-president.

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From coast to coast

Families make pilgrimage to mark liberation

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Robbie Klein isn't the least bit concerned about visiting Theresienstadt and other Nazi concentration camp sites later this month.

"I've got my grandfather with me," the 19-year-old says. "What should I worry about?"

Klein and his brother David, 21, are scheduled to leave this week on something of an odyssey. Together with their grandfather, 77-year-old Morris Henechowicz, they'll travel to Theresienstadt in the Czech Republic to say Kaddish at the grave of Henechowicz's brother, who perished there in 1945 and whose headstone was discovered by the family just five years ago.

After two days in and around Prague, the Klein boys will be joined by their mother Sue — Henechowicz's daughter — for a week-long tour of Poland and its death camp sites.

They'll meet up with about 30 others for the trip, one of several leaving Canada this week to mark the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the camps.

The tours are a popular travel item this year, both for Holocaust survivors seeking a cleansing experience and for the second and third generations wanting a first-hand look, said travel agent Sue Klein of YYZ Travel, which is organizing one of the trips.

For Henechowicz, the tour holds some particular ironies. He'll return not only to his hometown of Piotrokow but also to the site of Majdanek, the death camp he helped liberate as a tank driver in the Polish army.

Asked how he feels about returning, Henechowicz shrugged. "I'm very happy to go with the boys," he said.

The Polish leg of the trip gets underway May 1, when 32 people, including 10 survivors, will arrive in Warsaw and meet with the tiny Jewish community's spiritual leader, Rabbi Michael Schudrick.

Trips are scheduled to the once-thriving Jewish centres of Zwolen, Lodz, Kalish and Kielc.

Death camps on the itinerary will include Auschwitz, Majdanek and Treblinka, but the main thrust of the trip is to see and experience the revival of Jewish life in Poland, Klein said.

Scheduled are visits to Warsaw's Jewish Historical Institute and Jewish State Theatre, and the Remu Synagogue and Ariel Cafe in Kazimierz. Yom Ha'atzmaut will be spent with the small Jewish population in Kazimierz (Dolna).

At week's end, tour participants will have the choice of going to Israel or Prague.

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Some 50 people left Toronto last Sunday for the Canadian Jewish Congress-sponsored Agony and the Pride tour that will take travellers to Poland for four days and Israel for another 10.

The Polish itinerary includes stops at Auschwitz and Majdanek, said Amnon Levmor of Sabra Tours. Yom Ha'Shoah will be spent in Poland.

Inter-generational experience: Morris Henechowicz (standing), his daughter and grandson will travel to the sites of Europe's death camps. [Ron Csillag photo]

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From coast to coast

Anti-Semitism's impact on women said ignored

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspodent

HAMILTON — The feminist movement does not support Jewish women who have experienced racism, says a feminist and academic now compiling research for a ground-breaking study of sexism and anti-Semitism.

Nora Gold, an associate professor at McMaster University's School of Social Work, believes that while the feminist movement rallies to the cause of Asian women and women of color, Jewish women "are not considered a diverse group.

"The reality of anti-Semitism and oppression was pretty systematically negated," she told *The CJN* in a recent interview.

Gold, who is co-chair of the status of women sub-committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, said she was "completely horrified" to find "complete silence" in the feminist movement about the impact of anti-Semitism and sexism on Jewish women, and decided to look into the topic.

So, last year the 42-year-old embarked on the first phase of a three-year government funded study, the first of its kind.

After placing ads in several newspapers, including *The CJN*, Gold found 120 women in Toronto and Montreal — ranging in age from 20 to 62 and in occupation from homemakers to professionals — to take part in lively discussion groups.

Nora Gold

Some talked about not getting jobs because they were Jewish, Gold said, while others talked with "considerable anguish" about the way they were treated when they took time off for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

The women spoke of the fear of not being accepted and about stereotyping. One woman, Gold said, pretended to be a vegetarian rather than admit to adhering to kosher dietary laws.

In the second phase, Gold plans to send a questionnaire to a random sampling of women across Canada, asking specific questions about anti-Semitic experiences.

She hopes to publish her findings in academic journals and in magazines, present them at professional conferences and eventually, write a book.

Born in Montreal, Gold made aliyah following her graduation from McGill University, and after several years in Israel, she returned to Canada to pursue further studies at the University of Toronto.

At McMaster since obtaining her PhD in 1990, Gold lives in Toronto with her husband and young son.

Any women wishing to participate in the study can call Gold at 905-525-9140, ext. 23791

Yom Ha'atzmaut festival expected to draw crowd

TORONTO — Record crowds are expected for this year's Yom Ha'atzmaut festival, to take place in North York's Mel Lastman Square on Sunday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Organizers are busy putting the finishing touches on the day-long bash to mark Israel's 47th birthday, which will feature Israeli music, art, food and crafts and more. Admission is free.

The festival is a project of Canadian Zionist Federation, under the patronage of Israel's consul general, Dror Zeigerman. Cooperating groups are B'nai Brith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Na'amat Toronto and Toronto Women's ORT.

The Tree Top Kids are slated to perform at noon. Other attractions for children will include pony rides, face painting and clowns.

The official opening is scheduled for 1 p.m. Among the expected guests are Ontario Premier Bob Rae, Zeigerman, and North York Mayor Mel Lastman.

There will be a special presentation by Toronto Jewish youth groups immediately after the opening.

At 3 p.m., performances by Zimriah — the choirs of Bialik Hebrew Day School, Leo Baeck School and Temple Sinai School — will take place. These will be followed by a performance from Rikudiyah, the Jerusalem Dancers.

A silent auction, craft and product marketplace, and Israeli quiz are also scheduled. A photographic tour of Israel will be offered by the Association of Israelis of Greater Toronto.

Art by children will complement a display by members of the Israeli Artists Group, established three years ago to showcase the work of Israeli artists who have immigrated to Canada.

Among the group of 24 is painter Dubi Arie, whose monumental work, *The Mission*, is currently on display in Columbus, Ohio. A segment of the mural has been reproduced and a limited quantity of signed, numbered posters will be for sale.

Israeli food and delectables (all kosher) will be available.

Following the day's festivities, a concert of contemporary music will be held in the council chambers of North York City Hall. Featured will be Cantor Benjamin Maissner, Cantor Efraim Sapir, Israeli-born chanteuse Ahuva, the Lachan Choir and the Ne'imot Singers. For tickets, call 416-633-3988.

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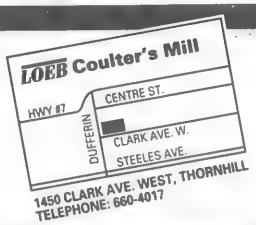

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What's New

By Carolyn Blackman

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Thursday, April 27

ISRAEL ELECTION

Dr. Yitschak Ben-Gad, former consul general of Israel to the midwest United States and former deputy mayor of Netanya, will speak on The Right Vis-a-Vis the Left in Israel — Who Will Win the Next Election?, 8 p.m., Toronto Zionist Centre, Jerusalem Hall, 78 Marlee Ave. Call 781-7683 for information.

SINGLE PARENTS' LECTURES

Singles' travel will be the topic at the Single Parents' monthly lecture series, 8 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. For information call **Debbie**, 633-5500.

Sunday, April 30

CANADIAN FRIENDS OF TAU

Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University presents **Janice Stein**, a professor at University of Toronto, who will speak on Marriage or Divorce: The Middle East Peace Process, 7:30 p.m., Oak Room, Inn on the Park, 1100 Eglinton Ave. E. No charge. RSVP 787-9930.

GARAGE SALE & CRAFT SHOW

B'nai Brith Canada Forestdale Heights Lodge is holding a garage sale and craft show featuring lovingly used goods, crafts, refreshments and prizes, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St.

SPRING SPORTS SALE

Bialik Hebrew Day School is holding a sports sale including bikes, soccer and baseball equipment and rollerblades, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the school, 12 Viewmount Ave.

OUR STORIES

Jewish Women's Forum and Books and Bagels, Bloor JCC, present Our Stories, readings by Jewish women writers, 11:30 a.m., Wallin Lounge, Bloor JCC. JCC members $5, non-members $7. Coffee and bagels served. For information call 924-6211.

NCJW GARAGE SALE

National Council of Jewish Women, International branch, is holding a garage sale featuring new and used merchandise and clothing, 9 a.m.-noon, Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

FLOATING JEWISH SINGLES

Andrea Moses will speak on Avoiding the Pitfalls of a New Romantic Relationship, Inn on the Park, 8 p.m. $12 charge.

ADULT EDUCATION

Stuart Katz, professor of film, York University will present Yiddish Film at its Peak — Clips and commentary on the Molly Picon-Joseph Green team (with subtitles) at Temple Sinai's Sunday morning adult education program. Breakfast, $2 follows 9:30 a.m. services. Lecture, 10 a.m. free.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Abraham Kass, personal, marital and family therapist will speak at Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, 8 p.m. Charge, $5. For information call 905-771-1087.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

The 50th anniversary of liberation and Holocaust Remembrance will be commemorated at Queen's Park, 1:15 p.m. After the ceremony, a March of Remembrance will be led by veterans to Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, for a Yom Hashoah Commemoration and memorial program at 2:45 p.m. Co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region and the Holocaust remembrance committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Tuesday, May 2

ISRAEL OUR HERITAGE

The Frances Bitterman Memorial Trust Fund presents **Rabbi Yechiel Leiter** executive director of the foreign desk of the Yesha Council of Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza who will speak on Oslo the Road to Peace or War?, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

JERUSALEM PAVILION

Plans are underway for this year's Jerusalem Pavilion sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada. Part of Metro International Caravan, the Jerusalem Pavilion runs from June 17-24 at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre and is expected to attract 10,000 visitors. Shown from left are Marvin Zeavin, Lorne Bernstein, chair, planning committee; Len Berk and Johathan Rosen.

Thursday, May 4

COVERING THE MIDEAST CRISIS

CBC reporter **Mark David**, will give an insider's view of Covering the Mideast in Crisis, 8 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd. Sponsored by the Canada-Israel Committee, the synagogue and the major Jewish community organizations.

OPEN HOUSE

The Muki Baum Association for the Rehabilitation of the Multi-Handicapped Inc. is hosting an open house of the adult day program and School of the Arts, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7 p.m.-10 p.m., 1100 Lodestar Rd. Unit 1 (one block north of Sheppard Avenue West, 1 block east of Dufferin). Crafts created by the students including hats, vests, necklaces and quilts will be for sale. For information call 630-2222.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

THE CITY: WALLS WITHIN

The University of Toronto Department of Philosophy and the Holy Blossom Temple present a lecture series about the city. Monday, May 1, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., **Daniel Elazar**, will speak on The City: Biblical Archetypes. Tuesday, May 2, 8 p.m., George Ignatieff Theatre, 15 Devonshire Place, **Drucilla Cornell** will speak on Living Together: Sexual Equality. Lectures are free. Call 978-7253 for information.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is offering a series of information sessions entitled When Someone You Know Has a Memory Problem, for families who have a relative with a memory disorder such as Alzheimer's disease. Sessions take place at Baycrest Centre between April 25 and June 7. To register or for more information call 785-2500, ext. 2223.

JEWISH BROTHERHOODS

Lawyer **Alan Borovoy** is the guest speaker at the Council of Jewish Brotherhood's breakfast meeting, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Services, 9:15 a.m.; breakfast 9:45 a.m. Cost, $6. For information call **Joe Grossman**, 633-0479.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEART

North York Public Health Department is running a program on learning how to change your lifestyle to help your heart, May 4-25, 6:30-8 p.m.. 2300 Sheppard Ave. W. For details call **Sandra MacMillan**, 395-7780.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

Kashruth Council of Toronto presents the following spring cooking courses: No Fat Baking, Tuesday May 2, 8 p.m.; Pasta Pasta, Tuesday, May 9, 8 p.m.; Stop Dieting and Start Living, a seminar and discussion, Tuesday, May 16, 8 p.m.; Stop Dieting and Lose Weight, a cooking demonstration, Tuesday, May 23, 8 p.m.; Exciting Pareve Holiday Menu, Tuesday, May 30, 8 p.m. Classes are held at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. For information call 635-9550.

OHR SOMAYACH, THORNHILL

Rena Schochet discusses Heroes and Heroines or Villains, Tuesdays 9:30 a.m., Tanenbaum Residential Centre, 601 Clark Ave. W. On Wednesdays, 10 a.m., in private homes, beginning May 3, she leads a session on Striving for Truth.

COOK VEGETARIAN

Beth Torah Sisterhood hosted a pre-Passover vegetarian cooking program, with guest nutritionist and demonstrator Eta Brand (left). Seen with her is Linda Lallouz, sisterhood program chair.

Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz presents Shavuot and the Book of Ruth, Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m., May 2-May 30, Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. **Rabbi Mordechai Becher** gives a Crash Course in Judaism Thursdays, 8:30 p.m., May 4-June 8, Ohr Somayach, 613 Clark Ave. W. For information on all classes call 905-886-5730.

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BOOKS NEEDED

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JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Toronto Jewish Film Festival runs May 4-May 11, Bloor Cinema, 506 Bloor St. W. Festival pass including opening night gala $70; opening night gala $15, films $7.50, students $5. For information call 324-8226.

KABBALAH LEARNING CENTRE

A lecture discussing the mysteries of life, death, good, evil, success and failure is given every second Sunday 7:30 p.m., Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W. No charge. For information and registration call 631-9395.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: For Women Only explores self-esteem strategies for stress management and interpersonal relationships, begins in May; Taking Care of Aging Parents begins April 27; Successful Step-Parenting, begins May 4. For information concerning fees and registration call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

ANGER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

An educational workshop for men who have trouble managing anger takes place at Jewish Family & Child Service, May 10, 7 p.m. Call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800 ext. 215 for registration and information.

NISHMA CENTRE

Women and Judaism project continues with the Law of Parenting, Mondays, 8 p.m., 358A Wilson Ave., beginning May 8. Open to men and women.

Tzniut, A Halachic Study of Jewish Gracefulness, an advanced class for women, begins Monday, May 1, 10 a.m. at the centre. For information on all classes call 630-0588.

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YIDDISH LITERATURE

Yiddish Literature in English translation, a full-year credit course at University of Toronto, begins in September. York University students may take the course for credit. For information call **Sharon Green**, 978-3186.

TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

Concert marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Europe will be held Sunday, May 7, 2:30 p.m., Lawrence Park Collegiate, 125 Chatsworth Dr. Tickets $15, seniors and students $10, can be bought at the door or at Jewish bookstores. Call 489-7681 for information.

OGDEN SCHOOL REUNION

Reunion of students who attended Ogden School from 1930-45 will be held Saturday evening May 13, Earl Bales Community Centre. $2.50 per person. RSVP **John Wright**, 225-0371; **Izzie Grossman**, 905-764-6160; **Lil Davidson-Cutler** 223-4909.

CALL A NEWCOMER

The Telephone Language Companion Program of the Community Integration Program seeks volunteers to phone recently arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Phoners asked to make a commitment to telephone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months. Call 636-1880, ext. 261 for information.

HEBREW SCHOOL

Ahavat Israel Hebrew School is taking registration for its Sunday School program for children ages 5 through 12 years of age. Curriculum includes language, reading, writing, prayers, holidays, Jewish history and Bible. Previous Jewish education not a prerequisite. Call **Leslie Shapiro**, 905-731-5054.

LEARNING EXCHANGE

Rabbi David Gottlieb is the scholar-in-residence for Torah: The Next Generation, May 5-6, Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange Forest Hill, 446 Spadina Rd., Suite 203. Program includes Friday night dinner, Saturday lunch, beginner's Sabbath service, songs and dance. For reservations and information call 483-0883.

YOM HASHOAH WEEKEND

Prof. Stephen Berk is the guest lecturer at Beth Tzedec Congregation's Sam & Sarah Kerzner Holocaust Institute, Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30. Topic at Shabbat morning services, Auschwitz Revisited. At the Sunday morning Men's Club Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. he will speak on Auschwitz and the World. Small charge for breakfast, 10 a.m. lecture free.

INTERMEDIATE YIDDISH

Classes for those who understand more Yiddish than they can speak and who would like to refresh their vocabulary and improve conversation are held at various locations. Call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883 ext. 155.

AT THE KOFFLER GALLERY

The Caro Connection, an exhibition of 27 works by British sculptor **Sir Anthony Caro**, opens Wednesday, May 3 at 8 p.m. and continues through June 9.

Also opening May 3 is an exhibition of approximately 50 photographs by Toronto photographer **Nir Baraket** documenting the 1994 March of the Living. Exhibition on view in the Loggia Gallery through June 9.

STRIFE IN FAMILY BUSINESS

Na'amat Canada has arranged a three-part seminar series addressing the problems of family businesses with **Barbara Benoliel**, president of Preferred Solutions Inc. and a doctoral fellow in human and organizational systems. Lectures are Thursday, May 4 (Conflict Resolution in Family Business); May 25 (Sibling Rivalry in the Family Business); and June 15 (Prevention Measures for the Family Business), at 7:30 p.m. at Inn on the Park. Cost is $495 per person, or $1,495 for three to five people. Call Na'amat 636-5425.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Jewish Vocational Service is looking for volunteers. If you are available for three or more daytime hours, Monday through Friday, consider volunteering as a computer tutor (with teaching experience), administrative assistant (with WP skills), bookeeper (experience with simple accounting) and archivist. Call Volunteer Office, 787-1151 ext. 254.

for seniors

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). May 1, the Israeli movie *Shock of the Battle*, in Hebrew, will be screened.

The Wagman Centre, Widows and Widowers Self-help Group meets alternate Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-10:45 p.m. in the boardroom. Next meeting is April 28. For information and registration call **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2 for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 905-886-2625.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club 470 Glencairn Ave. is introducing a new discussion course on current events running Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m. from April 24 until June 26. June 13 Buffalo trip includes cruise through canals and locks. In future are trips to Artpark, July 19 and August 8; Stratford, Sept. 27 and Oct. 25. For information on all trips and programs call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities, 645 Castlefield Ave. has changed its April program. Speaker on Thursday, April 27, 2 p.m. will be **Joanne Burgess**, who will speak on Grandparent to Grandchild — Teaching the Wisdom of Real Prosperity Admission is free but seating is limited. Make a reservation by calling **Marlene White**, 785-1511.

A Time for Me, an eight-week personal growth workshop beginning May 9, for seniors over 55, helps participants discover strategies to look at life in new and rewarding ways. Co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, Senior Care, Bernard Betel Centre and Baycrest Centre with support from Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Call **Ann Gleberzon**, 635-2883, ext. 800 for information.

Earl Bales Senior Club's next Sunday dance with live band is on April 30, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Weekly Saturday dances, 7-10 p.m. are in the clubhouse. Local day trip are on May 1, May 9, May 10, June 13, June 21 and June 29. Reservations still being taken for Catskills trip. Call 395-7881 for information on all trips and activities.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

A public affairs program on Sex and Seniors in the 1990s is on Wednesday, May 3, 1:30 p.m. No charge, everyone welcome.

The third annual Seniors' Information Exposition takes place Thursday, May 11, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the centre. The event features businesses and services that cater to the needs of seniors.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT OPENED

The newest of the B'nai Brith Canada housing projects has been named in honor of philanthropist Leslie Dan and his family. Dan serves as honorary chair of the B'nai Brith Foundation. The residence consists of 61 units housing seniors, families, singles and the physically and developmentally challenged. It is a mixture of subsidized and market value rent. Seen at the opening is (from left) Pearl Gladman, national director, field services; Leslie Dan affixing the mezuzah; David Elman, national treasurer, BBC; David Colodny and Gabriel Nachman, co-chairs of BBC affordable housing. Looking through the glass doors is Ethel Dan, sister of Leslie.

FRIENDS OF TAU

Sir Leslie Porter, chancellor of Tel Aviv University and his wife, Dame Shirley Porter visited Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto recently as guests of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University (CFTAU). Pictured at a dinner party are from left Porter; Marty Goldberg, president of Toronto Friends of Tel Aviv University; Deborah White, hostess of the dinner; Lawrence Bessner, national president CFTAU; Jeannie Tanenbaum and Dame Porter. (ANM photo)

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO — NOMINATIONS

Jack Chisvin, nominations committee chair for the JFGT, has anounced the nominees for the board of directors, board of governors and individual representatives to council.

Elections will be held during the Federation's 20th annual meeting scheduled for June 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst Street.

In accordance with the newly revised bylaws, adopted by the Federation Council on February 22, the governance consists of a council, the president, a board of governors, and a board of directors. An executive committee will be elected by the board of directors from amongst the directors. No nomination can be made from the floor during the annual meeting. However, any member of the Jewish community may be placed in nomination by complying with the following bylaws:

"Only Members of the Federation who have made a financial commitment to the United Jewish Appeal in respect of the previous year, and are in good standing with the United Jewish Appeal, shall be eligible to serve as an Individual or Group Representative on the Council.

"Any 20 Representatives may nominate any Individual Member of the Federation for election to the Board of Directors and the position of President, provided that: a) any one Individual Representative may nominate not more than three nominees for election to the Board of Directors; b) such nominations shall be in writing and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee; and c) such nominations shall be delivered to the Federation at least 21 days before the annual meeting of Council.

"Any seven Individual or Group Representatives may nominate any Individual or Group Representative of the Federation for election to the Board of Governors, provided that a) any one Representative may nominate not more than three nominees for election to the Board of Governors; b) such nominations shall be in writing and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee; and c) such nominations shall be delivered to the Federation at least 21 days before the annual meeting of Council.

"Any seven Members may nominate any Individual Member of the Federation for election to the Council provided that: a) any one Member may nominate not more than three nominees for election to the Council; b) such nominations shall be in writing and accompanied by the written consent of the nominee; and c) such nominations shall be delivered to the Federation at least 21 days before the annual meeting of Members."

Nominee for president is Sandra Brown. Nominees for the board of directors include: Rosanne Ain, Barbara Bank, Arthur Benjamin, Michael Bregman, Donald Carr, Karen Chisvin, Michael Daren, Roz Davidson, Sheldon Disenhouse, David Engel, Helen Finder-Guttman, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Ira Gluskin, Norman Godfrey, Marty Goldberg, Judy Gwartz, Gerald Halbert, Robert Harlang, Beverley Holtzman, Marshall Kesten, Les Klein, Henry Koschitzky, Julia Koschitzky, Harry Krakowsky, Louis Lenkinski, Glennie Lindenberg, Jack Mintz, Barry Naiberg, Neil Nisker, Elliott Peranson, Naomi Rose, Gerald Ross, Alan Sandler, Lorraine Sandler, Stuart Schoenfeld, Ralph Shedletsky, Joseph Steiner, Francie Storm, Barry Tissenbaum and Terri Weintraub.

Nominees for individual representatives for the board of governors include the abovenamed directors, as well as the following individual representatives: Irving Abella, Dov Altman, Tammy Anklewicz, David Berman, Eric Bornstein, William Clarfield, Stephen Cole, Helen Daniels, Sheree Davis, Elliott Eisen, Wendy Eisen, Judy Engel, Sheila Engel, Michael Florence, Garry Foster, Stephen Freedhoff, Sheila Freeman, Robert Furman, Henry Goldbach, Al Green, David Y. Green, Norman Grill, Aaron Grubner, Carol Kassel, Jules Kronis, Elaine Lightstone, Susan Maldoff, Ted Matlow, Judy Noyek, Alan Offman, Miriam Rosenberg, Kurt Rothschild, Honey Sherman, Randy Shiff, Marsha Slavens, Howard Stevens, Alan Winer, Lorne Wolfson, Harvey Zimmerman.

Nominees for group Representatives for the board of governors include: Barbara Barak, David Barkin, David Botnick, Michael Bowman, Harold Bricks, David Buchstein, Jack Carr, Karen Chisvin, Etty Danzig, Irwin Diamond, Hy Eiley, Anita Ekstein, Judy Engel, Joseph Erlich, Gilda Goodman, Helen Finder-Guttman, Irving Fine, Nathan Fishauf, Gary Foster, Robert Furman, George Glass, Gerald Goldberg, Howard Goldstein, Mervyn Gonsenhauser, Diana Goodman, Sheldon Goodman, Avrom Gossack, Tova Gutenberg, Ronald Hoffman, Allan Kaplan, Thomas Kolin, Brian Lass, Glennie Lindenberg, Ira Marder, Jill Goldberg-Reitman, David Sefton, Jack Shahin, Peter Shenfield, Robyn Shiner, Sol Zigler.

Life members of the board of governors are the following past presidents: Ronald Appleby, Jack Chisvin, Charles Diamond, Arnold A. Epstein, Irving 'Yitz' Feldman, Arthur Gelber, Bernard Ghert, Phil Granovsky, Milton Harris, Wilfred Posluns, Jack Rose, Herb Rosenfeld, Samuel J. Sable and Rose Wolfe.

The following individual representatives were elected to the Federation Council last year for a two-year term, and are being elected for one year as a continuance under the terms of the new bylaws: Rosanne Ain, Philip Alter, Marlene Axmith, Barbara Bank, H. Tom Beck, Michael Benjamin, Harriet Bomza, David Brown, Allan Cheskes, Karen Chisvin, Bernard Dales, Charles Diamond, Yale Drazin, Sydney Eisen, Robert Engel, Felix Forshtendiker, David Freeman, Naomi Freeman, Bernard Ghert, Sharon Gladstone, Charles Gold, Henry Goodman, Harry Gorman, Sam Gotfrid, Sen. Jerry Grafstein, Jack Gwartz, Judy Gwartz, Milton Harris, Loretta Helman, Genya Intrator, Marshall Kesten, Les Klein, Henry Koschitzky, Julia Koschitzky, Jack Kosoy, Glennie Lindenberg, Tom Lobel, Syd Loftus, Paul Morton, Neil Nisker, Penny Offman, Gerry Richler, Lou Ronson, Barrie Rose, Jack Rose, Herb Rosenfeld, Gerry Ross, Gella Rothstein, Norma Rubin, Judy Scheininger, Schuyler (Skippy) Sigel, Shoel Silver, Frank Simkevitz, Sidney Starkman, Izy Stern, Joan Stevens, Harold Troper, Didi Urbach, George Wasserstein and Elizabeth Wolfe.

The following individual representatives are to be elected for a two-year term, 1995-97 to the Federation Council: Irving Abella, Dov Altman, Tammy Anklewicz, Art Benjamin, Mark Berenblut, David Berman, Eric Bornstein, Michael Bregman, Donald Carr, Hilda Cohen, Samuel H. Cohen, Stephen Cole, Helen Daniels, Michael Darren, William Draimin, Elliott Eisen, Wendy Eisen, Joyce Eklove, David Engel, Sheila Engel, Michael Florence, Stephen Freedhoff, Gerda Frieberg, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Ira Gluskin, Henry Goldbach, Marty Goldberg, Edwin Goldstein, Maxine Granovsky-Gluskin, David C. Green, David Y. Green, Norman Grill, Aaron Grubner, Michael Harris, Carol Kassel, Saul Kendal, Harry Krakowsky, Jules Kronis, Harold Lederman, Elaine Lightstone, Karen Maldoff, Judge Ted Matlow, Karen Morton, Allan Offman, Miriam Rosenberg, Riva Rosenfeld, Paul Rothstein, Lorraine Sandler, Honey Sherman, Randy Shiff, Marsha Slavens, Scott Staiman, Howard Stevens, Francine Storm, Barry Tissenbaum, Elaine Todres, Alan Winer, Gordon Wiseman, Lorne Wolfson, and Harvey Zimmerman.

In addition to the individual representatives listed, each group member of the federation shall be entitled to two representatives on the Council (group representatives). Any group member which has membership in good standing in excess of 100 persons residing in the Greater Toronto Area shall be entitled to one additional group representative on the Council. Because of this transitional year, the 60 days before the annual meeting time limit to advise the federation of representatives will be waived.

"Group" means any charitable, educational, social, cultural, religious or recreational agency, organization or congregational, unincorporated or incorporated (without share capital) whose activities are carried out primarily in the Greater Toronto Area (including the main Greater Toronto Area branch or division of national organizations), having a Jewish membership of at least 25 persons, or such other agency or organization which may be accepted by the directors.

Singles Events

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From coast to coast

Yaffa Eliach has preserved the history of her Lithuanian hometown in the Tower of Faces photographic exhibit at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Eliach's photos capture life before the war

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The voice on the phone is refined, with a trace of a European accent. Yaffa Eliach, professor of history and literature at Brooklyn College in New York, sounds younger than her 57 years; her gentle tone belies the horror she lived through as a child.

Eliach, who will be keynote speaker at a May 1 dinner co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region and the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, was named 1994 Woman of the Year by CBS *This Morning* for her Tower of Faces exhibit at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

The display, a 1,500-photograph depiction of pre-war Jewish life in Eliach's hometown of Ejszyszki, lines the walls of a three-storey tower.

Ejszyszki was a Lithuanian Jewish shtetl established in 1073 not far from Vilna. No Jews remain there today.

"I think it's a terrible mistake that so many financial resources are placed on the destruction itself and very little time and money ... is spent to try to preserve as much of the magnificent, dynamic, creative life that was lost," Eliach said.

Eliach's early childhood memories include the town's synagogue (now a sports complex), which at the time had a pagoda-style roof. "I remember very well where my mother and grandmother sat. I remember sitting on the rabbi's lap, and running down to my father."

It's remarkable that Eliach herself has chosen not to focus on the destruction during the Holocaust. One of only 29 survivors out of 3,500 Ejszyszki Jews, Eliach was in hiding with her family when a 1941 massacre decimated the town's Jewish population. Three months after liberation her mother and infant brother were murdered by local Poles. Her father was exiled to Siberia.

Eliach and a surviving brother left Ejszyszki with a handful of photos, the legacy of their mother, Zipporah Sonenson, and maternal grandparents Yitzhak Uri and Alte Katz, who were all professional photographers.

In 1979, when Eliach was in Eastern Europe as a member of then-U.S. president Jimmy Carter's Holocaust Commission, she decided to single-handedly research and document the pre-war Jewish life of her hometown.

Many of the photos she tracked down — in a search that took her to six continents — were taken by her grandparents. Some had been sent to former inhabitants who had already emigrated.

Eliach noted the modern garb depicted in most photographs. Because of the influence of radio, newspapers and television, "whatever was the fashion in New York was the fashion in Ejszyszki," she explained.

In all, she collected almost 8,000 photos and enough material to write a comprehensive 900-year history of Ejszyszki. *The Shtetl Book*, a hardcover volume suitable for coffee table display, is scheduled for publication in 1996.

Last month, a documentary about Eliach's work appeared on German public television. When interviewed for this article, she was preparing 70 of her Ejszyszki photos as a gift for a soon-to-be-opened Holocaust museum in Hiroshima, Japan. The museum will be dedicated to the memory of the 1.5 million Jewish children who perished in the Holocaust.

"I see myself as a link in a very long chain of Jewish history, Jewish tradition, Jewish life," she said, "and I feel as a part of that chain, it's my obligation to link to the past and link to the future."

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A Celebration of Women Marks Installation

The annual combined installation of the United Jewish Appeal Women's Campaign and Jewish Women's Federation held recently had as its theme *A Celebration of Women*. And, what an abundance of deserving women attended this event.

A highlight was a personal and moving speech by Marlene Axmith as she accepted the position of Chairman of the 1996 UJA Women's Campaign.

She spoke of her childhood in Toronto, her experiences at camp the summer she, as a counsellor, encountered "a group of children, speaking no English who fled the Hungarian revolution and were spending the summer at camp while their parents, with the help of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, embarked on a new life."

She shared the memories of the influences in her life which led to the position she now holds: the many committees at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, the efforts to establish the Bayview branch of United Synagogue Day School, and most importantly, the 1988 UJA Community Mission to Israel. For Axmith, this trip was "a first look at the vibrant, wonderful place...which awakened in me a love for the country and its people."

Glennie Lindenberg, continuing as President of Jewish Women's Federation, chaired the meeting and spoke of the strengths and capabilities of the many women she had the pleasure of working with over the past year. She emphasized her satisfaction at the close ties being reinforced between Women's Campaign and JWF which were evident in the many projects being undertaken jointly, as well as many committees being co-chaired by representatives from each organization.

Reflecting on her year as Chairman of UJA Women's Campaign, outgoing Chairman Barbara Bank remarked on Purim which had been recently celebrated. "It is the story of the triumph of faith and prayer over terror and cruelty. It is the story of yesterday's victims emerging as today's victors. It is the story of our people and the work that we do." In thanking her campaign executive she reflected on the importance of their efforts. "The strength and determination of each of you...and what we are able to accomplish is nothing short of miraculous. The women I met in the former Soviet Union who risk their lives daily to rescue others are modern day Esthers and each one of them and the miracles they perform create a powerful link back to us." The women who participate in Women's Campaign come from all walks of life and are all ages. From the campaign-wide launch in August to the Young Women's Outreach Project to the "dollar a day" Project 365 to the Lion of Judah to the telethons, women reach out to women in our community.

Worth celebrating is Carol Kassel, Co-Chair of the 1996 UJA Campaign, who brought a special welcome from the General Campaign. She noted the influential role women have played throughout the generations. "The Ezrat Nashim Society led to the creation of Mount Sinai Hospital and Baycrest, the Toronto Hebrew Ladies Aid Society created a Jewish orphanage and Jewish day nursery which became part of the Jewish Family and Child Service..." She remarked that according to Stephen Speisman, the archivist for the Toronto Jewish community, "while the pictures which line the halls in some of the major Jewish institutions of Toronto are those of male leaders, it was the women who were instrumental in creating these same institutions."

Bernard Ghert, bringing greetings as President of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, emphasized the integral role JWF and Women's Campaign have played in the life of our community and how their organization symbolizes in many ways the striving for continuity.

UJA Women's Campaign and Jewish Women's Federation are proud of the levels of achievement of their leadership. They can and do inspire others by their commitment and success. Truly this evening provided ample reason to celebrate.

1996 newly-installed UJA Women's Executive (from left) Agi Mandel, Carole Sterling, Barbara Bank, Marlene Axmith, Vicki Campbell, Rochelle Wolfond, Judy Engel.

1996 Jewish Women's Federation Executive (from left) Beverley Holtzman, Glennie Lindenberg, Jill Reitman, Rosalie Flomen. (Not shown - Susan Michaels)

Renowned Jewish Feminist To Speak

Norma Joseph, Professor of Religion and Comparative Ethics at Concordia University, will be guest speaker at the annual combined Spring Board Meeting of the Jewish Women's Federation and the UJA Women's Campaign on May 24, 1995. She is a specialist in Women and Judaism as well as Ethics and Judaism.

She has published extensively on issues affecting Jewish women including articles such as *Feminism with Tradition* and *Personal Reflections on Jewish Feminism.*

Joseph is founder of the Montreal Women's prayer group, is an activist on behalf of amending Canadian divorce law in order to protect Jewish women and is Director of the International Committee for Women at the Kotel. She has lectured extensively in Canada and Israel, the United States and England.

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Women and Substance Abuse: Confronting The Truth

Over the past few years the Social and Political Action Committee of Jewish Women's Federation has gained a justifiable reputation for dynamic, pertinent programming that empowers women to learn, to take charge, and where necessary, to promote change.

In the past years programs have successfully presented issues of importance such as raising a mensch, feminization of poverty, violence against women, women's health care and the image of women, and have brought about ongoing advocacy on behalf of these issues.

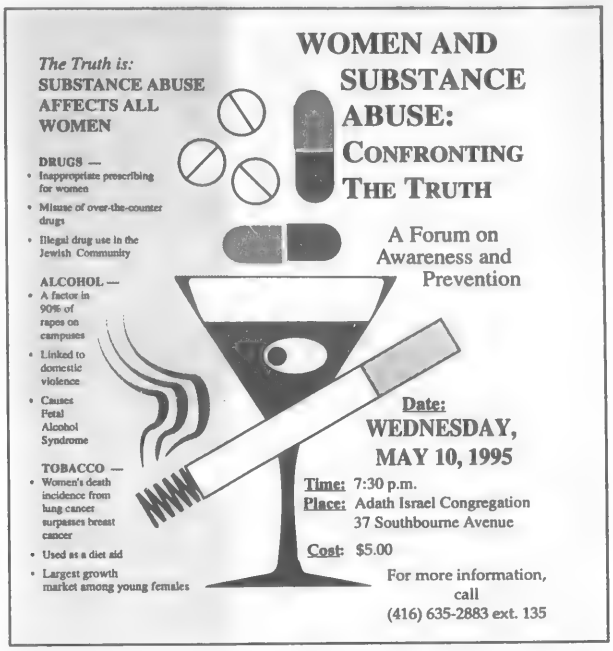
"Enriching our community is one of our prime concerns," says Glennie Lindenberg, President of JWF. "By bringing to the community issues of importance to Jewish women, we are fulfilling a vital part of our mandate."

On Wednesday, May 10, the Social and Political Action Committee will again challenge the community to become pro-actively involved in a topic that concerns us all. Women and substance abuse will be the focal point of this year's program. Substance abuse, as a woman's issue, has long been overlooked by society in general.

Alcohol during pregnancy, the overmedication of women, the surpassing of breast cancer by lung cancer as a killer of women and the co-relation of trauma and addiction are just some of the many issues specific to women.

How can Jewish women deal with these issues in a culture that has always held addictions to be "not our problem?" Only through awareness of the existence of substance abuse and by ending the denial in our community can we begin to address our needs and exercise prevention for ourselves and our daughters.

"Jewish women have always been leaders in areas of social concern and we as a group can be effective in mobilizing change," insists Jill Reitman, Vice President of JWF. Co-Chairs of the program, Agi Mandel and Marina Shear are excited by the positive response they have already received. "We need to acknowledge these issues which have been hidden for too long."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Denial is part of the disease

Denial is part of the disease of chemical dependency. The Jewish community denies it, the family denies it, and the abuser denies it. Because of this denial, we tend to wait until we are in a crisis or in the late stages of chemical addiction before seeking help.

Dr. Abraham Twerski, a psychiatrist and Rabbi in New York City and an authority on chemical dependency, observes that the Jewish community is particularly adept at denying substance abuse. No one knows or can know what the incidence of drug abuse is within the observant Jewish community. But studies show that it does occur and any incidence is too much.

Rather than argue about prevalence, attention should be directed toward the following question: If drug abuse can occur within an observant family, what can I do to minimize the risk in my family? If we realize the gravity of the condition, we should be willing to do anything and everything to prevent it. This is valid for Jews of all denominations.

Drugs, alcohol and tobacco use definitely are a problem in the Jewish community. To observe this fact, one needs only to attend an open AA meeting, visit a university fraternity or sorority, or speak with social workers and addiction counsellors. Visit a high school or junior high at lunch time and observe the girls outside smoking instead of eating lunch. As well, Jewish women and particularly elderly women are vulnerable to alcoholism and overmedication by prescription drugs.

Jews do drink, take drugs and smoke and do abuse those substances. We must open our eyes to these problems, and take steps to confront the myth and the reality. It is time to educate ourselves, our families and the Jewish community. Finally, it is time to stop denying.

Sources: Ellen Charkow, *Addictions: Jews are Not Exempt*, C.A.C.O.A. Newsletter; A.J. Twerski, *Thwarting Drug Abuse*, Jewish Action, Winter '92.

Get-ting Away From It All

"It was a wonderful weekend, because it was very much a learning weekend... but still joyful!" Such were the sentiments of Joyce Eklove, who attended the "Get Education Retreat" from March 10 to 12 at the B'nai Brith Camp in the Laurentian Highlands. Fifty-nine women from across Canada met to educate themselves on the problems surrounding the 'Get' or Jewish Divorce.

The retreat was organized by the *Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get*. The Coalition is made up of seven women's organizations - B'nai Brith Women, Na'amat, National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah-WIZO, Emunah Women, Toronto Women's ORT, and Jewish Women's Federation. The goal of the Coalition is to educate and sensitize the community on Get issues, and support and publicize the Federal legislation on this important subject.

For example explained Eklove, a member of the Toronto Coalition, and Chairman of the JWF Agunah Rights Committee, "we are trying to get every Jewish organization to refuse to allow anyone who is withholding a Get to be in a leadership position. As well we offer emotional support for the Agunah." (An "Agunah" is a woman who cannot remarry because she cannot obtain a Jewish Divorce.)

The weekend retreat offered workshops, speakers, and a chance to network, learn and relax within a beautiful setting. Norma Joseph presented an Halachic perspective, while lawyer Linda Schacter spoke from a practical point of view on the legal steps necessary to obtain a Get. Wendy Bryans enlightened the group on how the Canadian Federal Law Amendment 21.1 came into existence and on the vital role the Coalition played in its acceptance by the Government.

Etty Danzig, President of Na'amat commented, "it was wonderful to see all the different organizations working together. It was very hopeful because now communities across Canada will be setting up their own committees so that this issue will be on their agendas."

Toronto's Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get sponsored a "Community Vigil for Agunot." On the evening of Ta'anit Esther, March 14th, about 70 people gathered at the Bathurst Jewish Centre to show their support for Agunot. The goal of the vigil was to sensitize the community to the plight of the Agunah and to educate the public about current legislation. Rabbi Mark Dratch was the guest speaker. Shown above at the podium is Esther Rodzynek.

Jewish Women's Federation, a department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, is the umbrella organization for 50 Jewish women's volunteer organizations in Toronto. JWF brings together women from a broad spectrum of ideological backgrounds to network, to develop leadership skills, to address important social and political action issues and to help integrate new Canadians into the Jewish community.

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The cornerstone of every restaurant is a good Chef and Basque is fortunate to have Executive Chef Michael Punzo, one of Toronto's best and most experienced. Chef Punzo's culinary career took off when he enrolled at the Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts School in Paris, France. Chef Michael Punzo has already had the opportunity to show off his talent at The Four Seasons, Park Avenue, Paparazzi, and Aqua to mention a few. Now only thirty years old, but with twelve years of experience, Michael Punzo is the Executive Chef at Basque. Michael explains that his style is "classical" with a touch of California. At Basque he features Fresh market Cuisine with a California Flair. He only uses the best fresh fish, meats and vegetables. Furthermore, every plate Michael serves is a work of art. Color and design are as important to Michael as taste. The menu changes on a regular basis but could include: Cherrywood Smoked East Coast Salmon with Crisp Fried Leeks, Grilled New Potatoes and Tuna Aioli for $8.95, Grilled US Beef Tenderloin with curried figs, Honey, Coconut Milk, Sweet Potato Hay with Grilled portobellos for $17.95, and Grand Marnier Creme Brulee with Seasonal Fruits for $6. Basque is quickly becoming known for quality, presentation as well as reasonable prices.

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The special seminar on healthy lifestyles will be presented by dietitian/nutritionist, Sharon Gottlieb.

The classes will again be held at the Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. The fee for each class is $15, $10 for students under 18 years of age.

The discussion on Stop Dieting & Start Living (V31), to be given by Gottlieb on May 16, will present information and a 10-step plan to help you achieve your healthy weight goals. This special session will be of interest to people of all ages.

No Fat Baking (V30), to be presented on May 2, is for people who wish to reduce their fat content while enjoying special desserts.

Pasta Pasta (V15) on May 9, will present an array of pasta specialties including broccoli-stuffed jumbo shells with sauce, salmon fettucini a la champignons, crustless macaroni spinach tart or pie and other dishes.

Stop Dieting & Lose weight (V32), May 23, a new session for diet conscious individuals, will include low cholesterol, low fat pea soup, cherry cheese crepes and hot fudge sundae and other specialties.

Exciting Pareve Holiday Menu (V33) on May 30 will be a cooking demonstration for Shavuot or other holidays. This demonstration will include tortilla appetizers, Scotch barley soup, poached salmon and basil mayonnaise, breaded tomatoes and more.

The classes, open to males and females, are limited in enrolment, with registration on a first-come first-serve basis.

To register, send your name, address, postal code, phone number (home and work) and a postdated cheque, payable to the Kashruth Council, dated the day of the class to: Cynthia Gasner, Information and Public Relations, Kashruth Council of Toronto, 4800 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3V2.

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History of Yiddish explored in U of T exhibit

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Finally there is an official English translation of the famous Yiddish command, Hakn a Tshaynik (Chop a Tea Kettle); it is in the Yiddish Panorama exhibit at Robarts Libarary until May 31, complete with a tea kettle.

Here is the translation by Torontonian Michael Wex: "A tea kettle has boiled dry and its lid is jumping up and down because it is empty."

The wit and humor case is one of 12 in the exhibit which reflects 1,000 years of Yiddish language, literature and culture.

Other illustrated examples of Yiddish sayings handed down from one generation to the next include: It will help like cups on a corpse; and a worm lies in horseradish and thinks there is no sweeter place to be. There is also a kokhlefel, a stirring spoon; and a longer loksh, a tall, thin person.

The rarest item, according to curator Barry Walfish, is the *Worms Mahzor*, in a case all of its own, and loaned by the Beth Tzedec Reuben and Helen Dennis Museum. Written in western Germany in 1272, and used in the great synagogue in Worms for hundreds of years, it contains the earliest recorded sentence in Yiddish, a two-line verse meaning, "May he who takes his festival prayer book to the synagogue have a good day."

The wide-ranging exhibit illustrates the richness of the Jewish Studies Program at the University of Toronto, said Prof. Adel Sedra, university provost. Yiddish Panorama is sponsored by the program, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and by the University of Toronto library.

A handsome and scholarly catalogue in English and Yiddish, edited by the curator, accompanies the exhibit, amplifying with fascinating details the various exhibit cases, including Yiddish literature of Israel, the Holocaust, the former Soviet Union, and Canada.

It has the first Yiddish book published in Canada, in 1915, in Toronto, *Hersh's Book of Fables*, by Hersh Hirsh, editor of the *Daily Hebrew Journal*, Toronto, and later of the *Keneder Adler*, Montreal.

A Haggadah printed in 1527, partially in Yiddish, is on display, as well as a copy of the only Yiddish literary monthly still being published (by Oxford University England Summer School) edited by 38-year-old David Katz.

The Soviet showcase has a book by Itzik Fefer, the Yiddish writer shot by Stalin May 12, 1952. It includes a paean by Fefer to the Soviet leader: "I am a Jew who drank from Stalin's wonder cup of happiness."

The showcase on Yiddish literature in Israel reflects the fact that Israel publishes more Yiddish books than any other country, according to Walfish. Unfortunately, the number published world wide is decreasing, he said.

It will be on the second floor of Robarts until the end of April and then in a reduced form in May on the first floor. Until May 4, the library hours are 8:30 a.m. to midnight Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. For hours after May 4, phone 978-8450.

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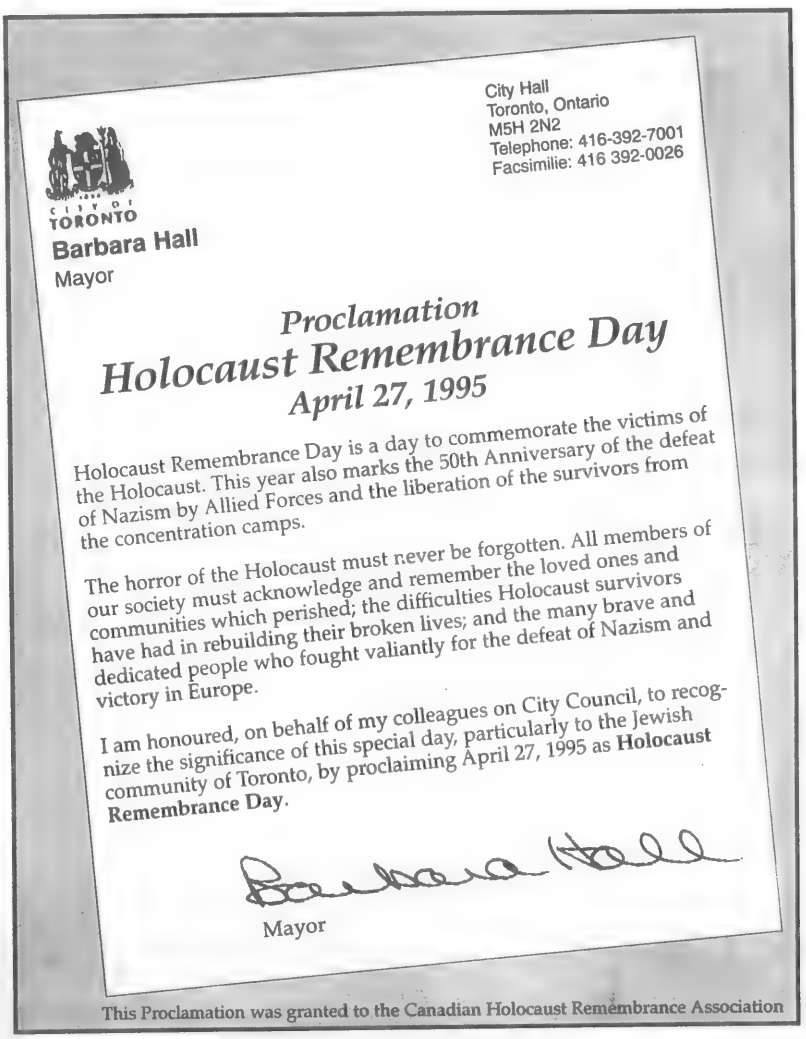

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The horror of the Holocaust must never be forgotten. All members of our society must acknowledge and remember the loved ones and communities which perished; the difficulties Holocaust survivors have had in rebuilding their broken lives; and the many brave and dedicated people who fought valiantly for the defeat of Nazism and victory in Europe.

I am honoured, on behalf of my colleagues on City Council, to recognize the significance of this special day, particularly to the Jewish community of Toronto, by proclaiming April 27, 1995 as **Holocaust Remembrance Day**.

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Survivor captures horrors of post-war Europe in book

By JACK KOHANE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — "Long after the war, men will not be able to look each other in the eye without reading the question: How is it you happened to survive? How did you do it?" *After the Smoke Cleared*, a new book by Holocaust survivor Jack Kuper begins with the above words written by Janusz Korczak.

Likely to become a best-selling classic, as did its predecessor *Child of the Holocaust* (first published in 1967), this autobiographical sequel takes us past the horrors of post-war Europe and reunites Kuper with his father after decades of enforced separation following the Nazi occupation of Poland.

The books essentially form a continuum which help Kuper come to terms with the ghosts of his own Holocaust experiences, in an effort to finally put them to rest.

Written through the eyes 9-year-old Jankel Kuperblum (Kuper), *Child of the Holocaust* details the terrors he felt and the horrors he witnessed on a daily basis.

"It was a terrible, cruel time, particularly for the young," Kuper explains. "It took me almost five years to complete the book. Many events that began to well up in my memory were so painful to describe that I often broke down and wept for many hours. I could not continue writing until much later."

By the end of the war, Kuper blum had for so long denied his Jewish background, almost forgotten his family, and encountered so much hatred in his journeys about the Polish countryside, that he himself became an anti-Semite.

Kuper says he received hundreds of requests from readers and academics who studied *Child of the Holocaust* to complete the story of Jankel Kuperblum, to find out what later became of him.

"The question was how to present it," says Kuper. "The reunification with my father later provided the necessary framework for *After the Smoke Cleared*, and after several rewrites, the resulting work came together as an almost uninterrupted progression from 1945 to the present."

The book is an intense and passionate first-hand account. Where the first book revealed the strength of the human spirit to rise above the mayhem and destruction of war, *After the Smoke Cleared* provides an insight into how one manages to cope with the memories of the Holocaust.

Kuper describes his coming to Canada in 1952, settling in Toronto, changing his name to a more anglicized version and raising a family.

After a successful advertising career, he became an award-winning film-maker, playwright and author.

Kuper relates his guilt about having survived the war. He confesses to not being devoutly religious. "God died in the concentration camps," he writes.

He also refers to his profound disillusionment with the materialism that seems to obsess many in the community today. Kuper is riddled with guilt when a friend rails against his dedication to advertising. "You survived the Holocaust only to make commercials?" his friend charges. "How will you explain this to your children?"

At the core of *After the Smoke Cleared* is the strained emotion Kuper experiences when he again comes face to face with his father.

It is not only many years that separate them, but also culture (his father remained in Russia after the war), attitude towards life and the observance of traditional Jewish rituals.

Most importantly, the author is gripped by his personal history and his "survival guilt," whereas his father is not troubled by any of these. His father lives for the moment, refuses to permit worry to impede his enjoyment of the present, and harbors none of the phantoms that plague his son.

A seemingly unbridgeable chasm develops between them. But through pain, shame, loathing and loss of innocence, the son ultimately begins to understand his father's philosophy and motivations. The reader is left with a yearning to learn if any reconciliation between the protagonists is possible.

With the critical success *After the Smoke Cleared* has already achieved, we may be witnessing the emergence of an entirely new literary genre of Jewish writing.

At the gates of Buchenwald

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Henry Schwab, a German-born Jew who emigrated to the United States in 1936, enlisted in the U.S. Army and reached the gates of Buchenwald concentration camp just days after it was liberated in April 1945.

"It was a day never to be forgotten, coming face to face with some of the horrors," he recalls in a recent book. "This, no doubt, reinforced my commitment to do my part to always remember."

Having lost many relatives in the Shoah, Schwab felt determined to help document the horror they had experienced. He did this by preserving some family mail that had survived the devastation of war-torn Europe. Soon he became a collector of all forms of written communications from the period.

Schwab's collection of original postal material, cards, envelopes and letters sent through regular mail channels in Nazi-occupied Europe during the Holocaust is now an exhibition entitled The Echoes That Remain. It has been shown at stamp exhibitions in many countries, as well as in universities, libraries and religious institutions.

Schwab's recent book, also called *The Echoes That Remain*, features hundreds of items from this unique collection. They include prewar postcards bearing anti-Semitic caricatures; cards to German Jews stamped Abgereist (moved with no forwarding address); cards sent into and out of Lodz, Theresienstadt, Lublin and other Jewish ghettoes; mail sent between ghettoes; and cards sent into and out of internment and concentration camps such as Auschwitz.

Describing himself as a postal historian, Schwab says that inmates of Auschwitz and other concentration camps were permitted to send and receive mail, although regulations were many and continually changing, and censorship was strict.

At one point, for instance, writers in Auschwitz were required to use the term Schutzhaeftling — (in protective custody) when identifying themselves on envelopes.

The author identifies the various rubber stamps and postmarks used by censors and postal authorities. He also explains the many euphemisms used. For instance, one writer says that his family is "going on a trip," rather than that they are about to be deported.

"Desperation, daring and ingenuity by senders is evident through concealed meanings in the message and by the use of code words, Yiddish expressions, and language used that seemed innocent," he writes. "Yet the true meaning in most cases was apparent to the recipient."

Unaffected by censors, some mailed messages reproduced here provide a sad reminder of the horrific upheavals that each of the millions of Jews of Europe endured. Each piece of mail tells its own tragic story.

One card, written in Poland in 1941, carries a desperate message: "... need money ... am near the end of my wits ... ill and without any means ... not even enough to buy a piece of bread ...." The writer asks the recipient to notify his brother, who had escaped to Shanghai, of his whereabouts.

The Echoes That Remain provides documentary evidence in minute everyday detail. The book should interest historians, philatelists, survivors and students of the Holocaust. It is available through the publisher, the Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, 235 Wellesley St., Weston MA 02193.

A related volume — *Poland and Holocaust Philatelic History, 1939-1945*, by Edward T. Superson, appeared several years ago. It is available for $50 from Emil Talacko, 230 Glengrove Ave. W., Toronto M4R 1P3; phone (416) 485-1059.

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Pollard's release urged by Israel, U.S. Jews

Possible spy swap in works

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and CJN Staff

WASHINGTON — With a parole hearing approaching for convicted spy Jonathan Pollard, efforts for his release are being stepped up by the Israeli government and the American Jewish community.

These efforts came amid reports last week of a possible spy swap that could free Pollard.

But President Bill Clinton and the State Department denied any knowledge of such a deal, which would involve the United States, Israel and Russia.

And the Toronto-based Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard, Canada called the reports "damaging" and "ludicrous," arguing that since Pollard is a U.S. citizen, the American government would never publicly agree to swap him to a foreign country.

The Canadian group said the rumors could shift attention away from Pollard's parole hearing, which could come as soon as next month, and it called on Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to disavow the report.

Israeli news reports said the Jewish state had proposed the swap to secure the release of Pollard, currently serving a life sentence for spying for Israel, and of Marcus Klingberg, who is serving an 18-year prison term in Israel for spying for the former Soviet Union. Russia, in turn, would release unnamed American agents.

Jonathan Pollard with wife Esther, of Toronto, in a recent photograph taken at his Butner, N.C. prison.

Pollard, a former U.S. civilian Navy analyst, would be eligible for parole in November, the 10th anniversary of his arrest, if his scheduled May hearing is successful.

The Israeli government's desire to resolve the Pollard case was reportedly made clear earlier this month by Elyakim Rubinstein, the former longtime Israeli cabinet secretary who now heads Israel's negotiating team with Jordan.

Rubinstein was in Washington, where he had meetings on Capitol Hill and with the administration concerning Pollard.

Rubinstein described these contacts in an April 12 address to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Following the address, the Jewish group took its first-ever position asking for Pollard's release. In letters sent to the White House and the U.S. Parole Commission, the Conference of Presidents said Pollard "has already paid a heavy price for his crime" and should be paroled on humanitarian grounds.

The letters follow a similar one sent by the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council (NJCRAC) to the parole commission.

It was under NJCRAC auspices that a committee of Jewish organizations first discussed the Pollard matter in the wake of his 1987 sentencing, and decided at the ume that since there was no compelling evidence of anti-Semitism in the case, the Jewish community would not take a stance.

As Pollard's time in prison lengthened, and as an increasing number of grassroots groups rallied to his cause, mainstream Jewish organizations across the U.S. and Canada gradually came on board seeking varying degrees of clemency for Pollard.

Rubinstein's may be the most high-profile effort on behalf of Pollard to date, although Rabin has raised the issue with Clinton more than once.

Rubinstein reportedly said the White House is not convinced Pollard is an important issue for the American Jewish community.

According to Seymour Reich, the former chair of the Conference of Presidents who has taken a leading role on behalf of Pollard, support from the Israeli government and the American Jewish community is crucial if Pollard is to be released, in the face of expected opposition from the U.S. intelligence community.

"The trick now is for the president to understand that this is a key issue for the Israeli government and the American Jewish community. And it's the latter that has been lacking," Reich said.

The Conference of Presidents letter noted that Pollard has "expressed remorse for his actions and said it was never his intent to harm the United States.

"While there is no justification for his misguided actions, we believe he has already paid a heavy price for his crime," the letter said.

Last week, U.S. Senator Arlen Specter became the first presidential candidate to promise to commute Pollard's sentence if elected.

"Jonathan Pollard has served long enough," said Specter, who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination.

Israel rejects terror accord

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel last week rejected an agreement that was reportedly reached between the Palestinian Authority (PA) and its fundamentalist opposition.

Under the reported terms of the agreement, the self-rule government would release fundamentalist activists, in exchange for an end to terror attacks against Israelis inside the autonomous areas.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Sunday that under any such agreement, Hamas and Islamic Jihad would have to declare an end to all terror attacks against Israelis — not only in the self-rule zones, but throughout the West Bank and within Israel as well.

"We will not accept any agreements between the Palestinian Authority and extremist terrorists — the Islamic Jihad and Hamas — if they do not [stop] all activities inside the autonomy and outside of it," he said.

Rabin was speaking to reporters in Hebron, where a week earlier an undercover border police unit killed three Hamas terrorists who were believed to have been behind the deaths of at least six Israelis.

The killings of the three Hamas members sparked rioting last weekend. A 17-year-old Palestinian was killed and five others wounded when Israel Defence Force (IDF) troops opened fire on stone-throwers at the Kalandia refugee camp north of Jerusalem.

While in Hebron, Rabin was briefed by IDF officers about last week's operation against the three Hamas members.

He also met with settler leaders, who said plans to withdraw the Israeli army from Palestinian population centres in the West Bank could endanger Jewish residents in the area. The withdrawal is scheduled to take place as part of the next phase of extending autonomy to the Palestinians, as called for under the terms of the self-rule accord.

But Rabin told the settler leaders that for the time being the withdrawal would not take place because of continuing terror attacks by fundamentalist groups opposed to the peace process.

Meanwhile, Israel Television reported that the Islamic Jihad denied having pledged to stop terror attacks against Israelis.

An Islamic Jihad spokesman, attributing the announcement of an agreement to the PA, said contacts are continuing between members of the self-rule government and the fundamentalist opposition, in an effort to calm tensions in the Gaza Strip.

Talks were reportedly held between the PA and officials from Hamas and the Islamic Jihad after the two groups launched separate suicide bombing attacks in Gaza on April 9, killing seven Israelis and an American woman studying in Israel.

A subsequent crackdown by Arafat led to the detention of hundreds of militants, jail sentences for several fundamentalist activists and warnings of weapons confiscations. The crackdown led some militant leaders to warn of a violent confrontation with the Palestinian Authority.

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Terrorist, neo-Nazi links discovered

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — An unusual alliance among Jewish groups tracking anti-Semitism worldwide has uncovered a new kind of ideological collaboration between Islamic terrorists and neo-Nazis.

The Anti-Defamation League, the World Jewish Congress, Tel Aviv University and the Anti-Semitism Monitoring Forum of the Israeli Government's Secretariat teamed up to compile a new report, titled *Anti-Semitism Worldwide: 1994*.

It includes a country-by-country examination of anti-Semitic incidents and trends in Western Europe, Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, as well as in North Africa, South Africa, North America, Latin America, Australia and Japan [*CJN*, April 20].

The joint report was presented before its April 10 release to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Its sponsoring organizations plan to present it to the Knesset, the U.S. administration and Congress, the UN Human Rights Committee and the European Parliament.

The study found that violent anti-Semitic activities have escalated around the world.

It also discovered an increasing cross-pollination of ideas and tactics between Muslim fundamentalists and neo-Nazis.

"While part of the anti-Semitism in Christian countries in recent decades has turned into anti-Zionism, in the Muslim world, anti-Zionism appears to be turning into anti-Jewish manifestations, thus broadening a political and territorial conflict into a matter of clashing ideological and religious world views," the study says.

The report noted the rise of Muslim extremist activity against Jews in Western Europe. In general, violent attacks in Western Europe doubled last year, rising from 15 to 31.

By the end of 1993, in Germany alone, there were 14 extremist Islamic groups with an overall membership of about 21,000, according to the study.

The report traces the influence and support of these groups to extremist Islamic forces in the Middle East and North Africa, notably Iran, Sudan, Lebanon and Algeria.

As "a significant example" of this cross-breeding phenomenon, the report cites the Swedish radio station Radio Islam, which broadcasts a mix of "extreme anti-Semitic and anti-Israeli propaganda" and presents "the ideas of European Holocaust-deniers and neo-Nazis."

The study found "a sharp rise" in the number of anti-Semitic attacks in the wake of last February's Hebron massacre, in which a Jewish settler killed 29 Arab worshipers in a Hebron mosque.

"Violent activities by Muslim extremists were particularly evident in France and England, where a number of attacks and attempted attacks were mounted against Jewish targets," the report says.

"These included booby-trapped cars, Molotov cocktails, shootings and stabbings, and vandalism."

In Great Britain, the number of seriously violent attacks rose to six, from zero in 1993. This figure include the two car bomb attacks in London last summer, one of which was against the Israeli consulate.

"In Belgium, where a significant increase in violence was registered, Islamic extremists were behind most of the incidents," the report noted.

Increase in incidents

In Germany, where anti-Semitic incidents of all kinds doubled from 1993 to 1994, "the media frequently reported Jewish institutions and individuals receiving threats from Arab fundamentalists."

When speaking of the 100 per cent increase in reported incidents in Germany, however, the study cautions that German citizens are increasingly inclined to report such incidents and police and security forces have become more sensitive to hate crimes.

Incidents and trends noted in other areas of the world include:

• In Japan, popular books warn against Jewish and Zionist plots to destroy Japan in a matter of years.

• In the United States, black Muslims accused Jews of having been slave traders and of deflecting attention from that by fabricating the Holocaust, thus overshadowing the suffering of blacks.

• In the former Soviet Union, Jews were accused of having initiated the Bolshevik Revolution, and then of destroying communism. According to these accusations, the Jews subsequently found shelter in Israel, where they were rewarded for their crimes.

• Even in Brazil, where racial mixture has been and still is for many a social ideal, a Jewish gubernatorial candidate in the state of Parana, Jaime Lerner, was slandered by an Evangelist minister who accused him of being God's enemy. A political opponent called him a "Jewish-Nazi candidate," according to the study.

Weekly Travel Pages in
The Canadian Jewish news

The Week in Israel

April 17:

• Druse residents on the Golan Heights marked Syrian Independence Day with parades and a shutdown of shops and offices in their villages. A large police force was sent in case of rioting, but the marches were peaceful and orderly. Hundreds of people gathered on the Syrian side of the border and broadcast speeches on loudspeakers to the Israeli side.

• Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert may be summoned for questioning for allegedly firing one of his deputies, Meshulam Amit, who filed a complaint with police about financial wrongdoings at City Hall, police sources said. The national fraud squad has yet to determine whether to open an investigation into the complaint filed by Amit, which alleged that since 1989, the city has sold off properties illegally to raise cash for various projects, including the new City Hall building.

April 18:

• Talks with Syria on security issues have failed, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said. A more comprehensive dialogue should be established, he added. Speaking on Israel Television, Peres said discussions on security — one of four elements in the negotiations — have not yielded results.

• Senior Jordanian army generals visited Israel in the two years preceding the signing of the peace treaty, and their meetings with Israeli army officers helped pave the way for the agreement, disclosed Brig.-Gen. Baruch Spiegel, who led the Israeli negotiating team.

April 19:

• Israel revealed that a Russian emigre who worked in an Israeli weapons factory is serving a 13-year prison term for spying for the former Soviet Union. Gregory Kalman Lunden was arrested in 1988, convicted and sentenced in a secret trial, according to documents released by Israel's Supreme Court.

April 21:

• Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Israel Meir Lau said he is attempting to prevent the participation of the Jewish-born Roman Catholic cardinal of Paris, Jean-Marie Lustiger, in a conference at Tel Aviv University. Rabbi Lau lashed out at organizers for issuing the invitation to Lustiger, and at Lustiger himself for not repenting and returning to the Jewish fold.

Sarajevo Haggadah read at seder

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SARAJEVO — The legendary Sarajevo Haggadah made its third appearance in 50 years last Saturday at a noon seder in this city's only synagogue.

The seder was held during the day because of spotty electricity and increasingly aggressive sniper fire as the three-year-old war raged on.

Along with some 70 of the remaining Jews of the city and kosher wine and matzah provided by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, several high-level Bosnian officials were there, including President Alija Izetbegovic, Prime Minister Harris Siladzic and Cultural Minister Enis Karic.

But the special guest at the seder was the more than 600-year-old Sarajevo Haggadah.

Its greatness first came to light after a poor Sephardi Jew named Kohen sold it in 1894 to the city's National Museum. Curators in Vienna recently assessed its worth as a great medieval manuscript at $7 million.

The Haggadah has never actually belonged to the Jewish community in Sarajevo. It dates back to 14th-century northern Spain, probably Barcelona.

The book narrowly escaped the clutches of a high-ranking Nazi book collector, who demanded in 1941 that the museum director turn it over to him. But the director, Joze Petrovic, told the Nazi another German official had taken it only moments before. In fact, a Muslim scholar had agreed to hide the manuscript until the end of the war.

In an indication of the relations that were once possible in Sarajevo, it was a Serb who lied to the Nazi about the Haggadah while a Muslim hid it, said Jewish community president Ivan Ceresnjes.

Since World War II, the Haggadah was seen only briefly on two occasions — once in 1966 at the 400th anniversary celebration of the Jewish community of Sarajevo and then in 1988, as part of an exhibit of Jews in Yugoslavia.

The Haggadah surfaced for only one reason last week, according to officials: to dispel rumors that the Bosnian government had sold it for arms, or that it had been ruined or stolen.

All rumors were laid to rest when Resad Gogalija, an employee of the Ministry of Culture, stood before the assembled crowd, displaying page after magnificent page.

The book appeared in remarkably good shape. Although measuring only 6.5 by eight inches, the brilliant blues and golds were more lively than any reproduction.

Bringing the book out of hiding sparked major debate. National Museum director Envir Imamovic resigned in protest, and Jewish community leaders were told of government plans to send the book out of Sarajevo for restoration and exhibition.

Thus, the ancient treasure of Bosnia, rarely seen over the centuries, has gone back into hiding once again.

PRESIDENTIAL CONFERENCE

President Ezer Weizman addresses delegates to the second annual Dialogue with the President, held recently in Jerusalem. The conference heard that with the exception of Canada, Germany and Australia, the population of Diaspora Jewry is in decline. [Israel Photo]

Congressmen back Jewish property claims

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Eight U.S. congressional leaders, including Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, have joined the fight to help Eastern European Jewish communities reclaim property lost during World War II.

In an April 10 letter to Secretary of State Warren Christopher, the legislators accused 13 Eastern European countries of restricting rights to Jewish and other assets.

These assets, valued at billions of dollars, were plundered by the Nazis and then nationalized by the communists.

The Eastern European countries have burdensome restitution laws with cut-off dates, and measures preventing non-residents and non-citizens from making claims.

The congressional letter warns that "it should be made clear to the countries involved that their response on this matter will be seen as a test for their respect for basic human rights and the rule of law and could have practical consequences on their relations with our country."

The bipartisan letter also calls on the countries — Belarus, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia and Ukraine — to enact legislation providing for prompt restitution.

"It is a matter of both law and justice," the letter said.

The letter comes on the heels of a personal plea from World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman, who went to Capitol Hill to lobby lawmakers on the issue.

Departure delay

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Bureaucratic snafus may delay this week's departure from Israel and the territories of Muslim pilgrims bound for Mecca.

Last Sunday, it was agreed that pilgrims from the territories will be given Jordanian transit passes, which will also be given to Israeli Muslims.

In the past, Saudi Arabia insisted that the roughly 4,000 pilgrims from the West Bank and the 3,000 from Israel all travel on Israeli passports, but Jerusalem objected.

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Militias' anti-Semitism tracked

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targets not only traditional victims — racial and religious minorities — but even more so, government and government employees."

Some estimates suggest there are over 10,000 people connected with the militia movement in over 30 states, the report says, adding that in the weeks prior to the Oklahoma City bombing, members made a number of death threats against government employees.

The New York-based Anti-Defamation League (ADL) says the leaders of the Militia of Montana have been members of the violent Aryan Nations, based in Idaho.

In a report released last autumn, the ADL noted that the leader of the Patriots in Colorado is an adherent of the anti-Semitic Christian Identity movement. The ADL says it has evidence of paramilitary activity in at least 13 states.

Members of militias believe the government is overly intrusive and a threat to their freedom because of gun-control measures, taxes, law enforcement and land use. The AJC report says some members believe Washington has set up 43 concentration camps for U.S. dissidents.

In Canada, far-right groups associated with U.S. extremists also appear to be preparing for violence. Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress warned in a weekend television interview.

"These people are stockpiling arms," said Farber. "But even more important, the fact that groups like the [neo-Nazi] Heritage Front and others have created an umbrella to bring these lunatic fringes under, and to spoonfeed them hatred, creates the the attitude for this kind of situation to develop."

In a weekend interview with the *Toronto Star*, Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege denied his group is readying for any violent confrontation with authorities.

Some observers have pointed out that the Oklahoma City bombing bears a chilling resemblance to events in *The Turner Diaries*, a 1978 novel that became a bible for U.S. white supremacists and neo-Nazis.

In the book, a small group opposed to the government carbombs a federal building with a mixture of ammonium-nitrate fertilizer and fuel oil — exactly the deadly formula used in Oklahoma City. Plans in the fictionalized account called for the blast to punch through two levels of reinforced concrete and blow the facade off a building.

War crime case delayed

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Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella condemned Nemsila's remarks, calling them "despicable comments. They amount to the alleged victimizer attempting to turn himself into the victim through anti-Semitic slurs...It is shameful that someone would try to coat the murderous record of that unit under the guise of wartime patriotism."

Abella applauded the launch of proceedings against Nemsila while calling for further action against other suspects. "Immediate action should be taken. There is absolutely no reason for any delays."

B'nai Brith spokesperson Marvin Kurz said Monday's delay is not unexpected, given Nemsila did not have a lawyer. "The really troublesome delays have happened already. Why have we taken so long [to begin proceedings]?" he asked.

In recent months, Justice transferred to the Immigration Department 12 files of alleged Nazi war criminals for denaturalization and/or deportation. Immigration spokespeople have said the department will use four cases to establish legal precedents before proceeding with the other cases. That approach has drawn the ire of Jewish groups, which point to a snail's pace of legal efforts against alleged Nazi war criminals.

"When will they recognize that justice is not measured out in spoonfuls?" said B'nai Brith spokesperson Frank Dimant. "Where are the other cases?"

Of the four cases now being pursued by the Immigration Department, three involve Canadian citizens. Erichs Tobiass, 84, of North York, Ont., has been accused of participating in the mass execution of Jews in Nazi-occupied Latvia. The two other suspects have not been identified.

Since 1987 only four people have been charged under the Criminal Code. Imre Finta was acquitted and charges dropped in three other cases, including Reistetter's.

The unit's only success came in an immigration hearing involving Dutch Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens. He was stripped of his citizenship and deported.

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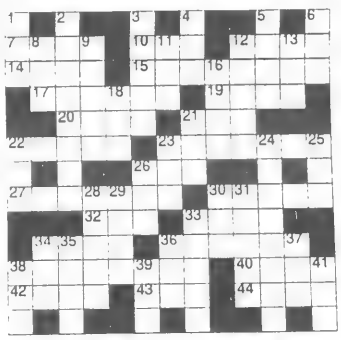

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10 Short - of the stick
12 Seal of Solomon had - points
14 Very fatty fish
15 Two who refused to kill a male child in Egypt
17 This prime minister made Moshe Dayan Minister of Defence
19 From a distance
20 These propel boat
21 Knack
22 Capital of Arab Palestine until eleventh century
23 Codification of the oral commentaries on the Law
26 Nip in the -
27 Chaotic
30 The month during which Romulus started the building of Rome
32 Roll out the - carpet
33 Neglect
34 Symbolic extension of the home
36 Secret organization that helped Jews escape the camps to Palestine
38 The - Land
40 The name that Leuppus took when he disguised himself as a female so as to be with Daphne
42 Knocks
43 Consumed
44 Jog

DOWN

1 Daylight saving time
2 Happens to matzah stolen' by children
3 Demonstrations
4 Tally
5 Operatic prima donna
6 Aye
8 Actor's hint
9 Pioneering and Fighting Youth
11 Nothing
12 Recently added cup
13 French: worm
16 Conflicts
18 Long tailed ape
21 Assistance
22 Knife meant for Isaac used on this
23 Name is -
24 One of the kingdoms formed after David's death
25 IBM moved up, as in 2001
26 Reds under the -
28 Messages beaten on these
29 Aaron belonged to this Tribe
30 French: Friend
31 To trim with small embroidered loops
33 Seder means this
34 Epoch
35 Jumping this good exercise
36 Hebrew letter
37 Blackbird
38 Snoop
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Jewish impressionist's work showing in New York

By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

NEW YORK — The retrospective of Jewish impressionist painter Camille Pissarro (1830-1903), organized by and for the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, is now at the Jewish Museum in New York through July 16, 1995.

The exhibit presents Pissarro's life and art, from early paintings on the Caribbean Island of St. Thomas, where he was born and raised, through his late years as one of the recognized French masters of modern art.

Among the nearly 100 paintings and drawings (culled from a remarkable output of 5,000 works) are many from private collections which have never been publicly exhibited. Others are from such major institutions as the Musee d'Orsay in Paris, the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu and the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

Pissarro was one of the founding fathers of the impressionist movement. Together with Claude Monet, Auguste Renoir, Alfred Sisley and others, he had both a revolutionary method of painting and a unique approach to subject matter.

The artists depicted the world around them in soft focus and muted colors: the French landscape, the Parisian suburbs of Louveciennes and Pontoise, the city views, the cafe scenes.

Pissarro's feeling for the countryside of France and those who peopled it comes through strongly in these marvellous works. Even his drawings and sepia washes reflect unaffected simplicity: female workers, market scenes, and the toll of ordinary people. Although he supported the most liberal social movement of his age, he had no desire to deliver a spiritual or political message, but only to portray nature with sensitivity and directness.

Neo-classical painter Fritz Melbye became one of his early inspirations, and together they travelled to Venezuela. Pissarro's first major exhibit took place in Paris in 1850, and he moved there in 1855. His style changed over the years, open to outside influence which created

Pissarro self-portrait

highly personal works. When the impressionist group held its first exhibition in 1874, it was Pissarro who compiled the association's legal charter.

Pissarro was born into a family of prosperous merchants. His father was a French Jew of Portuguese descent, his mother an older Creole related to her husband by marriage. Very early Pissaro showed an exceptional gift for drawing, and only after a struggle with his family did he commit himself to a career in painting.

Because he was able to take advantage of new opportunities to enter art schools and guilds previously closed to Jews, Pissarro became the first Jewish artist to receive international acclaim. In an era when Jews kept a distance between their cultural heritage and public lives, Pissarro's open identification with his Jewish background was rare.

For many years the impressionists were spurned by the art establishment and the public. Pissarro was well into middle age before he attained a degree of success and was often hard-pressed to support his wife and six children.

Pissarro experimented with different techniques but remained true to the ideals of impressionism right until his death at 73. Camille Pissarro: Impressionist Innovator does justice to both the man and his contribution to art.

The exhibit is on view at the Jewish Museum, 1109 Fifth Ave. at 92nd Street in Manhattan.

Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Manor Houses in Denmark: Some 400 manor houses and castles dot the pastorial landscape of Denmark, particularly in the eastern environs of Jutland and on Fenen and Zealand.

More than 20 such buildings have been converted into hotels offering varying degrees of luxury. Arguably the most splendid of these gems is Steensgaard Country House Hotel in southern Funen, a classic half-timbered structure dating back to 1310 and surrounded by a 27-acre park, complete with its own peaceful lake. There is also Dragsholm in Zealand, once a 13th-century bishop's palace, which boasts eight-foot-thick walls and a moat.

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Coast to Coast Packhorse also offers a 15-night accommodation package, pre-booking each night's accommodation the length of the walk. The start and finish points are easily accessible by train from Manchester Airport. Contact Elizabeth Bowman, 44-17683-71680.

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New York City Museum Update: The American Museum of Natural History is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year by opening two new Dinosaur Halls that include dramatic skeletons of Tyrannosaurus rex and Apatosaurus, remounted to reflect new scientific thinking ... The Metropolitan Museum of Art, which also celebrates its 125th anniversary this year, has opened all wings after a series of renovations ... The Museum of Modern Art's landmark collection of modern painting and sculpture has been reinstalled in renovated and expanded galleries ... The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation has announced the final phase of registration for The American Immigrant Wall of Honor, scheduled for completion in late 1995. The 652-foot, double-sided, semi-circular wall pays tribute to American immigration with 480,000 engraved names.

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Austrians Commemorate End of WWII: Among many activities in Austria marking the end of World War II is the upcoming commemoration marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Mauthausen concentration camp. A symposium on the history of Mauthausen is set for May 2 to 4, with memorial rallies and a youth concert scheduled for the days following. For information on travel to Austria, contact the Austrian National Tourist Office, 2 Bloor St. E., Suite 3330, Toronto, Ont. M4W 1A8. Phone: 416-967-3381.

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RUSSIAN ROULETTE

Immigrants from the former Soviet Union are known for their innovative ideas. Hershel Greenberg, pictured here, an aeronautical engineer who made aliyah from the Ukraine in 1991, is no exception. With the aid of computer electronics and the financial backing of Israeli businessmen and Kiryat Gat's Economic Development Unit, Greenberg spent two years perfecting the ultimate multi-media roulette table; a game which he predicts will attract a new breed of gambler to casinos worldwide. With gambling still illegal in Israel, it may be some time before Israelis get a real taste of computerized gambling. Most of the orders come from England and East European countries. [WZPS photo]

Security firm protects high-profile professionals

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When some people think of a bodyguard, a stereotype comes to mind of a muscle-bound male with limited brainpower, who is out of place in the boardroom or a fancy restaurant.

But bodyguards have changed their image and today they tend to be more like the *Gentlemen's Quarterly* type played by Kevin Costner in the movie *The Bodyguard*. They are well educated, have good communication skills and are well trained, according to a private investigator who heads Executive Security Services International.

"They have to be able to blend in with associates, friends or relatives of their client," said Sunil Ram. "You can't stick out like a sore thumb."

He added a bodyguard without specialized training may be capable of driving adoring groupies away from a rock star, but he may not deter someone, especially a professional, who is out to seriously harm a client.

Ram prefers to use the updated term "protection specialist" to describe his professional associates, both male and female, who provide security for individuals who have reason to worry about their safety. Bankers are "prime candidates for kidnapping," he said, and celebrities may be the targets of mentally imbalanced fans.

A private investigator and a security specialist for 10 years, Ram, 29, has received training in counter-terrorism from members of the elite British commando Special Air Services (SAS).

Local synagogues used his security services during the High Holy Days when international terrorism posed a threat.

During an executive protection training program, Sunil Ram shows how he would protect Dr. Mark Blau in a confrontation.

Five-day training program

For the past three years, he has offered a five-day training program in VIP protection, which includes instruction in the psychology of terrorism, terrorist ambush techniques, unarmed combat and use of firearms.

Aside from his security specialty, Ram is available for a variety of investigative work, including insurance claims, fraud, arson, employee theft and industrial espionage.

Employee theft and industrial espionage, he said, can be countered by doing a thorough background check on potential employees, another service he provides.

If a background check uncovers ovewhelming personal debt, substance abuse (drugs or alcohol), or a history of gambling, it is a danger signal, he said, because a person with a checkered past is more likely to steal from the employer or become engaged in industrial espionage.

Ram does undercover investigations for employers concerned about internal theft or industrial espionage.

He recalls seeing a trucker stealing boxes of cigarettes out of the back of his employer's vehicle and he fingered the thief by using two of the tools of his trade — a 35 mm camera and a video camera. In the same surveillance operation, he also nailed a warehouse manager and an administrative employee who had conspired with the driver.

Industrial espionage — stealing ideas — is more prevalent than most companies care to admit, Ram believes. It happens when the employee who is leaving the company to start a business makes a copy of everything on his or her hard drive. Or it could be low tech — just a matter of photocopying a sensitive document that was left on a desktop. "Less than 10 per cent of businesses have adequate security," he says.

While investigating insurance claims, Ram said he has found people with "back problems" on the golf course and "people taking part-time jobs under the table when they should be at home resting."

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Peter Graben Caterers

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

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The glatt kosher line, currently available at the Costco division of Price Club Costco, with plans to be in Highland Farms, Nortown, Food City and IGA, now features four soups, two herbed flatbreads, two dessert items and four main entrees. Peter Graben representative Lisa Wagman expects to have about 26 products on the market by summer.

The main course dinners for two, including grilled salmon with angel hair pasta, chicken teriyaki with fried rice or meat balls with rice pilaf, come ready to pop into the microwave. They can be frozen or kept in the refrigerator for about two weeks.

exploding stage in terms of our premises. We've proven there is a lot of business to be done when quality is not compromised," Wagman says.

Quality is indeed a primary concern at Peter Graben's. Under the direction of executive chef Jim Camara, who has been there for 15 years, they use only grade A federally inspected meats, poultry, fish and eggs and produce, handchosen daily from the market. They are committed to using Ontario grown produce and products whenever possible.

Wagman says home parties are still a large part of Peter Graben's business. "Catering comes complete with staff and kosher dishes and cutlery. We begin cooking in our kitchen and complete it at the party site so the food is always fresh and piping hot."

Take-out weekend specials are available at Peter Graben Caterer's main commissary, including main kitchen, pastry kitchen and offices operating at 1895 Leslie St.

Affordable meals

"These dinners are a quick way for single or working couples to have healthy, cost-conscious meals," Wagman says. "We aim at keeping the prices down."

Graben's Fine Foods is a natural outgrowing of Peter Graben Caterers' Limited, the 25-year-old company that began as synagogue caterers. Since the beginning, the company has been known for its exceptional food and service, as well as for maintaining the highest standards in its kitchen and off-premise venues.

Peter Graben Caterers now caters at Beth Tikvah Synagogue and Temple Sinai, and holds contracts at the Royal Ontario Museum, Casa Loma, the Crowne Plaza, Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, the Marriott Eaton Centre and the Estates of Sunnybrook (Vaughan Estates and Maclean House). As well, they supply all kosher airline meals for Air Canada, Canada 3000, British Airways, Swissair, Cathay Pacific and to many hospitals.

"With the new Graben's Fine Foods line we are practically at the

Cut Rates, Gov't Told

JERUSALEM — Pressure was mounting on the Bank of Israel last week to cut interest rates, after March inflation figures showed that consumer prices dropped unexpectedly last month by 0.1 per cent.

The last negative index was in May 1992, when prices dropped 0.4 per cent. The bank is expected to announce its monetary program for May within the next week.

Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish, standing in for Finance Minister Avraham Shohat who is visiting in China, said the drop in inflation is excellent news and should lead to an early cut in interest rates.

Trade Deficit Hinders Growth

JERUSALEM — The economy is in need of a real devaluation, accompanied by a cut in the budget, industry and bank leaders said recently at a Manufacturers' Association emergency meeting.

Manufacturers' Association president Dan Propper said the economy's major problem is the trade deficit, which hinders growth and makes it more difficult to repay foreign currency obligations.

"The problem of Israel's trade deficit, which is expected to reach $11 billion (US) this year, is one of the economy's most pressing problems," Propper said. "The government and Bank of Israel must take immediate action."

Propper said the first 120 public companies to publish their financial statements for 1994 reported a drop in operating profit. He blamed the fall on the government's and Bank of Israel's monetary policy.

Open Letter To Shohat

JERUSALEM — The country's industry leaders and the Export Institute sent an open letter to Finance Minister Avraham Shohat last week, asking him for emergency measures to bring about a rise in export profitability.

"In its present state, market interest rates are too high for us," the letter said, citing the dollar's revaluation and inflation "which is higher than is acceptable in Western nations. We are bending under the weight of this burden and sending you this message: No more!"

The letter concluded with a call for action and was signed by some of the country's most important exporters, including: ECI, Elscint, Osem, Delta Galil, Vishay, Haifa Chemicals, Lannet, Motorola, Scitex, Elite and Tadiran.

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Ryan M. Paquette was born in Detroit and educated in Ontario and Nova Scotia. He was called to the Ontario Bar in 1960. His general practice firm, Paquette and Associates, employs two lawyers. He is past President of l'Association des juristes d'expression française de l'Ontario and a member of the French Language Services Standing Committee for the Law Society of Upper Canada.

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Arts

Garth Drabinsky: Corporate drama in three acts

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Garth Drabinsky was appalled that day in 1987 when he heard publishers were about to bid at auction for the rights to an unauthorized biography of himself.

Realizing that "a book filled with mistatements and misrepresentations and ignorant reporting of the facts would do me a lot of harm," he quickly took action by announcing plans to write his autobiography.

Nearly eight years later, McClelland & Stewart has published *Closer To The Sun*, in which the powerful Toronto-based entertainment mogul, dubbed "the Canadian Ziegfeld" by a New York writer, tells his own story in some 500 pages, frankly and compellingly, revealing much about himself in the process.

Drabinsky's career takes the shape of a high-powered corporate drama in three acts. Act One began when he teamed with Nat Taylor, his mentor, to build the 18-screen Cineplex in Toronto's Eaton Centre in the late '70s.

Over the next decade, he guided Cineplex Odeon through a meteoric rise to a publicly-traded corporation worth $1.3 billion. In 1989, he was ousted as CEO after a ruthless corporate battle which saw him pitted against the giant U.S. media conglomerate MCA.

In retrospect, he claims the deal that forced him out of Cineplex has proven disastrous for shareholders by reducing the company's worth to one-third of what it could have been worth had he remained.

Act Two. Rising from the ashes, Drabinsky established the immensely successful Livent (Live Entertainment of Canada Inc.) The company has produced a string of lucrative hits in Toronto and on Broadway, including the Tony-award-winning *Kiss of The Spider Woman* and *Show Boat*.

Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres (left) and Garth Drabinsky at a preview of Show Boat at the Gershwin Theatre in 1994.

As well, Livent's productions of *The Phantom of the Opera* and other Andrew Lloyd Webber musicals (soon to include *Sunset Boulevard*) have grossed almost $700 million to date. Livent has bought the rights to E.L. Doctorow's novel *Ragtime* for development as a musical, and sold about 700,000 *Show Boat* original soundtrack albums.

And Act Three? Only the future can tell. At 45, Drabinsky is still a young man.

Like his book, written with Marq de Villiers, Garth Drabinsky in person is lively and engaging. He sits behind a large desk in an airy office decorated with portraits of himself, art by Jean Paul Riopelle and other artists, and a shelf on which his prized Tony and other awards sit.

> *"A committed Zionist"*

On the windowsill is a framed and signed photograph of him with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Drabinsky calls himself a "committed Zionist" who visits Israel at least once a year. He has discussed bringing *The Phantom of the Opera* to Tel Aviv's new Opera House. ("I've urged Jerusalem to build a major theatrical facility, but they haven't yet ...")

He has also become a strongly vocal advocate of freedom of expression, after withstanding what he calls "an outrageous, anti-Semitic assault" from elements within Toronto's black community who unsuccessfully attempted to scuttle Livent's production of *Show Boat*, publicly condemning it as racist nearly two years before the production opened.

"They were clearly motivated for reasons of political empowerment, not for any rational grounds or any basis of history," he asserts.

"I was unwilling to compromise my fundamental rights and set a standard that would be detrimental to every other person who in future attempts to expound significant ideas of artistic expression."

(The production subsequently won rave reviews from the U.S. black press, as it did from the rest of the American media.)

Livent, Drabinsky says, remains concerned with works that deal with serious social issues, like *Show Boat* and *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. "Any new musicals that we do in future are going to have some pretty serious subject matters and issues. In the case of *Ragtime*, racism is still fundamental to that piece. I want to keep talking about racism because I find that it's so important."

Drabinsky also talks about *Sweet Smell of Success*, "which deals with political power and a world moving farther and farther to the right, finally resulting in the era of McCarthy. That's stuff that America is reliving again today. The parallelisms are there."

A generous supporter of nearly every Jewish charity that approaches him or his company, Drabinsky has lifelong ties to Toronto's Beth Sholom Synagogue.

However, he freely admits his disappointment that a respected Toronto rabbi condemned him from the pulpit during the *Show Boat* controversy. "When you're dealing with a man of intellect who runs scared and speaks without even seeing the production — and who refuses to see the production! — I think it says a lot about the state of affairs with the Jews of Toronto today.

"And I had to deal with other groups, largely in the Reform community, who showed the same fear, the same willingness to put their heads in the sand and take the position of the black minority against the Jews, for absolutely indefensible reasons."

Drabinsky is familiar with the role of underdog. Stricken with polio at age three, his childhood consisted of a series of grueling surgical procedures to regain the use of his paralysed left leg; the ordeal, he says, helped fuel his motivation for other challenges in life.

Known for his aggressive, ruthless and sometimes combative nature, he shrugs off criticism that he goes too far in defence of things dear to him.

"I never go beyond the boundaries of decency and integrity," he declares. "I fight aggressively for what I believe in and I make sure I'm not subject to inherent injustice or illegality.

"I've survived in a very tough business for 25 years — not only survived, but been able to establish a platform of respect on the international stage. WELL? That isn't easy to do. It's not a business for the weak of heart."

As for the future, Drabinsky says he intends to remain within the realm of live theatre; he decries the aura of "unscrupulousness" that surrounds Hollywood and many prime players in the movie industry.

"There's just a higher form of gentlemanly and moral conduct in the theatre business," he says. "The art form is, I think, the epitome of entertainment. I feel very comfortable in the milieu now. There's every likelihood that I'm going to stay in the live theatre part of the entertainment business."

Female cantors, a welcome addition to liturgical music

By PAULA CITRON
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Female cantors in recital were showcased recently by Holy Blossom Temple as part of Our Musical Heritage series.

The evening offered a clear example that the female voice, as exemplified by cantors Roslyn Barak and Faith Gurney, can be a welcome addition to the performance of Jewish liturgical music.

The concert also presented the newly formed Lachan Choir, whose performance under the direction of Holy Blossom Cantor Benjamin Maissner was of high professional calibre.

The Holy Blossom concert was not for traditionalists. The female voice sounds more operatic performing chazzanut than the male, and the female technique may lack some of the conventional cantorial ornamentation and embellishment, but it is a more delicate sound capable of haunting beauty.

Barak and Gurney brought to the liturgy an exquisite expressiveness of tone, color, nuance and emotion, much like an opera singer brings to an area. Both women are also superb actresses who transform their songs into stories.

The concert was made more interesting by the fact that the cantors are different vocal types, who bring different qualities to their singing. Barak is a lyric soprano whose deep rich bottom register puts her squarely in the dramatic camp. Gurney is a coloratura soprano whose feathery technique allows for impressive trills and a soft sweetness of sound.

Standouts in a concert full of riches were Barak's heart-felt moving performance of *Song of Miriam*, a lovely cantata by American composer Andrea Jill Higgins, and Gurney's beautifully reverential rendering of Pierre Pinchic's mystical *Rozo d'Shabbos*.

Maissner performed duets and trios with the women, their voices blending beautifully, particularly in *Ana Halach Dodech*, by Gil Al Dema, a setting of verse from the Song of Songs.

Maissner also acted as conductor as well as choir master for the evening.

The small instrumental ensemble, which included Nadya Adler (piano/organ), Barbara Ackerman (flute), Wendy Bornstein (oboe), David Miller (cello) and Julie Sager (harp), also deserves kudos for its sympathetic accompaniment in a very diverse repertoire.

Above all, Maissner and his guests should be applauded for the wonderful breadth of music selected, which included works by Canadian composers Ben Steinberg and Yefim Adler, along with a traditional and contemporary Hebrew, Yiddish and Sephardi repertoire.

CLARIFICATION

In the Eye on Arts column of the April 20th issue, a piece of information was left out on the "Books and Bagels" section. The reading at the Bloor JCC April 30, "Our Stories: Readings by Jewish Women Writers" is co-sponsored by Jewish Women's Forum, an independent magazine devoted to women's issues within the context of the Jewsh community.

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Arts

Two new films from Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Alexander Abdulov and Bruria Albec in *Coffee With Lemon*.

It is a truism that some Soviet immigrants have not fared well in Israel. *Coffee With Lemon*, to be screened at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival on May 8 at 9:15 p.m., explores the travails of one such family.

Valery (Alexander Abdulov), a revered Moscow actor, immigrates to Israel with his wife and younger son. All their worldly possessions are packed into four suitcases.

Their home, a trailer on a bleak caravan site, perches on a hilltop in the desolate Judean Desert. They admire the view, but seem to be disappointed.

Thanks to a friend, Alexander lands an acting job upon arrival. But there's one insurmountable hitch — the play in which he is to appear is in Hebrew, a language he considers formidable. Frustration sets in as he tries to memorize his lines.

The long and short of it is that Alexander cannot cope with his new environment. Neither can his wife, who originally urged him to leave Moscow. Only their son likes Israel.

The situation goes from bad to worse as Alexander grows disillusioned with the theatre that employs him, embarks on a disquieting affair with his Hebrew tutor, Michal (Bruria Albec), and bitterly discovers that he is regarded as just "an immigrant" by Israelis.

Directed by Leonid Gorovetz, a Soviet newcomer himself, *Coffee With Lemon* derives its title from Alexander's addiction to drinking coffee with lemon juice.

Alexander's odd habit is a metaphor, really, for his inability to blend into Israeli society. Another recurring metaphor which also summarizes the difficulties Soviet immigrants encounter in Israel, turns on his neighbor's unsuccessful struggle to squeeze an oversized piano into his trailer.

On balance, *Coffee With Lemon* is a perceptive film about a family's attempt to adapt to Israel. Gorovetz doesn't pull his punches, but perhaps his vision is too unrelievedly dark.

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The Flying Camel is a lighthearted Israeli comedy, albeit with serious undertones. It is slated to be shown on May 8 at 7:15 p.m.

Directed by Rami Na'aman, the movie is set in Tel Aviv and revolves around two eccentrics — Bauman (Gidon Zinger), a retired history professor with a passion for collecting Bauhaus artifacts, and Phares (Salim Dau), an Arab garbage collector bent on replanting his father's orange grove in Bauman's garden.

A third, rather extraneous character, Gina, is a lapsed Italian nun on a self-declared peace mission to Israel.

Though outwardly carefree and bubbly, *The Flying Camel* addresses two relevant issues. The first is the cultural gap between Arabs and Jews. The second is the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Ultimately, these troubling questions animate the film. The humor, which tends to be flat, is of secondary importance.

A study in character development

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Woman's Pale Blue Handwriting, based on a story by Franz Werfel, resonates with moral quandaries.

What should an upper-echelon Austrian civil servant do when he discovers that he has an illegitimate Jewish son?

The question is all the more urgent considering the fact that the year is 1936 and that a resurgent Germany is making threatening noises against Austria.

Due to be screened at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival on May 9 at 7:15 p.m., Axel Corti's thought-provoking movie unfolds against the backdrop of class snobbery, moral appeasement and anti-Semitism.

The central character, Leonidas Tachezy (Friedrich von Thun), a senior official in the Ministry of Education and Culture, was a "perfect nobody" until he wed Amelia (Krystyna Janda), the heiress to a fortune. As a result of her family connections, Tachezy rose quickly in the ranks.

One day, Tachezy receives a letter from Vera Wormser (Fredrika Kammer), a former lover, which throws him into an abyss of fear. Wormser, a German Jew with whom he had an adulterous affair, suddenly requires his assistance.

At first, Tachezy fears he will lose his job and his position in society if it is revealed that he is the father of her child.

But out of wilful pride, the normally calculating Tachezy decides to take a stand. At a meeting with the anti-Semitic minister of education, Tachezy disputes his reasoning that a renowned Jewish scholar should not be given an important university appointment.

By voicing dissent, Tachezy upsets the minister and his smug colleagues and, furthermore, jeopardizes his own career.

Corti's film is not only a skillful study in character development. It is an expose of political accommodation and compromise, the kind that can strip a nation of its dignity and plunge it into ruin.

Woman's Pale Blue Handwriting, distinguished by fine acting and good pacing, is a film well worth seeing.

Surrender!

Love, piety, tradition and oppression are the universal themes which course through Edward Sloman's 1927 silent film, *Surrender!*

Scheduled to be screened on May 10 at 5:30 p.m., this dusty, almost forgotten gem touches the emotions.

It gathers its strength from a romance foisted upon a lovely, betrothed Jewish woman by a Russian army officer and prince.

Constantin, the Russian, feasts his eyes on Lea, the rabbi's daughter, and falls madly in love with her. She resists his advances.

The place: a shtetl on the the Austro-Hungarian-Russian border. The time: on the eve of World War I.

The scene shifts to the outbreak of the war. A Russian Cossack force, commanded by Constantin, occupies the town. In his quest to find Lea, Constantin invites himself to the rabbi's house, where he finds the object of his desire hidden behind a Torah ark.

Constantin threatens to shoot Lea's fiance unless she kisses him, the Russian. Rebuffed, he then threatens to burn down the town, with all its Jewish inhabitants, unless Lea appears at his room at a certain time.

The rabbi faces a terrible dilemma. Should he allow Lea to sacrifice herself, like the biblical Esther, or remain pure and unsullied?

The drama mounts as the hour of doom approaches. *Surrender!* never flags as the climax nears.

The film ends with a twist, suggesting that true romance conquers all.

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SUNDAY, MAY 7
12:00PM AMERICAN MATCHMAKER (AMERICANER SHADCHAN) (USA)
1:45PM BLACK RIDER (SCHWARZFAHRER) (Switzerland/Germany)
followed by CROSSTOWN SABBATH (Austria/USA)
3:30PM A KISS TO THIS LAND (UN BESO A ESTA TIERRA) (Mexico)
5:30PM LIKE A BRIDE (NOVIA QUE TE VEA) (Mexico)
8:00PM WITHOUT ME (OHNE MICH) (Germany)
followed by SEPTEMBER SONGS: THE MUSIC OF KURT WEILL (Canada)

MONDAY, MAY 8
5:30PM BERLIN JERUSALEM (France/Israel)
7:15PM FLYING CAMEL (Israel)
9:00PM COFFEE WITH LEMON (CAFE B'LIMON) (Israel)

TUESDAY, MAY 9
5:30PM HIDDEN CHILDREN (Canada) FREE SCREENING
7:15PM WOMAN'S PALE BLUE HANDWRITING (Austria)
9:15PM BALAGAN (Germany)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10
5:30PM SURRENDER! (USA)
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9:15PM CAFE AU LAIT (France)

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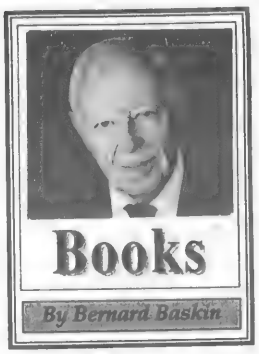

Books

By Bernard Baskin

Beyond The Promised Land, by Glen Frankel (Simon & Schuster, $31).

This book is a superb summary of recent Israeli history by a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who served as Jerusalem Bureau Chief for the *Washington Post* from 1986 to 1989.

It reviews events that challenged Israel during the seven-year period (1987-1993): the intifadah, the Persian Gulf War, the huge influx of Soviet Jews, the confrontation between President George Bush and Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, the victory of the Labor Party in 1992 and the momentous Israeli-Palestinian peace accord.

Frankel illustrates how Israel is being transformed from a collectivist garrison-state under siege, to a more open, pluralistic, increasingly capitalistic and democratic country.

With consummate skill, precision and clarity, the author depicts the shifting and complex nature of Israeli political life, the demands of the religious groups, the Ashkenazi-Sephardi cleavage, the influence of the Russian immigrants, the struggle for position and power within the many parties, and the growing importance of the hi-tech sector. For the first time since 1948, maintains the author, Israel is strong and confident enough to create history — as opposed to merely being defined by it — and thus to make peace with its enemies.

The Gulf War was a defining moment for the country. It tested Israelis — their army, their government, their leaders and themselves — in ways they had never been tested before.

"It demanded thoughtfulness, restraint and maturity rather than strength, speed and daring. It forced some Israelis to choose between the personal safety of themselves and their families and their obligations to the state. Israel entered the Gulf crisis as one country; it came out the other end of the tunnel as someplace else."

In 1988, the Labor Party bargained with three ultra-Orthodox parties and agreed to amend the Law of Return which would give the rabbinate sole power to decide who among the immigrants qualified as a Jew.

The explosion of outrage from Diaspora Jews astounded the Israeli politicians. As an influential businessman from Miami put it, "Don't you people have enough problems without angering your only real allies in the world?"

The amendment was dropped but the issue damaged Israeli standing among Diaspora Jews. "Americans who always assumed that Israelis practised the same degree of religious freedom and pluralism that they themselves enjoyed in the United States were stunned to find out that the Orthodox rabbinate wielded a state-funded monopoly over Jewish practice and religious education, and was prepared to attack and defame anyone who threatened its power."

The collapse of the kibbutz as an Israeli symbol of dedication and idealism marks the transition from the old centralized economy to a slowly emerging free market. "For many Jews it was the real story of Israel, a change more profound and irreversible than anything that happened in the battlefield or in the polling booth."

The massacre of Palestinians by Baruch Goldstein sharpened the eagerness of mainstream Israelis to separate themselves from the West Bank and Gaza ... and, if necessary, from the settlers who insisted on remaining there. Many Israelis, rightists and leftists alike, were appalled to discover the amount of support Goldstein's deed commanded, especially among young Israelis.

This perceptive, polished and thorough overview of the "New Israel" is illuminating and hopeful. It must be among the best of recent guidebooks to Israel's recent past and uncertain future.

Neo-Nazism highlighted

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Without Me, slated for May 7 at 8 p.m., is a wry semi-autobiographical short about the rise of neo-Nazi violence in unified Germany.

Simon Rosenthal (Dani Levy), a timid Jewish filmmaker living in Berlin, feels victimized by the xenophobic climate. His self-pity and cowering have already alienated his German girlfriend (Maria Schrader).

How can he regain her respect? Should he be defiant? Should he, as his mother suggests, leave Germany? Should he be proud of his Jewishness?

The manner in which Rosenthal addresses these challenges forms the core of Levy's biting film.

Wry and pungent

Wry and pungent, *Black Rider*, to be screened on May 7 at 1:45 p.m., is an Academy Award winning short on the surprising pitfalls of racism.

Crosstown Sabbath, on May 7 at about 2 p.m., alternates between a shtetl in Slovakia and New York City. A contemplative piece about the stress of modern urban existence, it unfolds through such metaphors as a factory, a hunter, Nazi stormtroopers, the Holocaust and carpet-bombing airplanes.

Balagan, on May 9 at 9:15 p.m., challenges the usual assumptions about the Holocaust and Israeli society. By turns quirky and shocking, this Israeli documentary is anything but conventional.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

One evening in May 1933, some 4½ months after Hitler became chancellor of Germany, there occurred in Berlin a scene the likes of which, according to historian William L. Shirer, "had not been witnessed in the Western world since the late Middle Ages." German university students were fueling huge bonfires with the books of enemies of the Reich such as Lion Feuchtwanger, Jakob Wassermann, Arnold and Stefan Zweig, Albert Einstein — and Thomas Mann, the German-born Nobel laureate and one of the towering figures of 20th-century literature.

Two months earlier, Mann and his wife had left their Munich home for a trip to France and Switzerland; while away, they decided not to return. He was deeply involved in composing the second volume of a major four-volume literary project begun in 1928 and not complete until 1944.

At a time when Germans were zealously banding together to throw the Jews into a deep pit, Mann was laboring under a different impulse: to elevate the Jews, along with the ancient myths and ethos that they represented, to a high literary pedestal through a grand retelling of the biblical story of Joseph.

Thomas Mann: One of the towering figures of modern literature.

Mann's self-imposed exile necessitated an unwelcome interruption of many months to his master work, *Joseph And His Brothers*. "A courageous child who had ventured to return to our confiscated house in Munich brought me the manuscript from there to southern France," he would later explain.

As his published diaries reveal, Mann seemed to recognize the true nature of the National Socialism movement from the start. In his private writings he never characterized the Nazis as anything other than ugly and aberrant. "People would have laughed in disbelief at anyone in the 19th century who [might have] predicted such a relapse," he wrote. He saw his fellow Germans as "a wretched, isolated, demented people, misled by a wild, stupid band of adventurers whom they take for mythical heroes. The entire National Socialist 'movement,' including its instigator, is a prime example of the German spirit's wallowing in the manure of myth. With its fraudulent, timeworn pretension to be a 'return,' this movement offers a real feast to the Germans' hatred to truth, their lust for everything misty and vaporous."

In 1933, Mann described Hitler as "a typical product of the lower middle class, with a limited education and an acquired taste for philosophizing. ... The ideas he presents, haplessly and in a truly pathetic style, constantly repeating himself and making dreadful solecisms, are those of a hard-working but hopelessly limited grade-school pupil. They might be touching if they were not so frighteningly presumptuous."

Mann was mistaken only in assuming the anti-Jewish atrocities provoked by "this idiot Hitler" would subside in the face of indignant protests from outside. "When will the League of Nations begin to deal with this absurd criminality?" he wondered in 1935 after hearing from a colleague of the continued pressures to which the Jews in Germany were subject.

In 1936 he finished *Joseph In Egypt*, the third novel in the quartet. He also broke his public silence on Germany's treatment of her Jews. The German government responded by revoking his citizenship. "The blindness of these people is monstrous," he lamented in another of his recurrent journal entries on the disastrous step backwards that Germany had taken. He started and finished the fourth novel of the tetralogy, *Joseph the Provider*, after emigrating to America in 1938.

Regarded as a masterpiece of biblical fiction, *Joseph And His Brothers* seems to possess a deep, almost midrashic understanding. Not surprisingly, its author sought rabbinical opinions. For example, he wrote to Rabbi Jakob Horovitz of Frankfurt on such matters as the following: "Joseph must have used another name in Egypt, or at any rate distorted his own into an almost unrecognizable Egyptian form. For it will take some juggling to explain the fact that old Jacob in Hebron should hear nothing about the life and glorious rise of his son down there."

The *Encyclopedia Judaica* calls *Joseph And His Brothers* "the most profound treatment of this biblical theme in literature." In this season of Holocaust anniversaries, it is fitting that we remember those who sought to elevate the Jewish nation as well as those who were obsessed with its destruction.

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330 OBITUARIES

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Reiss, Flora on April 4, 1995
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Fisch, Sigmund on April 6, 1995, late of 3636 Bathurst St. 907
Herskowitz, Doris on April 7, 1995, late of 429 Walmer Rd.
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Kron, Mozus on April 9, 1995, late of 41 Lissom Cres.
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Brown, Minnie on April 9, 1995, late of 100 Canyon Ave. 1004

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Sophie Schwab on April 5, 1995, late of 429 Walmer Road
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Batcher, David on April 17, 1995, late of 38 Romney Rd.
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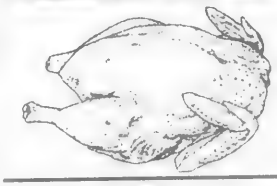

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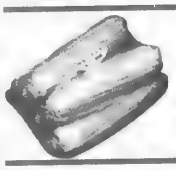

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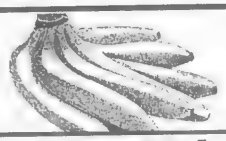

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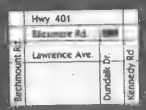

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Yom Hashoah

Fifty Years

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'We are here'

Yom Hashoah: 50 Years Later is not so much a subject about which we write, as it is a consecration of love which we try to honor.

Three months ago, in marking the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, we wrote that our ability to understand what Auschwitz, what liberation, what survival truly meant was diminished, inherently limited, by our codes of ordinary human behavior.

"Somewhere in the unarticulated silences of our minds, in the dark untravelled spaces of imagination, in a survivor's unaverted glance, or in the tearful, heartbreaking detail of an old, perhaps frayed, black and white photograph, we will find the meaning of Auschwitz. But those are places we, the next generation, and all generations hereafter cannot truly visit. And it is a meaning we will never fully grasp. That is why anniversaries are important. They take us to the edge of where our minds, our hearts and our souls can travel, but no further."

This anniversary, in particular, is significant. It is melancholy and urgent. The number portends the closing of a circle. Fifty years – one half century – have passed. And yet, to the survivors, those years must seem as yesterday, a recurring, frightful nightmare which they can never escape. Their children are already parents, raising children of their own.

"This anniversary... is melancholy and urgent"

Editorial

Every effort to commemorate the anniversary will ultimately be inadequate. But not for the sake of its adequacy do we make the attempt. Rather, we do so for the sake of the sanctity of human life and for the sake of the love of children for their parents.

This commemorative supplement contains three elements: the artwork of Aba Bayefsky, two essays - one interpretative, the other an eye-witness account of "liberation", and a series of brief sketches of the experiences of nine survivors.

Aba Bayefsky was an official War Artist with the RCAF, when the British army liberated Bergen-Belsen. He made his way to the camp soon after the British did. What he saw and what he smelled permanently seared his soul, guiding his hand and making perfectly clear the vision in his mind's eye. The painting on the cover of the supplement, a rendering of the angel of death wielding his murderous scythe through a harvest of human devastation, has never been seen by the public. It is called *Remembering the Holocaust*. We have used Bayefsky's art as a signature throughout the supplement. We have also reproduced a photograph of the camp, which he personally took. Where words fall short, Bayefsky's art reaches the centre.

Alain Goldschlager reflects on the absurdity of the term "liberation" as it applies to anyone who was in the camps. Rabbi Gunther Plaut recalls what it was like when he entered the camp at Nordhausen as a chaplain in the 104th infantry division of the U.S. army.

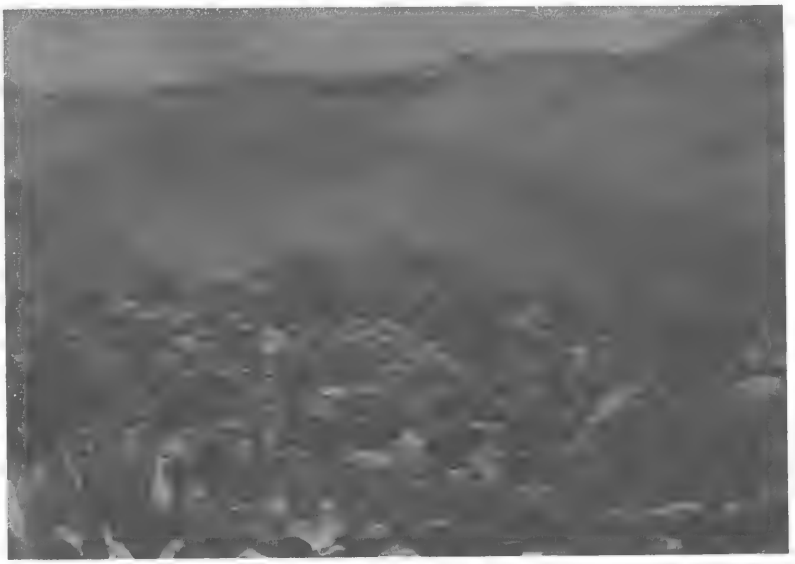
We have also collected very brief descriptions of the experiences of nine survivors. They are bare distillates of unbelievable stories. The task of recording and transmitting these experiences in so small a written space was impossible. But we deemed it essential. We commend our reporters, Elaine Cohen in Montreal and Cynthia Gasner in Toronto, who met with the survivors and recorded their stories.

Each is different; and yet each is the same. The heart of their experience is inaccessible. It cannot be transmitted.

As any child of a survivor knows, sometimes we would need only glance at him and we would know. He sat nearby, immersed in his work, but at a remove of time and place far in the past, distracted, eyes red-rimmed, remembering and unreachable.

Was he touching them? Was he laughing with them? Was he being a brother or a son, a nephew or a cousin? Was he apologizing for having survived? Or was he simply saying good-bye to them? For he never had the chance.

We, the next generation, owe so much to you. Your love, as fierce as a lion's claw, has protected us. As gentle as a sparrow's breath, it has sustained us. But the debt can only be repaid with the promise of goodness, of continued Jewish life and the forging of an unbroken chain. In a poor echo of the Jewish partisan's rallying cry, we therefore say to you: "We are here."



The remains of life cast into the pit, Bergen-Belsen, April 1945, as photographed by Aba Bayefsky

The Jewish Partisan Song
by Hirsh Glick

Never say that there is only death for you
Though leaden skies may be concealing days of blue
Because the hour we have hungered for is near;
Beneath our steps the earth shall tremble: We are here.

From land of palm-tree to the far-off land of snow,
We shall be coming with our torment and our woe,
And everywhere our blood has sunk into the earth
Shall our bravery and our courage blossom forth.

We'll have the morning sun to set our day aglow,
And all our yesterdays shall vanish with the foe,
And if the time is long before the sun appears,
Then let this song go like a signal through the years.

This song was written with our blood and not with lead;
It's not song that summer birds sing overhead,
It was a people, among toppling barricades,
That sang this song of ours with pistols and grenades.

So never say that there is only death for you.
Leaden skies may be concealing days of blue,
Yet the hour we have hungered for is near;
Beneath our steps the earth shall tremble: We are here!

Translated from Yiddish by Aaron Kramer

A group of partisans in 1943. Faye Schulman, now living in Toronto, is standing third from the right.

Yom Hashoah: Fifty Years

SURVIVAL

Determination, courage, and random luck. These were the essential elements of survival. We record the stories of nine survivors: how they remained alive and where their lives have led them.

Walter and Lisel Absil as youngsters in war-torn Europe.

'I was one of the lucky ones.'

Walter Absil:

He refers to himself as the Indiana Jones of the Holocaust.

Walter Absil, a 71-year-old Holocaust survivor, was arrested by the Germans, escaped bombings and darted over Europe avoiding Nazis.

Born in Vienna, the family fled to Brussels in 1938. In 1940 and again in 1942, Walter, his sister Lisel, and their parents sought refuge in numerous hideouts. One day, the children returned home to find their parents had been deported to Auschwitz, where they died. That night, the resourceful teenager smuggled his sister into a convent in Waterloo.

Through the Belgian underground, he escaped to a farm near the French border. The Jewish city boy made himself useful milking cows until 1944.

"For me liberation day was Sept. 3, 1944, not April 15, 1945," Absil reflects with a glint in his eye. "I was riding a bike in the middle of the forest, when I spotted a jeep with American soldiers. They approached me asking if I'd seen any soldiers. I knew it was over."Married in 1945, Absil left Belgium in 1951. "One of the reasons I settled in Montreal is because I didn't have enough money to continue and the other was the language factor," says Absil, who is fluent in French.

The retired businessman shuns compliments for bravery. "There was no alternative. Besides, I was one of the lucky ones."A father of three and grandfather of six, he talks freely of his war-time experiences. Moreover, he takes pride in the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, where family documents and photographs are prominently displayed.

Absil's sister is a Carmelite nun. Despite different lifestyles, brother and sister maintain close ties. Recently, she visited Montreal to attend his grandchild's wedding.

Avrum Feigenbaum (left) and his brother drag a cart in labor camp.

'I only feel liberated during the day. I'm still there at night.'

Avrum Feigenbaum:

Avrum Feigenbaum, a survivor of Auschwitz, was 26 in 1945. He remembers the Germans coming to the gates of the Gorlitz Gross-Rosen work camp in Silesia on May 8, 1945.

"We didn't believe them when they told us we were free," he says. "We thought it was another trick until the next day, when the Russians came to the gates." Feigenbaum's neglected wounds received medical attention on May 10. From the hospital, he joined his brother and friends in Lodz.

Feigenbaum dislikes the term liberation. "We aren't here to celebrate our victory. The allies had a victory, not us. If I have to mark a day for my liberation it's June 8, 1950, when I arrived in Montreal. And I only feel liberated during the day. I'm still there at night." He credits his wife Tema with helping him get through the nights.

Childhood friends in Lodz, Avrum and Tema were separated during the war, reunited in 1945 and married in 1946. Feigenbaum says his 39-year-old son, Israel, is aware of his parents' war-time experiences.

Feigenbaum tried to rebuild a Jewish community in Lodz after the war but by 1948, communism was established and he had to escape. The Jewish Labour Committee in New York secured a clandestine route via Germany and Sweden to Montreal.

The Feigenbaum family arrived in Montreal with $85 and no luggage. That was a Friday night in 1950. By Monday morning, the cabinetmaker was reporting for work and taking night classes to learn English.

Even in the ghetto, Feigenbaum's carpentry earned him a privileged position making furniture for German dignitaries. When sent to Auschwitz, Feigenbaum and 900 others were put on sale and bought by Gorlitz Gross-Rosen, where they labored on armored vehicles for the army.

Feigenbaum and his two brothers were the last ones taken from the Lodz ghetto to Auschwitz. Weakened from a vicious beating, one of his brothers died. His parents and a sister perished in Auschwitz.

According to Feigenbaum, a good sense of humor kept him going throughout those rough years. It's ironic, he points out, because Lodz was the home of a famous satirical theatre before the war.

Judy Berlach's family in 1938.

'Everybody ran out when the Americans arrived...'

Judy Winkler Berlach:

Judy Berlach may not know how to beat the common cold but she'll never forget the liberation day potion that cured her fever.

"Everybody ran out when the Americans arrived in Salzwedel but my fever was so high, I couldn't walk," Berlach relates. "When my friends returned they put some rum in my tea and I slept for two days. When I woke up my fever was gone."

Born in Hungary, Berlach was 10 when the war broke out. In July 1944, she was taken to Birkenau, where she vividly recalls the selection process.

"On one side there were crematoria, where my younger sisters and brothers went with my mother," she says. Her father had been arrested earlier.

Berlach, whose maiden name is Winkler, came from a family of 15 children. Seven survived. She was 15 when she arrived at Auschwitz and shared a barrack with hundreds of teenage girls. Later, she was "selected" and sent to Germany.

After liberation, Berlach was brought to a DP (Displaced Persons) camp in Germany. She didn't know the whereabouts of her siblings. Fortunately, a brother found her and she was reunited with the survivors.

Berlach married in Germany and moved to Holland with her late husband. They immigrated to Montreal with a 6-month-old child. Now she has two grown daughters.

Although Berlach made a new life in Canada, she says the horror of the Holocaust will remain with her forever. It meant "the loss of family and loss of youth," she says.

A secular Jew, she believes in tradition. "The first seder has special meaning this year because it marks the 50th year of the day I was liberated."

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Yom Hashoah: Fifty Years

Committing history to canvas

The images of Bergen-Belsen were fixed in his mind and remain with him to this day

Holocaust deniers cannot deny the history recorded by international artist and art jurist, Aba Bayefsky, who stood at Bergen Belsen shortly after the British overran the concentration camp in April 1945.

As an official War Artist with the Royal Canadian Air Force's 39th Reconnaissance Wing stationed near Lunenberg, Germany, Bayefsky, then 22 years old, recalls that he was faced with the stench of death that had settled over the entire area.

"I have, over the years, produced a large body of work which has its genesis in the Holocaust..."

"The truck loads of dead inmates were being placed into newly dug pits by captured German soldiers and German civilians who were denying any previous knowledge or connection with the death camp," he told *The CJN*. The impressions and images of Bergen-Belsen were fixed in his mind and remain with him to this day.

After liberation, Bayefsky filled his sketch books with the unbelievable scenes he had witnessed. Now, 50 years later, this traumatic experience has remained the cornerstone of his work.

"I have, over the years, produced a large body of work which has its genesis in the Holocaust – drawings, paintings and graphics." Sadly, he adds, many of these have not been seen by the public. He explains that private collectors and public galleries prefer not to make statements based on moral intensity.

"We know that there is a concerted effort to rewrite the history of the Holocaust – by reinterpreting what transpired in these death camps – by building Catholic churches and shrines close to Dachau in order to de-emphasize the Jewish victims in this extermination camp."

Canadian artists, he says, believe that art should not intrude in areas of serious matters of conscience. This is not the practice in Europe, America and elsewhere. "Art and social comment go hand in hand. As examples, Goya dealing with the Inquisition and Picasso's most famous painting of the Spanish Civil War called Guernica. Important artists have never hesitated to make their feelings known."

Born in Toronto, he says that from early childhood, he wanted to be an artist. He attended Central Technical School and the Academy Julian in Paris. Soon after the outbreak of war, at 18, he joined the RCAF and became the youngest official War Artist in the Canadian Armed Forces.

In 1944, he won a world-wide art competition for Air Force personnel. Winning a French government scholarship in 1947, he was able to return to Europe where he pursued his theme of people affected by the war. He created a series of drawings and paintings of displaced persons and their lives in the DP camps.

Over the years, people have remained his major subject matter whether he is painting, drawing, and in his murals and his publications. He has won numerous awards for his work including the Order of Canada in 1979.

He presented one-man exhibitions at the Canadian Consulate in Washington, New York and Chicago. He is the first faculty member of the Ontario College of Art to have a one-man exhibition in the College. In the 50s and 60s, he created a series of Canadian themes and legends.

In 1978, he completed a portfolio of lithographs titled *Tales from the Talmud* which was presented to Menachem Begin by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau on behalf of the Canadian people to commemorate the Israeli prime minister's visit to Canada. In 1989, an outstanding retrospective exhibition of his work was presented at the Koffler Gallery.

Among his 48 one-man exhibitions is Bayefsky's *Toronto, a Celebration of the city and its people.* When President Tito of Yugoslavia visited Ottawa, he was presented with Bayefsky's *Portfolio of Earth and Sky,* a gift reflecting the true spirit of Canada.

Bayefsky is represented in collections in major galleries. For more than half a century, the prolific artist has, and continues to produce world-acclaimed works reflecting the realistic world of life around him.

Other subjects which are favourites of his include the Kensington Market and portrait studies. He was catapulted into world fame when he was joined by Barker Farley in a painting of Scottish poet, Hugh MacDiarmid, which was issued in Scotland as a stamp to commemorate the poet's 80th birthday.

His mural honoring the slain Israeli athletes murdered at the 1972 Olympics in Munich can be seen in the lobby of the Jewish Community Centre on Spadina Ave.

"One would think that after such a catastrophic occurrence, anti-Semitism would have disappeared..."

Bayefsky says that half a century after entering Bergen-Belsen, his thoughts and feelings energize him to think about what anti-Semitism has done over the years. "One would think that after such a catastrophic occurrence, anti-Semitism would have disappeared. Instead, we have a regeneration of the animosities that the Jewish people have had to deal with throughout our history."

BAYEFSKY IN HIS STUDIO

In the background is a self-portrait framed within the words of the Kaddish.

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Twenty-three year old official Royal Canadian Air Force War Artist Aba Bayefsky (centre) shown here in 1946 with fellow war artists Carl Schafer (left) and Charles Goldhamer.

Yom Hashoah: Fifty Years

The day that changed my life

"I saw a sight that I won't forget as long as I live"

By RABBI GUNTHER PLAUT

The date was April 12, 1945 – so long ago, and yet like yesterday. Jewish history is like that: it deals with the past and transposes it into the present. it was the day that changed my life.

I was the Jewish chaplain of the 104th Infantry Division, First Army of the U.S. Some weeks before, we had taken Cologne and from there had moved on to Bonn, where, in the morgue of the university, we had begun our seder. But no sooner had we started than we were ordered to move on. It was the middle of the night, as on the first Pesach night ever, only this time we did not have to cross the Reed Sea; this time we crossed the Rhine, dry-shod like our ancestors. This time, however, we were not bound for the revelation at Sinai; our revelation would be of another kind.

It was the middle of the night, as on the first Pesach night ever...

We thought we knew all about liberation. We had already freed part of the Reich from the oppressor. We had met numbers of former concentration camp inmates and heard their harrowing tales. We had seen their emaciated bodies, their empty eyes buried deep in their skulls, and we tried to bring them back to life. But none of these encounters could prepare us for what was to come. We had reached the little city of Nordhausen. Nearby, buried in the belly of the Harz mountains, were the military installations upon which Hitler had placed his last hope.

Here the rumbling, V-1 mammoth bombs were being manufactured, and here the first jet-propelled V-2 missiles were constructed. I had experienced their impact in London, on the way over, and the frightful scream they emitted on their descent rang in my ears for a long while.

On April 12, we came upon Dora, the place where the labor force was housed. They were KZ inmates who slaved below the earth, far from the day's light. Fed minimum rations, they worked, starved and died, only to be replaced by newcomers. The living were housed in the camps ovens. The secrets of the V-2 were safe with the dead.

Later that night I wrote my daily letter to my wife.

This afternoon I saw a sight that I won't forget as long as I live, concentration camp for Jews, Russians, Poles, and political unreliables. When our troops arrived there about 4,000 dead lying around and 400 scarcely alive – if alive they could be called. Death for the others had come mostly through starvation, a fearful sight indeed. Our troops were out in numbers staring at the incredible scene. There were many who for the first time in their lives were convinced – because they couldn't help seeing what they saw – that what they had heard about the Germans wasn't all propaganda.

In the scale of camps it was a "minor" installation, except for those who perished there. For me, it produced a shock of major proportions, for the reality was far more ghastly than I had imagined. Dora-Nordhausen breached my protective shell against death and dying as nothing else had done, and I was confronted with a spiritual crisis which it took some time to resolve.

Gen. Terry Allen put me in charge of the burial. I summoned the mayor of Nordhausen. He arrived with his wife and some burghers, all in their Sunday-best. They protested that they had no idea what had gone on here; that they could not help themselves; that none of them was a Nazi; and that they loved the Jews (there had been a flourishing community in Nordhausen, going back to the thirteenth century).

I was not impressed and ordered them to appear in force the next morning, to wash the bodies (many of them already decomposed) and bury them properly.

"Your request is inhuman," said the mayor. That remark did it for me, and I became more furious than I thought was possible. I had one succinct answer: Unless they liked to see their own houses burned to the ground they would begin their work at sunrise and finish it, if possible, in one day. The next morning about five hundred or more burghers were present. I don't remember how long it took, but of one thing I was certain: they too would remember this day.

Meanwhile we fed the living, took note of the contacts they remembered and assured them that our occupation troops would arrive soon and look to their needs. There was a small infirmary, where we put the sickest of the survivors.

Amongst them was one Lili Mayer, a young woman in years and aged in experience. I did not know her then, for her story became public only some years later. She had been unconscious, near death from typhus, a mere shadow of a human being. When she regained consciousness and began to adjust to her surroundings, she saw an album on the little table next to her bed. It contained pictures, evidently taken by a German photographer who had fled when we came and left them behind. They were snapshots taken in Auschwitz, during Mengele's selection process. She flipped through the pages – and suddenly saw a picture of herself and her family as they came off the train (she did not know then that all of them had been gassed).

They protested that they had no idea what had gone on here.

Years later, we had a reunion in Miami, where she lived with her husband and family. The album is now at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

Our division moved on shortly thereafter. But one man's plea still rings in my ears. "My name is Cohn, Abraham Cohn," he cried, "I have a brother in America. Brooklyn or somewhere. You must find him and tell him I'm still alive. You must find him, you must... Cohn, remember, Cohn, Cohn!"

I knew then that our task would not be finished for a long time, if ever.

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All Quiet On The Western Front Aba Bayefsky '88
Photo by Fred Phipps/F.M.P.roductions

From the series 'Epilogue' by Aba Bayefsky
Photo by Fred Phipps/F.M.P.roductions

We waged in many languages the same hard, relentless struggle,
a struggle which claimed many victims, and which has not yet ended.
The complete eradication of Nazism is our watchword.
The building of a new world of peace and freedom is our aim.
This we owe to our murdered comrades, and their families.

Oath of the prisoners of Buchenwald, April 1945

Excerpted from *The Yellow Star*, G. Schoenberner, Bantam 1969.

From the series 'Epilogue' by Aba Bayefsky
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Yom Hashoah: Fifty Years

Cattle car enroute from Austria to Italy in 1945. Zoltak (left) in short pants.

'We found very few remaining Jews... 70 survivors out of 7,500'

Sidney Zoltak:

The memories of anti-Semitism haven't dimmed but Sidney Zoltak is no longer opposed to visiting his birthplace. Perhaps it is the softening on the part of the Polish shepherd who housed him during the war.

For years, the shepherd refused to allow Zoltak's mother to include the family surname on the return address in correspondence. It was too Jewish and he would be castigated by his neighbors, he felt. So Mrs. Zoltak assumed another surname.

"Now he isn't as concerned," Zoltak says, "and he even offered to come to Warsaw to pick me up."

Zoltak was born in Semiatych, a town in eastern Poland. He was 13 in 1944, when he was liberated by the Red Army.

"There were seven of us in the Fifth Underground, a hiding place on a farm, when we heard Russian spoken through a peep hole. We ran out. At the time, I was barefooted, undernourished and fell after a kilometre."

Zoltak's parents were with him. The Russian soldiers drove them into Semiatych. "We found very few remaining Jews, approximately 70 survivors out of 7,500," Zoltak says.

In 1942, his parents, relatives and another family with their children were crammed into one house. Thus began two years of running. "The last place we were at for a little over a year. We came upon a shepherd and his sister outside of a forest. He took a liking to my father's watch and was promised it for helping us, so he took us in. We had five different hiding places and many close calls."

Outings were limited to evenings. "Liberation marked the first time we were out during the day and so I remember the blinding sunlight," says Zoltak, adding at night the sky lit up with artillery fire.

Zoltak regards liberation as a disappointment. "It's not a celebration, more of a realization of the enormity of our tragedy. Instead of embracing us, feeling sorry for us and extending sympathy, we were made to feel unwanted when we returned to Poland. Many of the survivors that were killed in Poland after liberation were not killed by Germans but by the Polish," Zoltak says.

As chairman of the Yom Hashoah commemoration, he encourages continuity and commemoration. "We must leave a proper legacy to the next generation," says Zoltak, an insurance broker, who works with his son Joseph.

The pain of her loss overshadowed the joy of her survival

Gerda Frieberg:

On May 8, 1945, the Soviet Army liberated the Oberaltstadt Concentration Camp in Czechoslovakia. While the world celebrated the end of the war, for Gerda (Steinitz) Frieberg and many other survivors, she says, there was no cause for celebration.

She was alive, she was free, she felt that she had a lot to live for but the pain of her loss overshadowed the joy of her survival.

With her mother and her sister, Frieberg began searching for other family members and friends. Each day their hopes dwindled and when they reached their home town in Bielszowitz, they realized that, of the 172 in their extended family, they were the only survivors.

Frieberg says she knew she did not belong there.

From Upper Silesia on the German-Polish border where she was raised, the Jews were deported to the Jaworzno ghetto in March 1940. The males were liquidated in 1941 and the women were removed in 1942. Frieberg was taken to Oberaltstadt where she did heavy men's work in a machine shop.

After liberation, she began her odyssey in search of a place where she could rebuild her life.

She joined a small group of survivors who set out for Palestine. They crossed four borders and arrived in Bratislava illegally, only to discover that they could not get to Turkey where they could leave for Palestine.

They retraced their steps and in Germany, they were put in a DP camp at Landsberg near Munich.

For four years Frieberg searched for a country that would accept her. In 1949, she went to Israel, but she says she was looking for a country where her children could live without the threat of war.

Married in Israel and with a six-week-old baby, the family left for Canada in 1953, where she began rebuilding her life.

While raising her two children and becoming actively involved in building a family business, she made a commitment, although she says it was not popular at the time, that after she learned English, she would devote her life to speaking about the Holocaust and carry the message of remembrance.

It was this determination that led to the creation of the Holocaust Memorial Centre in Toronto, where she served as the founding chair.

She says she is pleased today, that more than 12,000 students visit the centre annually. And she is proud of her daughter and her son, who is president of Toronto's Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, and of her six grandchildren.

She recently completed her term as chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region and she has received many awards.

She says that her raison d'etre has been to devote her life to making sure the world never forgets.

"This is my way of dealing with my haunting memories."

Gerda Frieberg

The nightmares never end

Anita Ekstein:

The war did not end for Anita (Helfgott) Ekstein on the day of liberation.

A hidden child living as a Polish Catholic, she could not admit that she was Jewish. As an only child whose parents had been killed, she says she had nowhere else to go.

Born in Lwow, she was only 5 when the Russians occupied Eastern Poland in 1939. The Germans came in 1941 and the Jews were taken to a ghetto. Shortly after, while looking for food for the family, her mother was picked up, taken away and never seen again.

Realizing the plight of the Jews in the ghetto, a Polish Catholic who worked with her father offered to help.

Ekstein recalls the day the man came to the ghetto, put her in a sack and carried her over his shoulder to his home in Rozdol. Her name was changed to Anna Jaworska, a false birth certificate was issued and she took lessons in Catholicism.

Living as the man's orphaned niece, she was betrayed by Polish neighbors, but when the Nazis came for her, the daughter of the house threw her out of a window into a snowbank and she was taken back to her father in the ghetto. While her father worked, she says she hid in a wardrobe all day.

Again the Polish friend came for her, this time taking her to the home of his nephew, a Catholic priest.

She remained with the priest until the Russians liberated the town in 1944. But there was no rejoicing, she says. Not one other Jew there had survived.

She returned to the priest's uncle, feeling isolated. She was told not to admit she was Jewish; in her mind, to do so meant death. Soon after liberation, she learned her father had been shot and she became reconciled to her orphaned Catholic life.

Though Ekstein did not know it, her father had left some addresses with his Polish friend. Although her guardian wished to have her remain as his niece, he wrote to her mother's sister in New York.

She contacted another aunt, one of

Anita Ekstein

Schindler's Jews who had survived, and to Ekstein's surprise, she says, her aunt arrived one day to take her niece away.

Only then, in April of 1946, did the war end for Ekstein. She could now admit she was Jewish and take her own name again. She says she was totally mixed up and recalls running to the church from time to time and her aunt would come to bring her home.

Unable to enter Canada or the United States, Ekstein and her aunt lived in Paris for two years. In 1948, they were sponsored by a Canadian friend of her American aunt. At 14, without a word of English, she was put into Grade 8 and began rebuilding her life.

The mother of three children and seven grandchildren, Ekstein graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1985.

She says she has dedicated her life to the memory of those who did not survive. She served as chair of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto and often speaks to students in Holocaust education programs. She chairs the Child Survivor -- Hidden Children of Toronto organization.

Despite the fact that she appears calm, Ekstein says the nightmares never end. Being chased and hiding permeate her thoughts. "I think of the horrors of my parents' deaths more and more as I get older — it haunts me."

She adds that for many years she could not talk about this part of her life, but, "To talk about it has made me a healthier person."

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When the partisans attacked, she escaped and joined them

Faye Schulman today and (inset) 16-year-old Faye Schulman during the Russian occupation.

Faye Schulman:

On the day of liberation, Faye (Lazebnik) Schulman felt sick.

She had survived and had food, clothing and the necessities of life, and could look back with a sense of pride on her work with the partisans.

But she says she was devastated by the memories of those who fought with her and died, and shattered because she thought she had lost her parents, two sisters and four brothers.

She was a teenager studying photography and art when the Russians took over her town in the province of Pinsk in Poland in 1939. In 1941, the Nazis occupied the area. Shortly after that, all men 14 to 45 were taken away to a work camp in Gancewich, including two of her brothers.

A ghetto was created and Schulman went to work as a photographer for the occupying Nazi government. She was allowed to work with her photographic equipment in her family home. With the freedom this gave her to leave the ghetto, she would bring back food for her family and for others.

One of her assignments, before the trenches were dug and the liquidation began, was to photograph the SS chief.

On the day of the final liquidation, Schulman says, "Someone told me to run and find the chief of the SS."

He had her taken away at rifle point and she was led to the synagogue, where she joined five other families, the only 27 survivors in the town.

She watched as all 1,850 in the ghetto were marched to the trenches, including her family. The shots and cries of the victims still remain in her mind, she says, and even today, she is traumatized by the noise of shouting crowds.

Shortly after the liquidation of the ghetto, the partisans attacked. She escaped and joined them. Though she had no training, she worked as a nurse and performed surgery when a doctor was not available. She also volunteered for every partisan attack and ambush.

After liberation by the Russians, she discovered that her two brothers had not perished. They had escaped from the work camp and joined the partisans. The three were reunited in a DP (displaced persons) camp. There she also met a young survivor whom she married.

Returning to her town, she found that where there had been 45,000 Jews, none remained. "It felt like a cemetery," she says.

The young couple went to a DP camp in Landsberg, Germany, where she joined a group of former partisans who traded much of their food for rifles, which were smuggled into Palestine.

Although the Schulmans wanted to go to Palestine, they were refused entry, and with an infant, illegal immigration was impossible. They applied everywhere and were among the few accepted by Canada.

Their first years in Toronto were discouraging and disappointing. Schulman and her husband, a chartered accountant, found factory work and lived in a room over a butcher shop.

She says the suffering never ends and the memories never leave her. She is grateful to have rebuilt her life and proud of her daughter, a physician, and her son, an orthopedic surgeon.

Schulman has become a recognized artist, continues her photography and devotes her time to speaking to groups of students about the Holocaust. She recently completed a book of her memories of the war.

The captain asked, 'Bis du a Yid?'

Nechemia Wurman:

Nechemia Wurman's fight for survival and for the survival of other Jews ended on the day of his liberation in 1945.

And on that day, he says, his commitment to help build a new life and a new state for the Jewish people began.

Wurman fought what was going on around him during the Holocaust -- as a partisan in the resistance movement in the region of Lublin, Poland. Disguised as a Pole of German descent serving in the German Wehrmacht, he passed vital, secret information to the partisans.

He has recorded these events in his book titled *Nechemia*. It is a testament to his bravery and to the capacity of the human spirit to survive. It is also a tribute to his German commander, Heinz Klockman, who, knowing Wurman was a Jew, saved his life.

Nechemia Wurman (left) is seen at a reunion with his German Wehrmacht commander, Heinz Klockman, in 1982

Wurman was 12 when the war broke out. Eight days later his town, Kurow, Poland, was destroyed by German bombers. His family was dispersed and with his father and a sister, he found their way to the Ostroviec ghetto. The ghetto was liquidated and 15,000 Jews were taken to the death camp — 1,000 were taken to a work camp.

Among them were Wurman and his father, who was later taken out of the camp and executed. His mother died in Auschwitz in 1944.

Realizing that all the Jews were doomed, he escaped and joined the resistance only to be betrayed by a Polish informer.

He escaped the German military police and looking for the Russian front, stumbled into the German Army where he posed as a Pole. Assuming the name, Marion Schmidt, he was taken into the German Army's 72nd Infantry Battalion as a cook, and he was able to pass information to the partisans.

He miraculously survived the arrival of the approaching Russians on Jan. 12, 1945. Wearing his German uniform, he was saved by a Russian captain who believed his story that he was a Polish Jew. The captain asked, "Bis du a Yid?" (Are you a Jew?). Given a Russian coat and hat, his fight for survival came to an end.

In a DP camp in Germany following liberation, he formed a summer camp for 200 orphaned children, studied at the Betar school, joined the Irgun (Jewish underground) and became a commander responsible for sending youths and weapons to Palestine. In 1948, he made aliyah, fought in the War of Independence, the Sinai Campaign and the Six Day War.

Decorated by the State of Israel for his bravery in Israel and in the Holocaust, the real estate developer who had Israeli-Canadian business ties, moved to Toronto in 1967 with his wife and three children.

Tears still run down his cheeks 50 years later as he speaks of the loss of most of his family. His two brothers perished in the war; two sisters survived.

"I try to forget," he says, "but the nightmares never go away. I dream that I am running, running. To this day I can't plan anything ahead of time — it may not work out."

Paula Bultz (front row, second from right) with other youngsters at a Displaced Persons camp in Heidenheim, Germany, in 1946.

'It was over for the Russians but not for us.'

Paula Bultz:

Paula Bultz and her mother didn't consider themselves liberated at the end of the war.

"We were displaced persons freed from Siberian labor camps," says Bultz, born in Warsaw in 1935. Her soldier father was killed when she was four, and her mother took her to Asia.

"It was over for the Russians but not for us. I remember being in the park and hearing everyone rejoicing. And I remember getting ice cream."

She recalls her mother saying it was time to go back to Poland, but Bultz was disgusted with the conditions in post-war Poland and disturbed by overt anti-Semitism.

In Krakow, the teenager was confronted when she wandered into a church. Bultz's mother decided to leave town before trouble arose. Tension continued in Lodz, when one of Bultz's father's friends was murdered. Bultz herself was beaten up in school.

In 1946, Bultz and her mother were smuggled from Germany to Sweden before immigrating to Canada in 1951. Her mother remarried and Bultz's family circle grew to include a father and two brothers. She married Joseph Bultz, and the couple have a son, Joshua, and grandchildren.

Bultz volunteers at the Montreal Holocaust Centre twice a week. "I've found guiding tours helps me learn about my roots and my heritage." She also belongs to a group of child survivors of hidden children.

"It's very meaningful."

OUT OF BONDAGE by Aba Bayefsky

Contemplating 'liberation'

No one can be liberated from death

By ALAIN GOLDSCHLAGER

On January 27, 1945, Soviet troops liberated Auschwitz, the epitome of Nazi evil. Fifty years later, commemoration of that liberation took place at the camp with flags of many nations, including that of Israel, blowing in the stiff breeze. Former internees including Elie Weisel and Simone Veil were present. President Walesa addressed the "dignitaries". We read about the commemoration of the liberation in headlines and in daily newspaper reporting across the western world. We were invited to reflect on the events.

Unfortunately, the simple sentences of the texts are almost obscene. A cemetery cannot be liberated. Mass graves cannot be liberated. No one can be liberated from death.

What are we challenged to commemorate? Do we cheer the end of oppression? Do we accept a new hope for humanity?

Auschwitz, like the other death camps, ghettos, and killing fields were not prisons of which the doors could suddenly be opened and freedom returned to the internees.

There was no liberation, no freedom from fear and sorrow, for those who survived the horrors. Internees were there because of what they were: Jews. As Jews they entered. As Jews they suffered. And as Jews they died.

Fifty years after the Shoah we are called upon to contemplate its meaning. There are three areas to consider in trying to understand what liberation means: What liberation means for the survivor; what liberation means for the Jewish people; what liberation should mean for all humanity.

The prisoners of the camps and the ghettos were captives of two very real prisons. The first was the external physical prison of walls and electrified barbed wire, of starvation, where names and identities were exiled, where reality was pain and despair, and yet a place where human dignity was to survive for another day.

The second prison is internal. It was made of tortured memories of lost friends and relatives, of profound isolation from personal and social roots, of fear and anguish, and of wounded souls. The doors of that internal prison remained barred. Many are still behind the fences of that prison. They remember the wounds. They remember what was lost. No joy can be absolute for them. Even the happiness in the birth of their own children and grandchildren is tainted by the impossibility of sharing these joys with vanished parents and relatives. Simchas are incomplete for many of them, for they are not complete in some special way. In their own way, they all died in the horrors of the Shoah. The survivor will never be liberated from painful memories, and at night, when they are alone, many of them re-enter their prison.

In the same way, we as Jews, are also captives of the Shoah. All of us, our children, and generations to come are part of the inescapable inheritance. The Shoah is an integral and essential part of our collective memory, and of our personal identity. Auschwitz and Treblinka and Transnistria, and hundreds of other places are burnt into our memory. They are the cemetery of a vast cultural life. Our history is linked to these places.

Nostalgia will never replace meaning: We are all orphans of the Shoah. We cry for our lost past. Our culture was our treasure and the relics are so few and fragile. We cannot be "liberated" from this history, nor do we wish to be, for in doing so we impoverish our souls and the souls of our children. We, our children and our future generations are permanently marked by the Shoah. We can not refuse to assume the legacy.

One great hope continued after the liberation. After the camps and ghettos were opened, after the horrors had ended, a fervent desire remained. This hope, nurtured by the survivors, was that prejudice and hate, based on ethnicity, or religion, or colour had been forever eradicated, that the memory of the camps and ghettos had made anti-Semitism and prejudice impossible.

Auschwitz, and what it symbolizes, remain the embodiment of evil. No good could have come from that place save for our resolve and the world's resolve that this will never again be allowed to happen. Was this hope in vain? Jews were killed for being born Jews: a crime against humanity. Crimes against humanity are being perpetrated now even as you read this essay. As long as these crimes continue, the evil of Auschwitz will continue and liberation will not have happened for Jews or humanity.

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